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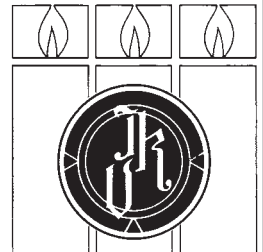


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Welcome to July's edition of Hagley Village News.

A new month has begun and we're all excited to see what this month has in store for us within the Village. Over the last few months our country has faced devastating news of hateful crimes, but what we've learnt is that we stand strong and that we stand together. It would be great this month for our community to come together and support each other. For this month lets try to do at least one act of kindness, from helping someone cross the road, to helping raise money for charity, or even just helping you're neighbour.

"When you are kind to others, it not only changes you, it changes the world" - Harold Kushner

In April I had the opportunity to visit a spiritual community in Italy, read about my experience in one of their temples on page 26. It's your last chance to raise money for Sue Corlett, who is raising funds for a new Scout Hut, more on page 9. Tickets to see the Hagley theatre group performance of 'Sister Act', between Wednesday 11th and Saturday 14th of October are now on sale, more info on page 21. Both Haybridge and Hagley Primary School have celebrated a lot of achievements on page 13.

Esther Gittoes
Editor

At the Shoppers Coffee concert on 5 May, given by the students of Haybridge and Catholic High Schools in the Free Church, donations totalling £258.05 were gratefully received and sent to Birmingham Children's Hospital. Thanks to all."

David Tubb

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Many will already be aware of these works, those who will be directly affected will be contacted by Severn Trent and there will be a period when planned works will be on public display. We have also been made aware of similar works, which will affect Stourbridge Road.

Just as a reminder any questions should be directed to Severn Trent rather than HPC. Contact details will be made available over the coming weeks.

Access to the playing fields will either be limited or closed via Church St and Victoria Passage. We will try and keep disruption to a minimum whilst works are on-going but we are conscious of the absolute need to ensure both the public and contractors remain safe during this period.

Parts of the playing field, the play equipment, community centre and doctor's surgery will remain open to public during these periods.

For information the cemetery gates are to remain closed and locked to vehicles. Pedestrian access will remain via the pedestrian gates. Should vehicular access be required please contact the Clerk who will provide the access code.

As previously reported HPC has commissioned an independent Highways consultant to develop an independent scheme for the Worcester Rd/Kidderminster Road junction. These will be presented to WCC Highways as a set of alternative options.

Steve Colella, Chairman of Hagley Parish Council

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During the Second World War, Paul Harris, founder of Rotary is quoted as saying: Must the best genius of men be devoted to the science of war and none to the science of averting it?'

The Second World War began to clarify views within Rotary that we could and should strive to make our world a far more peaceful place.

After the war, The United Nations was formed. Around 100 Rotarians were deeply and fundamentally involved at senior levels in the formation of the most famous of all Organisations for Peace. Many people, even Rotarians, don't realise that Rotary has such an incredible history of groundbreaking work in this field.

Following the Manchester attack on 22 May 2017, a Trust has been established by Rotary District 1285, which includes the city of Manchester and surrounding areas. The Manchester Arena Families Trust aims to provide practical help to the victims and families of those killed or injured by the attack. This may include supplying transport to families needing to visit victims in hospital and similar practical support and extends to people indirectly affected, be it physically mentally. To find out how you can help, visit <https://www.rotarygbi.org/manchester-statement/> for more information.

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HAGLEY RAMBLER SCOUTS

We have recently been reunited with a former member of our Scout Group, Barry Freeman, who was a Scout in Hagley from 1939 - 1942. After leaving Scouts Barry joined the Army in 1943 and took part in the Normandy Beach Landings. Barry has mentioned on more than one occasion that he truly believes that the skills he learned as a Scout saved his life during the war. Apparently, the Scouts used to practice evasive manoeuvres with the Home Guard in the grounds of Hagley Hall, which taught Barry how to keep his head down and move about without being seen.



Barry mentioned that he would love to revisit Hagley Park to jog some old memories and so we contacted Lord Cobham asking if this would be possible. Lord Cobham very kindly spent a morning in May taking Barry around the park in an off road buggy. Barry really enjoyed the experience and recognised quite a few parts, such as the Scout Pool where they used to swim. Congratulations to Lord Cobham on the restoration of the Eighteenth century Park, it is stunning and peaceful with some spectacular views and will be well worth a visit when it is open to the public.

Sue Corlett

There's still time to SUPPORT

Sue Corlett has cycled from Glasgow to John O Groats to raise money for the new Scout Head Quarters. This is a self-funding trip, she has cycled approximately 320 miles over 5 days carrying all of her kit. Sue is the Group Scout Leader in Hagley and is raising money for a much needed replacement scout hut.

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Hagley Primary School

It has been another really busy term at Hagley Primary School. We have welcomed new members of staff, who have settled into their new roles well and are already having a great impact.

The arts have been well represented this term, with numerous children taking instrumental exams, as well as having the opportunity to attend Haybridge High School, whereby they undertook an exciting BBC Ten Pieces coaching afternoon. 160 children from Years 4 & 6 had a wonderful experience, performing in the Young Voices Concert at the Genting Arena. Year 2 went to Haybridge to perform in a dance festival and Year 3 put on a wonderful Easter performance.

It has also been a wonderful term for sport. Our football team were crowned champions of Worcester, and came 2nd in West Midlands, so are now aiming for the National finals! The cricket team enjoyed successes, coming 1st and 2nd in competition and representing the Wyre Forest at County Finals. Our Cross Country Team also represented the District at the County School Games.

Red Nose Day was very successful, with the children dressing up in some wonderful red outfits and managed to raise lots of money for the cause.

The teachers have been running some wonderful clubs in school, which the children have been enjoying very much. These have included: Mandarin singing; Design and Technology; Science club; Golf; Tennis and Netball Skills.

The PTA are busy preparing for the Summer Fayre on Saturday 1st July and we look forward to seeing you there.

Tess Davis
Parent Governor

HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



We were delighted to receive the prestigious Leading Parent Partnership Award for the third consecutive time. Assessor feedback included, *'Parents have very high levels of satisfaction with the school. They feel that it supports them and their children in a huge variety of*

way.' Sincere thanks to the parents & carers they interviewed.

Feedback from those attending Year 11 & 13 Prize-giving was very positive. Particular thanks to our guest speaker Jon Bradbury, our Head Boy from 1988 – 1989.

Recent and upcoming musical endeavours include the Spring Concert (which featured fabulous farewell performances from Year 13 students), the Hagley Music Festival and the Summer Concert. Thanks go to Mr Raggett, Mrs Orr and Mrs Morton for their support. Staff thanks also to Mr Kilmartin and Mrs Gale who led the Berlin visit.

Some outstanding students include Taylor Gibson, Ellie-Jai Bateman, Gunvir Dhillon and Emma Warne who have received awards for high quality curricular work while Tom Stephens, Millie Hughes, Molly Ashen and Rohan Chelvarajeh-Lopez represented us superbly at Maths Challenge at Malvern College.

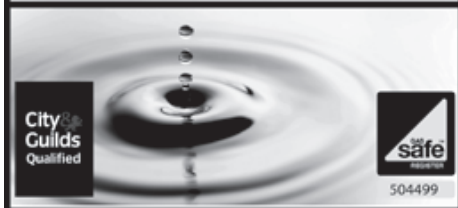
Students from five schools joined us for the fifth annual Year 10 Luke Chapman Trophy in April. The tournament began with a minute's silence and saw high quality rugby and an outstanding spirit throughout.

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Girlguiding- Walton District

We are nearing the end of the summer term and many of our units have been busy completing the Outdoor Challenge Badge, which is to help raise funds for the shower block at Blackmore. The activities included planting something edible from seeds - the rainbows planted cress and ate it on crackers with cheese spread the following week and the brownies are growing, lettuce, radish, peppers and tomatoes. We will find out how they do in September. Also a couple of the units are visiting a local allotment to see how crops are grown. Many other units are bark rubbing, having dinner and playing parachutes games in the park and creating chalk paintings around the church. Guides have spent most meetings outside either wide games over Clent, grass sledging, treasure hunts and outdoor cooking. The main event for the Outdoor Challenge Badge was Party in The Park, a big fun day held at Blackmore Campsite which included, bouncy castles, s'mores, climbing wall, crafts, dancing, drum playing and much more. Four units from our district attended and a couple of families, all had a fantastic time and the weather was fairly kind to us. Charlotte Foxall won the Worcestershire bake off for Brownies with her owl cupcakes and two other units entered the flowerpot painting and scarecrow making, but we are still waiting for the results. Several units have gone on camps indoor and outdoor which I will tell you all about next month when I know how they all went.

Fiona Drewett
District Commissioner



HAGLEY ART CLUB

ART CLUB

At our Meeting on Friday, 14th July, our visiting Artist is Susan Davies who will be demonstrating 'Work in Oils'.

Starting on Saturday, 8th July, the Club is having an Exhibition of framed and unframed pictures at Himley Hall. This will run until Sunday, 3rd September. Himley Hall and park is a lovely place to visit and has a programme of events throughout the year. To find out more go to DudleyMBC and click on Himley Hall. The Hall is open in the afternoon 2pm to 5pm from Tuesday through to Sunday.

Looking ahead to August, our visiting Artist will be Claire Botterill who will be giving a demonstration in 'Mixed Media'.

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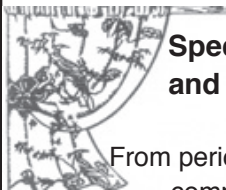
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Hagley Historical and Field Society



The May meeting was our annual social night and 66 members and guests enjoyed a variety of wines, cheeses, patés and salads. This was followed by an illustrated presentation by member Eric Greenwood, entitled 'A Voyage Around My Grandfather – A Chauffeur's Tale'. Eric's Grandfather was chauffeur to a Northern industrialist in the early part of the 20th century when ownership of cars was still the privilege of the few. He still has an original paper licence belonging to his grandfather, which at the time of issue had to be renewed each year upon payment of five shillings. No driving test was required but the maximum speed was restricted to 20 mph. This was really motoring as prior to the 'Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896' the speed limit was 4 mph in rural areas and 2 mph in towns. Still quicker to walk.

Our next meeting at St Saviour's Church Hall is on Tuesday 4th July 2017 at 8.00pm. Gay Hill will give a presentation entitled "100 Years of Electoral Reform in the West Midlands". It is just over 100 years since the visit of influential suffragette Emmeline Pankhurst to Kidderminster to speak at the Corn Exchange in the town hall. She was campaigning for the vote to be given not only to the middle class but also extended to the working class. As you read this we will have just had a General Election and whatever the outcome it is a salutary thought that prior to electoral reform most of us would have taken no part in it. Visitors are most welcome at all our events – see hhfs.org.uk for details and contacts.

Jeff Cope

Hagley Theatre Group



As our Youth Section' members wind down for their summer break there is still a lot of work being done on the variety of musical genre and acting needed to stage our next musical, 'Sister Act,' to be performed from Wed 11 to Sat 14 October 2017. When they come back refreshed the work will continue to put the polish on the traditional hymn singing, gospel and rock-and-roll songs that sets this musical comedy apart from many other musicals. This theatrical version of the 1990s film has additional original songs by Alan Menken the multi Oscar winning composer who's previous work includes Little Shop of Horrors and Disney's Beauty and the Beast and Aladdin. The show centres around Deloris Van Cartier, a disco diva, whose life takes a dramatic turn when under protective custody she is hidden in a convent. Disguised as a nun and under the suspicious watch of the Mother Superior, Deloris helps her fellow sisters find their voices. The songs hold the story together which is a tribute to the universal power of friendship, sisterhood and music. The show will be staged at the Community Centre. Tickets are £10 (£8.00 concessions). 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](https://www.instagram.com/hagleytheatregroup)). If you are interested in taking part in live theatre, (adult of youth), then contact us by the means mentioned above.

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Thursday July 1st

Taekwondo
Haybridge Sports Centre – 10-1pm

School Fayre
Hagley Primary School – 11am- 2pm

Sunday July 2nd

Hagley Tennis Club
Hagley RC School – 10am
Music Night: Sunday Night at the Movies
St John's – 6:30pm

Monday July 3rd

Dial a Ride
Hagley- Stourbridge
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon

Tuesday July 4th

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
Hagley Community Centre - 4:30-5:20pm

Historical & field society

St Saviour's Church – 8:00pm
Gay Hill's Presentation on 100 Years of Electoral Reform in the West Midlands

Wednesday July 5th

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

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

Thursday July 6th

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

Taekwondo

Hagley Community Centre – 6-9pm

Friday July 7th

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

Messy Play
St Saviours Church Hall – 3:15-4:45pm

HCK Badminton

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

Saturday July 8th

Taekwondo
Haybridge Sports Centre – 10-1pm

Sunday July 9th

Hagley Tennis Club
Hagley RC School – 10am

Monday July 10th

Dial a Ride
Hagley- Stourbridge
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon
Hagley WI
Hagley Community Centre – 2pm

Tuesday July 11th

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

Hagley Tuesday Group AGM
St Saviours Hall – 8pm

Wednesday July 12th

Dial a Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Merry Hill
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon
Coffee Morning
St John's – 10am
Mothers & Toddlers Group
Free Church Hall – 10-11:30am
St John's Bellringers
St Johns Church – 7pm

Western Badminton Club
Haybridge Sports Centre – 8-10pm

Thursday July 13th

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

Friday July 14th

Dial a Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon
Hagley Country Markets
Community Centre – 9:30-12:30

HCK Badminton

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

Hagley Art Club

St Saviours Church Hall – 7:30-9:30pm
Susan Davies 'Work in oils'

Saturday July 15th

Taekwondo
Haybridge Sports Centre – 10-1pm

Sunday July 16th

Hagley Tennis Club
Hagley RC School – 10am

Monday July 17th

Dial a Ride
Hagley- Stourbridge
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon

Tuesday July 18th

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
Hagley Community Centre - 4:30-5:20pm

Wednesday July 19th

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

Thursday July 20th

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

Friday July 21st

Dial a Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon
HCK Badminton
Hagley RC School
7-8pm beginners
8-10pm members

Saturday July 22nd

Taekwondo
Haybridge Sports Centre – 10-1pm

Sunday July 23rd

Hagley Tennis Club
Hagley RC School – 10am

Monday July 24th

Dial a Ride
Hagley- Stourbridge
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon

Tuesday July 25th

Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon
String Orchestra
Free Church Hall – 10-12noon
Active Seniors
Hagley Community Centre – 1:45pm & 3pm
Ladies Afternoon fellowship
Hagley Free Church - 2:30pm
Active Seniors- Tai Chi
Hagley Community Centre - 4:30-5:20pm

Wednesday July 26th

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

St John's Bellringers
St Johns Church – 7pm
Hagley Gardener's club
St Saviour's Hall – 7:30pm
Diane Clements, Alpine talk
Western Badminton Club
Haybridge Sports Centre – 8-10pm

Thursday July 27th

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

Friday July 28th

Dial a Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon
Hagley Country Markets
Hagley Cafe – 10:00-12:30
HCK Badminton
Hagley RC School
7-8pm beginners
8-10pm members

Saturday July 29th

Taekwondo
Haybridge Sports Centre – 10-1pm

Sunday July 30th

Hagley Tennis Club
Hagley RC School – 10am

Monday July 31st

Dial a Ride
Hagley- Stourbridge
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon

Temple of Water

"Breathe slowly through your nose, and then out through your mouth", the gentle whistle from the chimes echo into each corner of the temple. My eyes are tightly shut, and I am sat on the cushion with my legs folded, just like I'm back in middle school. There's a warmth to this room, the six of us are huddled in a circle, and then the mantra begins. Our guide commences the chanting, he sounds out the various vowels and I hesitantly join in, listening to the vibrations bouncing off the walls. "Louder" he shouts, our chanting becomes a choir and our voices seem to harmonise with each other.

This is my last day at Damanhur, I've been here four days living, and learning about the community. Located in the mountains of Turin, Italy, this spiritual community has adopted an eco way of life. The Damanhur began as a covert society, their leader, Falco built secret underground temples within these mountains in 1975, and was later revealed by a whistle-blower in 1992.

The singing has stopped, and my eyes start to peel open. This hall is called the 'Hall of Water'; its white washed walls are coated in various coloured paints of symbols and words. I skim over some of the writings, Sanskrit words are the only familiar pattern that I can see. These walls are lined with sixteen ancient languages, some of which are still undeciphered but are all spiritually and aesthetically intertwined. This temple is devoted to the feminine principle and adopts the shape of a chalice, which is a symbol of receptivity. I look up to the stained glass dome ceiling hovering above my head. The glass cupola is glazed in shades of cerulean, sapphire and sea blue mimicking that of the ocean. The four gold leaf dragons emerge from each corner of the room, a symbol of the pathway of energy known as the synchronic lines that unite faraway worlds in the galaxy.

I look to the floor and notice a mosaic of dolphins nestled inside a six-pointed star. The sphere on the back altar sits quietly as the man asks us to examine the scripture on the walls. We stop at each point of the room examining the languages that Falco had produced, meditating to each wall and each symbol. It's rumoured that the leader Falco was in a state of trance when writing these words and each symbol has a meaning and has a purpose to one's spiritual journey. Although a few of the cryptograms have been revealed, some of the languages are yet to be understood.

The windchimes echo in my ear once again, I close my eyes envisioning the symbols on these walls. I'm trying to understand this community and this spiritual journey that The Damanhur have adopted. Our teacher asks us to open our eyes and to choose a symbol to draw in our notebooks. The idea is to take this scripture away and to use it as a meditation but to not show anyone. I have been taken with a symbol that is similar to the hieroglyphics of Ancient Egypt. The symbols are within a scarab beetle painted in fine gold lines, the words MUN are at the bottom half of the beetle and drawings of a bird and other characters lie within.

This particular hall is said to be ideal for meditations on the life cycles, preparation for childbirth, to come into contact with one's feminine essence and to reawaken profound memories. Although I long to be enlightened within these four walls, I'm yet to experience a profound reawakening. I thank my teacher and walk the underground passages back to the surface. We leave these hidden temples through a simple door in a house, nobody would have ever known. Concealed from the realities of the modern world, an exposed secret is still relatively hidden.

Esther Gittoes





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VILLAGE NEWS



St. John's
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The tower bell ringers have had great support recently from the Halesowen ringers. On a recent Saturday morning Simon, Michael, Matt, Helen and Ivor joined us for an extra practice session in our endeavour to master the plain bob doubles method. Still a long way for us to go but we are on the road, with our ringer Pam joining in on the treble for a touch of bob doubles. Thank you Halesowen.

Then on the evening of the choral evensong Saskia, one of the Worcester choristers, joined the band for our service ring. That's the thing; once you can ring you can drop into any church with the local ringers, as I did on Ascension Day. This is 40 days after Easter and according to the New Testament commemorates Jesus's ascension to heaven. So on Thursday 24th July at 6:45am I joined the ringers (at St. John's Halesowen). After ringing we sang the Ascension Day hymn 228 from outside of the top of the tower, with the locals looking up in awe or horror at our singing! At 7:30am it was down the 100 or so steps for the service, followed by egg and bacon breakfast at the back of the church. Yum.

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Richard Scarth

Hagley String Orchestra

The H.S.O. was established by the late much loved Joan Best in the late 1980s. She was a superb musician having played violin with the CBSO during WW2, and subsequently devoting her life to teaching music, being Head of Music at Stourbridge Girls High School and then joint Head of Music at Stourbridge 6th Form College. She died in 2013, and I took over directing the H.S.O. in September of that year.

In all these years, the seating arrangement of the orchestra stayed the same with 1st violins on the left of the semi-circle, with the 2nd violins to their left, then the violas with cellos and DB on the right.

Last May, I decided to swop the violins around putting the 2nds on the far left. A bit disconcerting at first, but then players said that they were hearing the music in a different way. After discussion, we all agreed to change again for our last 6 rehearsals in June and July with the 2nd violins on the right of the semi-circle, and cellos and DB between 1sts and violas.

This has been a fascinating experiment and a valuable new experience for all of us. I'll let you know about our plans for next Autumn Term in August. Do contact Haydn Thomas (01562) 885252; sanhay50@gmail.com for any information.

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The speaker at the April meeting was Joe Hawkins on the restoration and history of Hagley Hall Park. His illustrated talk was most interesting, particularly on the finding of various architectural features and cascades which had long been buried under years of neglect. His investigations to find information on restoring the park to its former glory took him far and wide - even to America where many papers on the hall and its grounds are in the safe keeping of the Huffington Museum.

It is hoped to arrange a walk, conducted by Joe, for members to enjoy and to view the grounds and the amazing work that has been done to bring the park back to life.

May month is the time when WI's conduct a business meeting to elect a Committee and President.

At this meeting members also discuss and vote upon two resolutions to be dealt with at the Annual Meeting of the National Federation of Womens Institutes. Discussion this year is on Alleviating Loneliness and Microplastic Fibres Polluting the Oceans.

Members are looking forward to interesting speakers in the months to come and there are several extra events to enjoy.

Meetings are at Hagley Community Centre 2pm on the 2nd Monday in each month. We are always pleased to welcome visitors and prospective members so if you wish to try us please come to a meeting or on 01562 885215 contact the undersigned for further information.

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A new Hagley Neighbourhood Watch has been set up by Steve Colella and Roger Seabury. At the moment this is primarily internet based but we do intend to ensure that those non users of social media are also kept informed of what the Neighbourhood Watch is doing and how to get involved.

For social media users we can be found on Facebook by searching Hagley Neighbourhood Watch. The number of viewers and postings are increasing all of the time and it is proving a great way to circulate messages quickly and effectively.

Plans are in place to produce a Neighbourhood Watch newsletter. This will give help and advice as well as important contact details.

A recent public meeting was attended by PC Burling and Sergeant Catherwood who were able to inform the meeting that Police presence was being increase, during the day, evening and late at night. It was also reported that the Police have been able to stop a recent increase in burglaries and vehicle thefts by making a number of significant arrests.

However, the message remains please be vigilant. Remember if you're going away tell your neighbours and if you see something suspicious report it by calling 101. No one minds if it turns out to be a false alarm.

This is new to Hagley and is being improved as we go along but in the meantime for further information visit the Facebook page or contact me s.colella@bromsgrove.gov.uk

Steve Colella and Roger Seabury



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The next free coffee morning at St. John's is on Wednesday 12th July starting with an organ recital at 10:30 am followed by the talk at 11:00 am on "The Roads of Hagley". This will give us all an amazing insight into the communication links of yesteryear, no doubt as revolutionary to our forebears as the Internet is to us today. From the paths of Saxon times of the 600 /700's to the winding up of the trusts managing the local turnpikes in 1888 and on to the modern roads. Did you know for instance that at one time local residents were required to give four days per year to help maintain their roads? During the talk you will find Irene Oliver has a host of facts at her fingertips.

The closing event of the 2017 music festival was a wonderfully uplifting event. The Worcester Cathedral choir joined us for a choral evensong. Congregations from Wollaston St. James and Hagley Free Church also joined us. The entrance of the singing choir through the west door was the start of a beautiful service. Yes the Cathedral came to Hagley. Thank you to all those who made this happen.

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The AGM took place on 2nd of May, and a good turnout was present to celebrate the many successes of the season, including the thriving beginners' session, and strong seasons for Worcester Ladies' and Veteran teams. Reasonable results were obtained by the Worcester and Cradley mixed teams as well as the Worcester Men's team, and although some other teams struggled we are confident that performances will be stronger next season. The future of the club looks bright.

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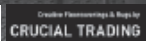
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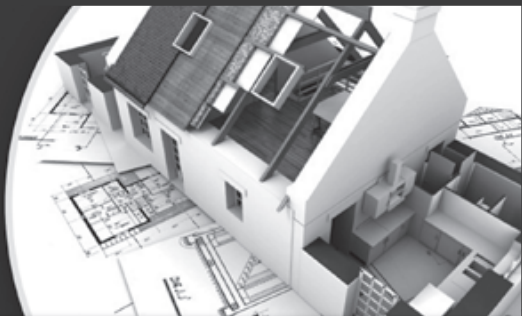


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The class is proving very popular with only a few places left so if you are interested do come along to try it out. No previous experience is required. The class starts at 4.30 and runs for 50 mins.

Thursday afternoon strength and balance classes are now underway at the community centre to complement the existing classes on Tuesdays. Free taster sessions are available so if you would like to improve your strength and balance or just increase your general fitness why not give Angela and Kim a ring on 07512 546480 to discuss which class would suit you. Men and ladies are welcome.

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We continue with a variety of dances, from the Community Dance Book or the Playford and Apted traditions or from collections of dances written more recently.

In a recent session we danced "The Twenty Ninth of May", a dance written to celebrate the return of King Charles II on that date in 1660. As it was written for a King, it is a rather more elaborate dance than many that we perform but, with guidance, we danced it very successfully.

We will resume after our summer break on September 11th and look forward to the company and enjoyment of Monday afternoons as the nights start to close in.

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Wednesday 12: Coffee Morning from 10.30 am in St John's;

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JULY 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
2 July Trinity 3		Morning Praise	Holy Communion		6.00 pm Shorter Evening Prayer / Music Night St John's
9 July Trinity 4	Holy Communion		Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	3.00 pm Hagley-Wollaston tea party/ worship - Wollaston
16 July Trinity 5			Parish Family Communion		
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About the Editor




I've lived in Hagley for over a year now, but this isn't my first experience of this beautiful village. My first experience of Hagley was being dropped off for my first day of school at Haybridge High School, back

when it used to be on Park Road. I remember the daunting moment of walking through the gates for the first time, which now feels like a lifetime ago. Fast forward two years when I had moved up to Brake Lane, I would always catch the train home from school to Blakedown. But one day a week, my friend and I would walk from school up the main road to my Grandad's house, stopping off at Spar for a few treats. We would sit and play on the computer for hours, no Internet, just paint, before my mum would pick us up. Fast forward ten years and I'm now living in that same house that my Grandad had lived in writing for the Village News. So although I've only lived in Hagley for one year, it has been part of my life for many more.




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