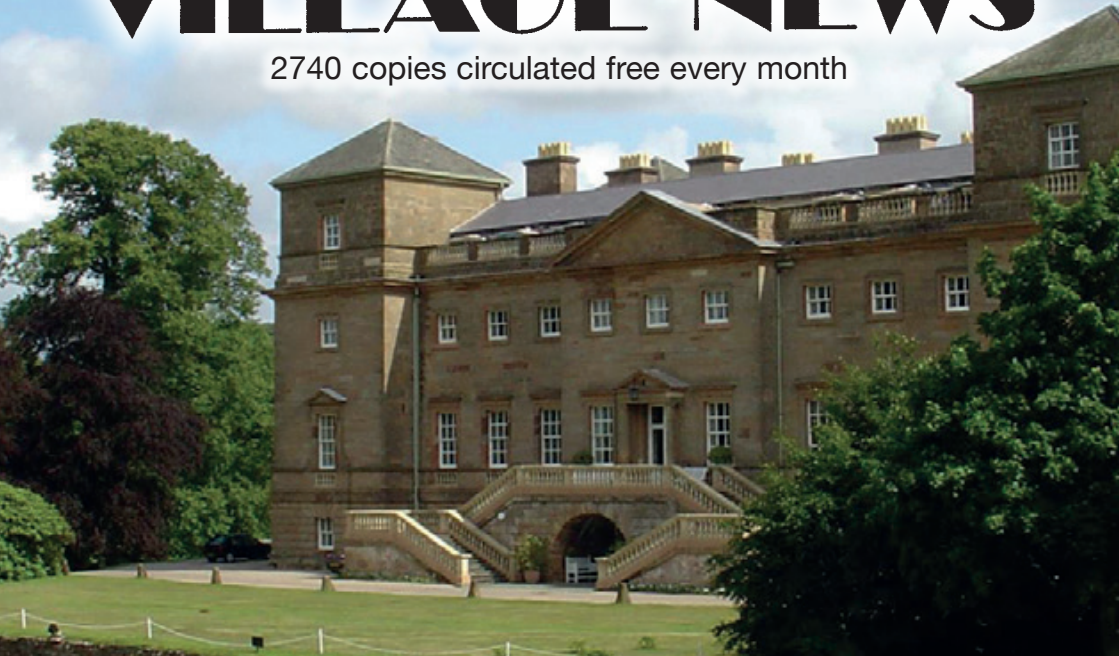




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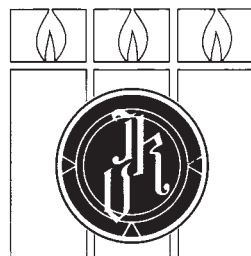


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## Welcome to May's edition of Hagley Village News.

May is the third and last month of Spring, which means we're almost into Summer time. This is an exciting month for Hagley as we have lots of events to get involved with, make sure you have a look on page 25 for 'What's on'.

It would be great if you could support our local scout group in their various events including a sponsored bike ride (full details on page 13).

It's also great to hear how successful St John's Hand and Tower Bellringer's are becoming and so lovely to have a mix of ages in the group (more info page 41). On page 26, you can have a read about my trip to a little village in Spain.

Good luck to all of the students at Haybridge High School who are involved in the Duke Of Edinburgh and to those that have now received their awards, Congratulations. I'm sure looking back the rain; tears and blisters are worth it!

Another good luck to everyone who is performing in the Hagley Music festival, I can't wait to see some of the lovely talent that we have in the Village. Make sure you purchase your ticket and the full schedule can be found on the back page.

Esther Gittoes  
Editor

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On 5 March 2017, the weather did not deter 676 runners taking part in the first of our West Midlands Resolution Run Series to raise funds for Stroke Association in the wonderful estate of Hagley Hall. We would like to give a huge thank you to Lord Cobham for allowing us to hold the event at Hagley Hall, to all members of staff from the Hall who helped not only on the day but on the run up to the event, to the Rotary Club for their help with marshalling and to all of the local residents who had traffic outside of their houses on the day as well as the kind residents who allowed us to have banners on their fences. We are incredibly grateful to you all as these events would not be able to take place without the support of you all. Funds raised on the day are still coming in but we are hopeful that we will reach £30,000 which we are sure you will agree is amazing. Thank you all once again for your support.

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### **Kidderminster Road/Worcester Road Junction (A456/B4189)**

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I have requested that S278 from the Strathearn Westen Road development might go to fund the first option I mention of roughly £200K. If this funding can be allocated or found elsewhere then disappointingly these major changes to the layout will not be done at the same time as the Severn Trent works this summer in the school holidays. I've been told given the time scales and amount of work it is not possible by county officers.

The parish council will have been consulted on with the proposals in April. (Information correct at the time of going to press)

### **Corner of Western Road and South Road**

Several residents around Western Road and South Road have requested double yellow lines on this corner. These are to be installed to protect the junction so traffic can get round parked cars at the edge of the corner on both sides which prevent any large vehicles being able to negotiate the turning into South Road. There may be extra new signage at the top of Western Road but this has yet to be confirmed.

### **Worcester Road 2 hour waiting limit**

There will be a 2-hour parking restriction instead of 1 hour from West One to the emergency access for Worcester Close (white lines opposite Spar), which will be implemented this summer. The 1hr limit will remain from the Spar to the Post Office/Hagley Stores. This gives flexible 1hr parking for nipping into the village at the shop end of the village that isn't then clogged up with 2hr parking. Clear signage will be installed.

### **Station Road and Park Road TRO April /May**

Part-time restriction on Station Road at school drop off and pick up times will come into force at the end of April or early March 2017.

This also includes restricted parking along part of Park Rd too.

From the County council divisional fund 2016-17, £340 went to the Hagley Girl Guides towards a tent and £2600 for the flashing speed sign allocated for Bromsgrove Road.

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Thank you everyone that was able to attend the Annual Parish Council meeting at the end of March. I hope you found it both informative and interesting to see the wide range Parish Council activities over the last year.

Many people came to see the presentation made on behalf of Severn Trent Water in respect of the forthcoming flood alleviation and highways drainage works. This marked the start of the full public consultation and over the lead up to the works there will be public exhibitions and question and answer sessions as well as direct consultation with those most affected by the works. At this point Hagley Parish Council hands over the consultation and any questions should be directed to the Severn Trent Project Liaison Manager in due course.

The Cemetery groundwork and site maintenance work has been completed and has really made a pleasant difference. A number of large trees and shrubs have been removed from between the graves and a few more trees have been planted to create an avenue of trees along part of the path.

Finally I am pleased to report that Hagley Parish Council will be one of the proud sponsors of the 2017 Hagley Music Festival.

**Councillor Steve Colella, Chairman of Hagley Parish Council**

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We would also like to thank Gareth Snelgrove, the Golf Professional from Hagley Golf and Country Club for the golf lesson given to the Bear Cubs and also for his generous donation of £50 towards our new Scout HQ.

The Group have a couple of fundraising events coming up in May. There is the Hagley Stag Run on 14th May which we are holding in Hagley Hall Park and a sponsored bike ride from Glasgow to John O Groats starting on 22nd May and ending 27th May. If you would like to find out more about these events please visit our website at [www.hagleyramblers.com](http://www.hagleyramblers.com).

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Sue Corlett



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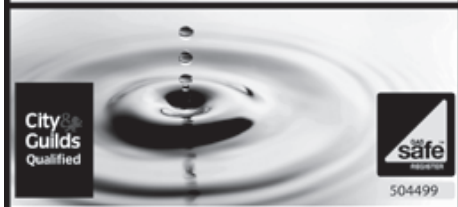
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## Hagley Tuesday Group

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I am sorry for the lack of information about our activities in last months VN, this was due to my breaking my wrist.

This coming month we have a talk by Ron Gallivan about The Amish People, which should be of great interest as their lifestyle is so different. This talk is on **May 9th** at 8.00pm

We have a demonstration of Dried Flower Craft with a sales table on **May 23rd** and Yvonne Morton will present this at 8.00pm

Our meetings are held in St Saviours Church Hall and you are most welcome to join us.

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

<https://hagleytuesdaygroup.wordpress.com>

Toni Allison 01562 884079

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## Hagley Gardeners' Club

Members enjoyed a very interesting Talk about 'Thrive' given by Amanda Fields who is Regional Centre Manager for Birmingham. Thrive is a national charity whose vision is to enable those touched by a disability to transform their lives using gardening. Amanda is based at the Thrive, Horticultural Training Centre, Kings Heath Park, Birmingham. It is amazing how people can help to overcome depression and gain a sense of purpose by learning new ways of achievement. 'Carry on Gardening'- Thrive's website gives easier gardening tips and equipment and tools to help you garden ([www.carryongardenig.com](http://www.carryongardenig.com)).

**May 24th** will 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 – A garden divided' He is young, enthusiastic and forging a name for himself on the Gardening circuit.

Bookings are in full swing to visit Geoff Hamilton's Garden at Barnsdale, Rutland on Saturday 24th June. We will have an hour's stop in Market Harbourn in the morning. Visitors are welcome.

Information: John Oakes. 01526 882006.

**June 28th** we welcome a new speaker on the circuit who is going to talk about Aberglasney Gardens and his role as an RHS Scholarship student. Harry Green is a 'local Lad'. He trained at Pershore College and has worked at various gardens. At the moment he is Head Gardener at Morton Hall, in Inkberrow.

Time to plant out all the half-hardy plants now and sit back and enjoy (except for the weeding)

**Diary Date:** May 24th 'Duck Pools – A garden divided'

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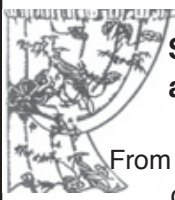
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### Sunday School Anniversary

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### Christian Aid Week 2017

Christian Aid week will be 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May and during this week the Churches of Hagley will organise through its Christian Aid Committee the usual house-to-house collection. This has generally been well supported in the village and most people will be aware that the need is as great as ever. A service organised by the Committee to mark the beginning of the week will be held at the Free Church on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm. All are welcome.

### Sunday Services May 2017

10.30am      6.00pm

Sunday School at 10.15am

7<sup>th</sup> May

am

Rev David Tennant\*

pm

Rev David Tennant\*

14<sup>th</sup> May

am

Sunday School Anniversary

pm

Christian Aid Service

21<sup>st</sup> May

am

Rev Dr David Hewlett

6.30pm

at St John's Hagley

28<sup>th</sup> May

am

Mr Ian Carnell

pm

No Evening Service

\*Includes Holy Communion



## Friends of St John's Church

By now you will have had a leaflet through your letterbox informing you of the events during this year's Hagley Music Festival.

For me the standout performance not to be missed in the festival this year will be the Thomas Trotter Organ Concert on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30 pm at St. John's Church. Here we have an internationally recognised organist, who regularly plays in Birmingham's Symphony Hall and is the organist at St Margaret's, Westminster and visiting Professor of Organ at the Royal College of Music, London. This is a rare opportunity to see & hear him perform locally. A special video system will allow you to see him play.

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## Monday May 1st

**Dial a ride**  
Closed bank holiday  
**Hagley country dancers**  
Free Church Hall- 2-3:30pm  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12noon

## Tuesday May 2nd

**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12noon  
**String Orchestra**  
Free Church Hall -10-12noon  
**Active Seniors**  
Hagley Community Centre - 1:45pm & 3pm  
**Tuesday tea club**  
Free Church Hall - 2:30- 4pm  
**Active Seniors- Tai Chi for health class**  
Hagley Community Centre - 4:30-5:20pm  
**Historical & Field Society**  
St Saviours Hall - 7:30pm  
Eric Greenwood- "A Voyage Around My Grandfather - A Chauffeur's Tale".

## Wednesday May 3rd

**Dial a Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Merry Hill  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12noon  
**Mothers & Toddlers Group**  
Free Church Hall -10-11:30am  
**Hagley Tennis Club**  
Hagley RC School - 6:30pm  
**St John's Bellringers**  
St Johns Church - 7pm  
**Western Badminton Club**  
Haybridge Sports Centre - 8-10pm

## Thursday May 4th

**Hagley Library**  
Storytime- 10:30-11am  
**Hand of Friendship**  
Fee Church Hall - 11-1:15pm  
**Taekwondo**  
Hagley Community Centre - 6-9pm

## Friday May 5th

**Dial a Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12noon  
**Shoppers Coffee Concert**  
Hagley Free Church-10am-12noon  
**Messy Play**  
St Saviours Church Hall - 3:14- 4:45pm  
**Hagley Art Club**  
St Saviours Church Hall - 7:30- 9:30pm  
**HCK Badminton**  
Hagley RC School  
7-8pm beginners  
8-10pm members

## Saturday May 6th

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

## King Edward's Chamber

**Concert**  
St Saviours -12:30pm  
**Emma Johnson- Clarinet goes to town**  
St Johns Church -7:30pm

## Sunday May 7th

**Hagley Tennis Club**  
Hagley RC School - 10am  
**Matt Davies- Piano recital**  
St John's Church -3pm

## Monday May 8th

**Dial a ride**  
Closed bank holiday  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12noon  
**Hagley WI**  
Hagley Community Centre -2pm  
**Hagley country dancers**  
Free Church Hall- 2-3:30pm  
**Ex Cathedra with Hagley Primary School**  
St Saviours -7:30pm

## Tuesday May 9th

**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12noon  
**String Orchestra**  
Free Church Hall - 10-12noon  
**Active Seniors**  
Hagley Community Centre - 1:45pm & 3pm  
**Active Seniors- Tai Chi**  
Hagley Community Centre - 4:30-5:20pm  
**Tuesday Group**  
St Saviours Church -8pm  
Ron Gallivan about The Amish People

## Wednesday May 10th

**Dial a Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Merry Hill  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12noon  
**Mothers & Toddlers Group**  
Free Church Hall - 10-11:30am  
**Coffee Morning**  
St Johns - 10:30- 11:45am  
**Hagley Tennis Club**  
Hagley RC School - 6:30pm  
**St John's Bellringers**  
St Johns Church - 7pm  
**Western Badminton Club**  
Haybridge Sports Centre - 8-10pm

## Thursday May 11th

**Hagley Library**  
Storytime- 10:30-11am  
**Hand of Friendship**  
Free Church Hall - 11-1:15pm  
**Active Seniors**  
Hagley Community Centre  
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3:15pm slightly challenging class  
**Taekwondo**  
Hagley Community Centre - 6-9pm

## Friday May 12th

**Dial a Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12noon

## Hagley Country Market

Hagley Community Centre  
9:30-12:30pm  
**Hagley Art Club**  
St Saviours Church Hall - 7:30- 9:30pm  
Wildlife Drawings - Pollyanna Pickering  
**HCK Badminton**  
Hagley RC School  
7-8pm beginners  
8-10pm members  
**The Denner Ensemble**  
Hagley Hall -7:30pm

## Saturday May 13th

**Taekwondo**  
Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm  
**Birmingham Symphonic Winds**  
St John's Church -7:30pm

## Sunday May 14th

**Hagley Tennis Club**  
Hagley RC School - 10am  
**Hagley Stag Run**  
Hagley Hall Park - 10:45 - Warmup,  
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St John's Church -7:30pm

## Monday May 15th

**Dial a ride**  
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**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12noon  
**Hagley country dancers**  
Free Church Hall- 2-3:30pm

## Tuesday May 16th

**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12noon  
**String Orchestra**  
Free Church Hall - 10-12noon  
**Active Seniors**  
Hagley Community Centre - 1:45pm & 3pm  
**Tuesday tea club**  
Free Church Hall - 2:30- 4pm  
**Active Seniors- Tai Chi for health class**  
Hagley Community Centre - 4:30-5:20pm

## Wednesday May 17th

**Dial a Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Merry Hill  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12noon  
**Mothers & Toddlers Group**  
Free Church Hall - 10-11:30am  
**Hagley Tennis Club**  
Hagley RC School - 6:30pm  
**St John's Bellringers**  
St Johns Church - 7pm  
**Western Badminton Club**  
Haybridge Sports Centre - 8-10pm

## Thursday May 18th

**Hagley Library**  
Storytime- 10:30-11am  
**Hand of Friendship**  
Free Church Hall - 11-1:15pm  
**Active Seniors**  
Hagley Community Centre

1:45pm less challenging class  
3:15pm slightly challenging class  
**Taekwondo**  
Hagley Community Centre - 6-9pm

## Friday May 19th

**Dial a Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12noon  
**Hagley Art Club**  
St Saviours Church Hall - 7:30- 9:30pm  
**HCK Badminton**  
Hagley RC School  
7-8pm beginners  
8-10pm members  
Sound of the 60s- The Reflections  
Hagley Community Centre -7:30pm

## Saturday May 20th

**Taekwondo**  
Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm  
**Suphonics**  
St Saviour's -12:30pm  
**Thomas Trotter- Organ Recital**  
St John's Church -7:30pm

## Sunday May 21st

**Hagley Tennis Club**  
Hagley RC School - 10am  
**Choral Evensong**  
St John's Church -6:30pm

## Monday May 22nd

**Dial a ride**  
Closed bank holiday  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12noon  
**Hagley country dancers**  
Free Church Hall- 2-3:30pm

## Tuesday May 23rd

**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12noon  
**String Orchestra**  
Free Church Hall - 10-12noon  
**Active Seniors**  
Hagley Community Centre - 1:45pm & 3pm  
**Active Seniors- Tai Chi**  
Hagley Community Centre - 4:30-5:20pm  
**Tuesday Group**  
St Saviours Church - 8pm  
Yvonne Morton- Dried Flower Craft with a sales table

## Wednesday May 24th

**Dial a Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Merry Hill  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12noon  
**Mothers & Toddlers Group**  
Free Church Hall - 10-11:30am  
**Hagley Tennis Club**  
Hagley RC School - 6:30pm  
**St John's Bellringers**  
St Johns Church - 7pm  
**Hagley Gardener's club**  
St Saviours Hall, 7:30 for 8pm  
Adam Greathead- 'Duck Pools - A garden divided'

## Western Badminton Club

Haybridge Sports Centre - 8-10pm

## Thursday May 25th

**Hagley Library**  
Storytime- 10:30-11am  
**Hand of Friendship**  
Fee Church Hall - 11-1:15pm  
**Active Seniors**  
Hagley Community Centre  
1:45pm less challenging class  
3:15pm slightly challenging class  
**Taekwondo**  
Hagley Community Centre - 6-9pm

## Friday May 26th

**Dial a Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12noon  
**Hagley Country Market**  
Hagley Community Centre -9:30-12:30pm  
**Hagley Art Club**  
St Saviours Church Hall - 7:30- 9:30pm  
**HCK Badminton**  
Hagley RC School  
7-8pm beginners  
8-10pm members

## Saturday May 27th

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

## Sunday May 28th

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

## Monday May 29th

**Dial a ride**  
Closed bank holiday  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12noon  
**Hagley country dancers**  
Free Church Hall- 2-3:30pm

## Tuesday May 30th

**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12noon  
**String Orchestra**  
No rehearsals  
**Active Seniors**  
No classes  
**Tuesday tea club**  
Free Church Hall - 2:30- 4pm  
**Active Seniors- Tai Chi**  
No classes

## Wednesday May 31st

**Dial a Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Merry Hill  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12noon  
**Mothers & Toddlers Group**  
Free Church Hall - 10-11:30am  
**Hagley Tennis Club**  
Hagley RC School - 6:30pm  
**St John's Bellringers**  
St Johns Church - 7pm  
**Western Badminton Club**  
Haybridge Sports Centre - 8-10pm

# A Snapshot of Sella

**Sella, a Spanish village of 600 inhabitants is located in the Costa Blanca Mountains. Located one hour from Alicante and just forty-five minutes from Benidorm. The village is home to two bakeries, two shops, two banks, a pharmacy and a newsagent. In the first weekend of October, Sella celebrates its Festa Major, Festes de L'Aurora. But during the winter months, it's a sleepy hamlet for rock climbers and cyclists.**

I'm no rock climber or cyclist, I can barely walk up a slope without getting out of breath, although located in the Mountains, Sella isn't just a destination for the thrill seekers. It's also a place for escapism from the growing concerns of tourism, a different perspective of life in Spain.

Stepping into Sella feels as though I have been transported to a different time, the church bell rings every half an hour and the smell of fresh baking bread saturates the street. Although Sella is home to a few English families, the rest of the citizens are Spanish-born, many born here tend to stay and have a family of their own. English is relatively unheard of here, so you will need to brush up on your Spanish, something I still need to learn. The air has a subtle warmth, and the sound of birds and a faint bark of the guard dogs is all that is present.

I'm woken up at 7 am, by the Church bell ringing, it rings twice so that the people in the mountains know that it's the first bell of the day. We wander down the streets of Sella to bar Casino to consume a Spanish breakfast. The table is laid out with a paper table cloth, and the waiters attentively produce our order. Crunchy toast with salted tomatoes inhabits my palate, my mouth moist from the fresh tangy orange juice, €5 a breakfast, with a cup of black tea. Our guide Terry Gifford author and poet begins a walking tour around the village where he lives a few months of the year. The houses are painted a distressed antique white and a tarnished sandstone orange, the sloping streets feel empty as you occasionally pass a Spaniard going about their daily tasks. The sun beats down onto my exposed shoulders and a gentle breeze dances with my hair.

I watch through the window as the old men from the village retire to the social club of bar casino, playing dominos and card games they laugh and chatter with each other in their native tongue. The women I would imagine start preparing lunch and dinner for when their men come home. The ladies have their own social club, normally in the morning with a cup of coffee.



# VILLAGE INFORMATION

## HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



As always the spring term is an incredibly busy one not just in terms of preparations for the summer public examinations but also in the range of other exciting activities which our students can engage with.

We have around 100 students involved in the Duke of Edinburgh award and our gold and silver students are currently undertaking their expeditions. We were delighted to hear that the following former students have now completed their Gold award and are awaiting a date for their presentation at St. James's Place. Well done to Thomas Emery, Jack Dukes, Monica Reading and Jordan Williams. We also had the honour of being able to present the following current sixth form students with their Silver award. Well done to Cameron McCairn, Adrian Sidaway, Aaron Gordon, Zul-Kifl Chaudry, Emily Dennis, George Hands, Grace Law, Alex Bishop, Mia Thomas, Thomas Higgs and Daniel Greenhow.

Our school show 'Hairspray' was fantastic and what excitement it generated at three sell-out performances. As always the team's commitment to quality in the acting, music, dancing, costumes, set and props to name but a few elements and the hours spent in achieving this were breath-taking and we heartily thank everyone involved.

Haybridge also took part in Science week which along with some pretty amazing awe and wonder moments including a fabulous experiment in the quad and a trip to the Big Bang Show included a Haybridge version of a Pokemon Go challenge and the search for the golden Pikachu, who made the occasional guest appearance at the window of the Headteacher's office.

Joanne Stanley



The season is all but finished. Five of our nine teams look to have finished in second place in their relative divisions. The Cradley Mixed team should get promotion to division one next year. The other four teams would normally be in the promotion play offs, but this year Worcestershire League are just having a one up one down policy so no promotion for them. Still a good overall performance.

During the summer season the beginners club will continue. The formal coaching element however will cease in favour of social match play. So people who have come in the past and just want to play games then this is your chance. New players still welcome. This will run on a pay and play basis - £4 adults and £2.50 students.

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. (Tuesday nights suspended till the start of the next season)

Socially as always post-match drinks at the French Hen continue every Friday.

For more information regarding the beginners or main club, please contact Sam Ryder on 07979 243957 or [sam@alfordinsurance.co.uk](mailto:sam@alfordinsurance.co.uk)

# VILLAGE INFORMATION



## HAGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL

Over the last three years, some of our Y10 pupils have been involved in the Community Ambassador scheme, run in conjunction with other Wyre Forest schools. The aim of the project is for pupils to raise awareness of social issues among their peers; some of our projects at Hagley have included:

- White Ribbon Campaign against domestic violence
- Drop-in tutorials on personal safety
- Assemblies on World Holocaust Day
- Social Networking security workshops
- Safer Internet Day workshops
- CEOP training

We are thrilled to learn that the Community Ambassador Project scooped the "Young Persons Safety Award" in the Suzy Lamplugh National Personal Safety Awards 2017. The Awards celebrate and recognise the hard work of individuals and groups who, through their work and commitment to personal safety, make a real contribution to keeping people safe.

To win such an important national award demonstrates the fantastic working partnership we have here in Wyre Forest, which is raising awareness of community safety issues among our young people.

Congratulations & many thanks to each of our Community Ambassadors, past & present!

### Upcoming Events

03 May	Youth Makes Music
04 May	A-level Theatre Studies Performances, 7pm (contact Sarah Aston on 883193 for further information)
10 May	Spring Concert
11 May	Halas House Disco
12 May	Sponsored Walk
22-26 May	Primary Music Tour
27 May – 03 June	Lourdes Pilgrimage

**B McArdle**

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**HAGLEY ART CLUB**

## ART CLUB

At our Meeting on Friday, 12th May, we will be welcoming Pollyanna Pickering who is giving a Talk about all her lovely wildlife drawings and paintings. She will be bringing with her a selection of her work for us to see. Her name is well known for the vast range of greetings cards she produces, which you can find in most card shops.

In 2009 she was named Professional Wildlife Artist of the Year. She acts as patron of several organisations including The Badger Trust, Naturewatch, ABC Animal Sanctuary, Cats in Need, and many more, too numerous to list. The Pollyanna Pickering Trust raises funds for worldwide conservation. Her Talk should be extremely interesting.

If anyone would like to come to this Talk on 12th May visitors are very welcome. There is a small fee, which includes refreshments. Our meetings start at 7.30 pm in St Saviour's Church Hall.

**Anne Garth**



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## Hagley Theatre Group



The Youth Section has been rehearsing hard for their next production of the musical 'Sister Act'. This is a challenging show requiring the full range of singing styles from traditional hymn singing to gospel and rock-and-roll and acting, as this is a musical comedy. The show is different to the 1992 movie as the theatrical version has original songs by Alan Mencken. The show was recently produced professionally with Craig Revel Horwood directing and choreographing. Sister Act tells the hilarious story of Deloris Van Cartier, a disco diva whose life takes a surprising turn when under protective custody she is hidden in the one place she won't be found – a convent! Disguised as a nun and under the suspicious watch of Mother Superior, Deloris helps her fellow sisters find their voices as she unexpectedly rediscovers her own. The songs hold the story together which is a sparkling tribute to the universal power of friendship, sisterhood and music. Our award winning young performers will stage this show at the Community Centre from Wed 11th to Sat. 14th October 2017. Tickets are £10 (£8.00 concessions).

Now then for those adults who want to get involved here's an opportunity....after a gap in adult productions there is considerable enthusiasm to stage a production of Sweeney Todd in January 2018. So if you would like to get involved in any way such as performing, back stage or props etc then please let us know. You can find out more and request tickets by contacting us on 07907 457217 or e-mailing us (hagleytheatregroup@gmail.com). We are also on instagram and Facebook (both; @hagleytheatregroup).

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You'll laugh your socks off as **The Scottish Falsetto Sock Puppet Theatre** do Shakespeare. **Alfie Moore**, the star of BBC Radio 4 comedy *It's A Fair Cop* presents his brand new stand up show and there's more hilarity in store with the **All-Star Stand-Up Tour**.

Families can join *Full House Theatre* on a high jinks journey with **The Elves and the Shoemaker** and 5-10 year olds there will be dancing, glow sticks as well as lots of bubbles at Artrix's first ever **Bubble Disco**.

Films and screenings at Artrix Cinema this month include Oscar-winners **Lion** and **Fences** and **Peppa Pig: My First Cinema Experience** is an ideal Saturday cinema family outing. Other highlights include *NT Live* screenings of **Obsession** and **Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?**



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## Hagley String Orchestra

Our Summer Term began on Tuesday 25th April, and we've got 11 rehearsals before breaking up for the Summer Vacation on Tuesday 11th July (this takes into account no rehearsal on 30th May for the schools' Half Term).

As always, we've selected a good mixture of musical styles from the baroque to the 20th century, and this includes a string 4tet as well as string orchestral music. The 4tet this term is by a little-known Bohemian composer named Johann Valhal (1739-1813), whose known mainly for playing cello in a string 4tet in 1784 led by Haydn with Mozart playing viola; the 2nd violinist was Dittersdorf, a great friend to Haydn, who was Valhal's teacher.

Our other works are by Albinoni, Arensky, Lenox Berkeley, Elgar, Faure and a Romance by Sibelius. The short Elgar piece Elegy is a very beautiful tribute, which he wrote in 1909 in memory of his great friend August Jaeger who had recently died of tuberculosis, aged 49. Most of us remember Jaeger as 'Nimrod' in Elgar's hidden portraits in the Enigma Variations (1899).

Do join us on Tuesdays 10am – Midday.  
More information from Haydn Thomas  
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## Hagley Country Dancers

The Club meets on Monday afternoons from 2 to 3.30 p.m. in the Free Church Hall. There is plenty of parking via Chapel Street. The summer term runs from April 24th until June 26th, followed by our annual garden party on July 3rd. We then break until September.

We are trying out new dances all the time therefore we could do with a few more people to enable us to expand our repertoire. Last month, we learnt "The Dancing Dutch", a dance written by Pat Shaw in 1973 for an EFDSS course held in the Netherlands.

Other dances range from the 17th century to 20th century, from the John Playford collection, the Apted book and more recently composed dances such as the Pride and Prejudice collections. All our dances are suitable for dancers of all ages.

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# Hagley Community Orchestra

Members of Hagley Community Orchestra will be performing (either singing or playing) in Mozart's Requiem in St John's Church on Saturday May 14, at 7.30pm, as part of the Hagley Music Festival.

In the first half of the concert, our keyboard player extraordinaire, composer Andrew Downes, will have his second symphony performed. Andrew's Symphony No.2 is a beautiful work, which has recently been recorded on CD by the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra (no less!). Copies of the recording will be available in the interval and after the concert.

So the evening is not to be missed!

Hurry to get your tickets, either for audience or singers, from 01562 884216.

Hope to see you there!

**Cynthia Downes**

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# Hagley Historical and Field Society



It has been my experience and probably that of my parent's generation too, that domestic toilets were normally indoors. Many of the houses built in Hagley during the 1930's had an integral toilet but which was entered from outside. However, as a child I can just recall visiting an uncle who lived in rural Shropshire who had an old house with stone flagged floors and no indoor toilet. His family used a 'privy' at the bottom of the garden which when built would have been regarded as state of the art and a great improvement on what went before.

And so it was, as we were told by our speaker this month Derek Clarke, that when the Birmingham Back to Backs in Inge Street were built in 1801 they were provided with three privies and two wash houses to cater for the needs of up to 100 people. As most of the neighbours both lived and worked at home these shared facilities made for a very close knit community. Both men and women were skilled craftspeople and were involved in metal, glass, wood and leather work. We know that there was a widow who worked as a pearl button driller and one Herbert Oldfield, a glass eye maker. The last remaining example of a Back to Back in Birmingham belongs to the National Trust and can be visited by appointment.

Our next meeting at St Saviour's Church Hall is on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 at 8.00pm. It is our annual Social Evening. There will be the usual refreshments followed by a presentation by member Eric Greenwood entitled "A Voyage Around My Grandfather – A Chauffeur's Tale". Visitors are most welcome at all our events but on this occasion tickets must be purchased in advance – see [hhfs.org.uk](http://hhfs.org.uk) for details and contacts.

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The second half of the Spring term has been very busy with some units celebrating Mothers Day by decorating pots and planting them with a Primula or pansy. 2nd Hagley Rainbows held a pamper session for their mums and I must say they looked fabulous. A couple of units had Easter competitions making Easter bonnets and decorating a Faberge egg, whilst 2nd Hagley Brownies designed a badge to Celebrate their 50th anniversary.

2nd Hagley guides continue the outdoor challenge badge with a walk in the dark in inclement weather, finishing at the chip shop for a snack, nothing stops them.

3rd Hagley Brownies and 1st Hagley Rainbows will be starting their outdoor challenge building scarecrows, planting foods to eat and hopefully getting outside in better weather. Most units will be attending the party in the Park at Blakemore this month, which promises to be a great day out for units or families with games, crafts, coconut shy, inflatables, BBQ, afternoon tea and much more.

1st Hagley Guides have been working on the lights, camera, action, go for it which linked well to our private viewing of Beauty and the Beast.

3rd Hagley Brownies have gained the healthy heart badge doing exercises to record their pulse, recorded a food diary and designed a No Smoking Poster to hopefully be displayed in the doctor's surgery.

Guiding continues to be a great opportunity for girls but we still need more help email me [fiona@drewettcrew.co.uk](mailto:fiona@drewettcrew.co.uk) if you are interested.

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Mark Billen, the speaker at the March meeting of the above WI, spoke on writing books for very young children and brought the bears that had inspired him to meet members. His books were also beautifully illustrated by the photographs he has taken of the bears and their various adventures.

Hagley WI is a busy and active WI in many ways. As well as the monthly meetings we enjoy other events and activities. Many of the most enjoyable are connected with “eating out” as evidenced by the “Casual Friday” lunch that takes place in each month.

Craft minded members enjoy the Knit and Knatter group where they can have tea, biscuits and “knatter” and produce various crafts. As well as the ongoing project to knit for the Neo-Nate Unit at Russells Hall Hospital, blankets are being knitted for patients of the Fistula Clinic in Ethiopia. Craft is not confined to knitting as other types of craft are also enjoyed.

In the coming months members will be lunching at Barnt Green Cricket Club, enjoying an outing and an Indoor Garden Party!

If you think you would be interested in joining or visiting, please come to a meeting at Hagley Community Centre, 2pm on the second Monday in each month. We are a friendly and welcoming group and would be very pleased to see you. You may prefer to make contact beforehand on 01562 885215 please contact the undersigned.

Megan Bury

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## Active seniors



Our Tai Chi for health class is now underway at the community centre on Tuesday afternoons 4.30-5.20pm. This is a modernised, low risk version of the traditional form, which is suitable for almost anyone. This adapted version of tai chi is great to help you strengthen your legs and if you have arthritis as well as helping to improve your balance. If you would like to try a session to see if it's for you then

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**BREAKING NEWS.....New class at the community centre!**

Our strength and balance classes on Tuesday afternoons have been so popular we now have waiting lists and we have therefore decided to plan some new classes on Thursday afternoons starting 11th of May.

There will be two classes – a slightly less challenging one at 1.45pm and a slightly harder class at 3.15pm. Come along for a free taster to find out more – places will be limited so give us a call to get further details.

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**Friday 5 May: Messy Church** – in St Saviour's Church Hall, 3.15-4.45 pm. Craft activities, stories, food, play time – all children with a parent / carer are very welcome!

### Friday 5 May – Sunday 21 May: 2017 Hagley Music Festival

Flyers for this biennial event are available in all our churches. There are 12 events spread over 17 days. Performers include Emma Johnson (world-famous clarinet player performing "Clarinet Goes to Town"), Matt Davies (light piano classics with a cream tea), Ex Cathedra with Hagley Primary School, The Denner Ensemble (early music with a humorous twist), Birmingham Symphonic Winds, the Susaphonics (ukeleles), Thomas Trotter (Organ concert), students from Haybridge, the Roman Catholic High School and King Ed's, "Sounds of the 60s" and an opportunity to sing Mozart's Requiem and hear Andrew Downes' 2nd Symphony. The festival concludes with Worcester Cathedral Choir singing Choral Evensong. Visit [www.hagleymusicfestival.co.uk](http://www.hagleymusicfestival.co.uk), or see Facebook @hagleymusicfestival. Tickets are available from 01562 884216.

**Wednesday 10 May – a Coffee Morning** in St John's, 10.30-11.45 am. This is the first of this summer's monthly coffee mornings. Organ music from Michael Jones between 10.30 and 11.00 am, and an illustrated talk from Bryan Gall on "Talking Discs for the Blind" from 11.00 am. Free entry. Collection for charity.

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
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14 May Easter 5	Holy Communion			Parish Communion	<b>6.00 pm</b> Christian Aid <b>Free Church</b>
21 May Easter 6			Parish Family Communion		Choral Evensong Worcester Cathedral Choir <b>St John's</b>
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Saturday May 6th

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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.