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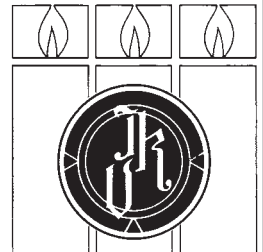


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## Welcome to August's edition of Hagley Village News.

The children have broken up from school, so it's time to get the ice creams and BBQ's at the ready. There's a lot going on in Hagley during this month.

Hagley String Orchestra are on the look out for people who can play Violin, Viola, Cello or D.B, more information on page 21 to get in touch. HCK Badminton's summer club still continues, more information on page 31 and The Hagley Tuesday Group are reaching out to old members for the reunion in September more on page 27. Don't forget to look at the back page for 'Little Kickers' a football club for children.

A Massive good luck to all students in Hagley who will be picking up their A level and GCSE results this month, I'm sure all of the hard work has paid off. Good luck to the next stage of your journey whether that will be college, employment or University. I know that your teachers, friends and family will be so proud of your achievements, congratulations!

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## Hagley Parish Council

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No access will be allowed beyond fenced off areas. This is for public safety and must be observed. I apologise now for any disruption these works may bring, however, this is a short-term disruption for long term gain.

I can report how disappointed HPC is at the recent increase in litter and disruption in the playing fields. I support the many residents who have reported these incidents and I would whole-heartedly agree that such repeated incidents give Hagley a poor name and gives the impression that no one cares. This is far from the truth and we will continue to seek ways of keeping the fields an attractive and pleasant place to visit. I have personally spoken to the schools and the Clerks who have written to the hot food take-a-ways asking for their support.

Finally please note two quick updates; mobile speed cameras are now in operation along the A456 and we will be carrying out further street lighting upgrades over the coming months.

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

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New Homes Bonus bids have been supported for Hagley Cricket Club, Hagley scouts, Hagley Primary School, Hagley Theatre, Hagley Guides and Haybridge High School. At the time of writing the Bromsgrove New Homes Bonus Panel is considering these bids.

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We are delighted to have recruited sixteen Community Ambassadors for the 2017/18 Academic year. The core aim of the Community Ambassador Programme, which runs across the schools in The ContinU Trust partnership of Wyre Forest &

Hagley, is to utilise the skills and enthusiasm of young people to promote key safety, citizenship and wellbeing messages to their peers through a calendar of assemblies, literature, presentations and/or displays, social media.

The role includes engaging in approximately 6 activities over the year covering, for example, raising awareness around Personal Safety, Internet Safety, Anti Bullying, Domestic Abuse / Healthy Relationships, Drugs & Alcohol awareness and charity events with a local focus.

The Ambassadors will also conduct surveys and fact-finding work amongst peers in school, providing evidenced-based approaches to tackling issues and promoting well-being.

Each year the new recruits are formally invested as Community Ambassadors by West Mercia's Police & Crime Commissioner at the Young Citizenship Celebration event at Kidderminster Town Hall in July, before an audience of parents, councillors, mayors and senior offices in the uniformed services.

The role develops students' team working, research and presentation skills as well as raising their awareness of a wide range of important issues.

A sample of what the students say they are looking forward to:

*'Helping and informing people about how to be safe', 'Coming up with new ideas to get people interested and make them aware of local issues.' and 'helping the community'.*

We wish them well in their roles.

Michael Conroy-Harris



## HAGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL

The end of the Academic Year was as busy as always! Year 10 Geography pupils completed their fieldwork trips as part of their GCSE examination. This year's fieldwork trips visited Birmingham and The Long Mynd Hills in Shropshire. We have also arranged a Higher Education preparation course for our Year 12 pupils which included trips to Birmingham and Worcester Universities and talks from guest speakers. Our Year 7 pupils have enjoyed the opportunity to take part in the Maths department trips to Drayton Manor.

Our Year 11 & Y13 pupils left us before the end of term, after completing their examination, and enjoyed two fine Leavers' Days, including the celebration of Mass and both Year Groups having their own Prom events at the Stone Manor Hotel. Our annual Summer Sports Day was hampered by bad weather: this meant that only the field events could be completed on the day that was originally scheduled. Fortunately, the school enjoyed the track events as part of the celebrations on the last day of the Academic Year.

A group of Y8 pupils were lucky enough to be selected to undertake a DVD-filming project with His Eminence Vincent Cardinal Nichols in London on the Solemnity of Sts Peter & Paul. His Eminence has produced a resource that will be used in parishes & schools throughout the country, which will help young people better understand the Mass and therefore participate in it more fully.

Finally we said goodbye to Mr Terence Hammond, our Headteacher of 17 years. Bishop David McGough celebrated Mass in school in the last week of term, which was followed by Summer High Tea for all his guests. Mrs Suzanne Horan takes up the role of Principal from 1 September 2017.

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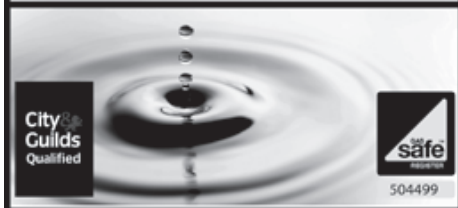
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The audience will have the opportunity to listen to some very entertaining and versatile pieces of popular music, played by various musicians to include handbells, flute, piano, guitar and many more! The event will be advertised in the Village News once the final details have been confirmed.

The Hagley Handbells meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in The Wychbury Room in the grounds between St John's Church and Hagley Cricket Club. If you like the idea of "having a go" at ringing handbells, please come along. You do not need to have any musical experience to join us, it's GREAT FUN!!!

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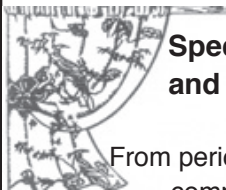
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### Hagley String Orchestra

I wonder if you know anyone who plays, or has played, violin, viola, cello or D.B. who has retired and could be free on Tuesday mornings. We would love you to join us in Hagley Free Church Hall from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 Noon for an exciting programme of music for this coming Autumn term.

A challenge is going to be a wonderful arrangement by Christopher Hogwood for string 6tet of Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante K. 634. Tony Bridgewater is joining us as solo pianist in Gerald Finzi's Eclogue, and Anne Wilson will be flute soloist in Johann Quantz (1697-1773) Concerto in G. We contrast these with Purcell's Suite 'Abdelazer or the Moor's Revenge' (remember Britten's Young Person's Guide'?) and the Denbigh Suite by Gordon Jacob. Our chamber music piece this term is the String Quintet in A by Glasunow (another challenge!).

Next term's dates are Tuesday 5th September to Tuesday 5th December omitting October 25th for Half Term. For more details, please contact Haydn Thomas on (01562) 885252; sanhay50@gmail.com. We'll give you a great welcome.

**Jeremy Patterson**  
Conductor

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### Hagley Gardeners' Club

Members and visitors enjoyed a memorable day out, firstly a short stop in the old town of Market Harborough with its medieval church and grammar school at its centre. A bustling Saturday morning among the many small shops, cafes and Pubs. Then on to Barnsdale Gardens, home of the beloved TV gardener, Jeff Hamilton. Some 36 small gardens of different character built as ideas for any front or rear garden for viewers to copy, and glorious weather to match.

**August 23rd** An Evening Garden visit by ticket only to Marlbrook Gardens, Bromsgrove. 7.00pm at the gardens. Entrance Fee includes Tea/Cake:£6.50 members, £7.50 Non-members. Please purchase before 12th August from John Oakes. Tel, 01562 882006. You are required to make your own arrangements for transport.

**September 27th** Harvest/Ploughman's Supper for our annual informal supper gathering. visitors welcome. Ticket only £7.00 per head. Please purchase before the event from Judy Iliff. Tel. 01562 883568

**October 25th** We welcome a return visit by Adrian James, always a popular speaker, to talk of Three West Country Gardens; Marwood Hill Gardens in Devon, Mapperton Gardens in Dorset and Yeo Valley Organic Garden in Somerset.

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# WHAT'S ON IN HAGLEY? - AUGUST 2017

## Tuesday August 1st

**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**  
No meeting

## Wednesday August 2nd

**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 August 3rd

**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

**Mothers Union coffee morning**  
St Saviours hall – 10:45am

## Friday August 4th

**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 August 5th

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

## Sunday August 6th

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

## Monday August 7th

**Dial a Ride**  
Hagley- Stourbridge

**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon

**Hagley WI**  
Hagley Community Centre – 2pm

## Tuesday August 8th

**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**  
St Saviours Hall – 8pm

## Wednesday August 9th

**Dial a Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Merry Hill  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon

**Coffee Morning**  
St John's – 10:30am

**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 August 10th

**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  
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**Taekwondo**  
Hagley Community Centre – 6-9pm

## Friday August 11th

**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

**Hagley Art Club**  
St Saviours Church Hall – 7:30-9:30pm

**Claire Botterill- Mixed media**

## Saturday August 12th

**Taekwondo**

Haybridge Sports Centre – 10-1pm

## Sunday August 13th

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

## Monday August 14th

**Dial a Ride**  
Hagley- Stourbridge

**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon

## Tuesday August 15th

**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 August 16th

**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 August 17th

**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 August 18th

**Dial a Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen

**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon

**HCK Badminton**  
Hagley RC School  
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8-10pm members

## Saturday August 19th

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

## Sunday August 20th

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

## Monday August 21st

**Dial a Ride**  
Hagley- Stourbridge

**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon

## Tuesday August 22nd

**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

**Travels with Martin Heathcock**

**Active Seniors- Tai Chi**  
Hagley Community Centre - 4:30-5:20pm

**Hagley Tuesday group**  
St Saviours Church - 8.00pm

## Wednesday August 23rd

**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**  
Marbrook gardens – 7pm

**Diane Clements, Alpine talk**

**Western Badminton Club**  
Haybridge Sports Centre – 8-10pm

## Thursday August 24th

**Hagley Library**  
Storytime- 10:30-11am

**Hand of Friendship**  
Fee Church Hall – 11-1:15pm

**Active Seniors**  
Hagley Community Centre  
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**Taekwondo**  
Hagley Community Centre – 6-9pm

## Friday August 25th

**Dial a Ride Bus Service**  
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**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon

**Hagley Country Markets**  
Hagley Cafe – 10:00-12:30

**HCK Badminton**  
Hagley RC School  
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8-10pm members

## Saturday August 26th

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

## Sunday August 27th

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

**Fun Games**  
Hagley Cricket club – 2:30pm

## Monday August 28th

**Dial a Ride**  
Hagley- Stourbridge

**Hagley Playgroup**  
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon

## Tuesday August 29th

**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

**Hagley Tuesday group**  
St Saviours Church - 8.00pm

## Wednesday August 30th

**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 August 31st

**Hagley Library**  
Storytime- 10:30-11am

**Hand of Friendship**  
Fee Church Hall – 11-1:15pm

**Active Seniors**  
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**Taekwondo**  
Hagley Community Centre – 6-9pm

# The Mexican Grackle

The sun rises over the other side of the complex. The cleaners trudging down the corridor and gossiping about the guests is our 7 am wakeup call. I wake up to the coldness of the air conditioning – a westerners dream. The windows are unmasked as I step out onto the balcony into the sauna-like heat. The pool boy begins his daily ritual of cleaning up after the thousands of tourists that descend to Mexico each year. Following my indulgence with the free bathroom cosmetics, I skip down the maze-like corridors to arrive at breakfast. An oversized man's dream of unlimited dining cuisine. I sparkle my gold band to the waiter and I'm hurried to the outside table, beneath the propeller-like fans that mask the architectural beauty. I pass the rows of countless delicacies, of spicy quesadillas, full English breakfasts and a colourful array of fruit. The smell of fresh bread baking with a mix of sun-creamed visitors fills my nostrils. I settle for granola and yoghurt, as I drew tired of being fattened up like a goose at Christmas. I sip my champagne and the bubbles tingle against my chapped lips, the popping of a cork and the squawk of birds capture my attention. Like a ghetto gang, these birds huddle together discussing tactics.

I am suspicious of these urbanised Mexican Grackle birds, as they taunt the waiters with their skilled pocketing techniques. As the waiter's backs are turned the bravest grackle subtly swoops in and fishes out an unidentified object from the bin. He catches the waiter's attention who claps in an attempt to scare off these jester-like scavengers. They regroup again, each standing on the backrest of a chair. They jump forward to the next chair; each one is edging closer and closer to an abandoned table aligned with leftovers. The almost blackness of their tails are similar to the Mexican night sky, tainted by light pollution leaving an eerie purple- blue tinge. I'm concerned about leaving my food unattended, so I watch as one pinches a packet of butter and fly's off showing off to his male rivals. The waiter claps again, and the birds fly away making various noises under their breath. With a large repertoire of vocalisations, these birds otherwise known as 'Zanate' are perceived as pests to the Mexican community. Mexican legend believes that these birds were first created with no voice; using their smart and cunning personality they stole their distinct songs from the wise and knowing sea turtle. The birds had taken the seven passions of life; Love, Hate, Anger, Sadness, Courage, Fear and Joy. Each of his songs represents a different passion. I finish up the taste of wild berries and crunchy granola and head to the pool for a routine swim. I pass a vigilant vocal Grackle as I walk across the burnt orange tiles, I'm now somewhat curious as to which passion he's squawking about.

**Esther Gittoes**



# Hagley Tuesday Group

## LADIES OF HAGLEY

### **OUR VIBRANT AND FRIENDLY LADIES GROUP ARE CANVASSING FOR NEW MEMBERS COULD ONE OF THESE BE YOU !**

Hello, my name is Sue Billington and in July I had the honour to become, for the second time, the Leader/Chairperson of our ladies group, the first time being in 1990 when we were called Wives and Womens Fellowship.

Our group goes back to 1955 where friendships made then, and for others in later years, have continued to this day. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in St. Saviours Church Hall at 7.45pm with the year starting in September. Annual fees are £15. Our age range goes from the 50s upwards but we would love to welcome ANY age group, the more the merrier.

We would love to see PAST MEMBERS joining us on the 12th of September for a reunion to catch up with old friends, see the new programme and hopefully welcome you back into the fold.

It would also be lovely to see the old DRAMA GROUP; your support would be great.

There has been lots of new builds in the village in recent times so if you are new to the village this will give you the chance to make new friends whilst having the benefit of meetings and outings. Please come along and see what we are about, you will be made very welcome. This applies to any ladies in Hagley and surrounding areas who would like to make new friends.

One unique selling point we have is that after registration the members are divided into small groups of 8-10 who operate separately from the main Tuesday group meetings. They meet for coffee perhaps in someone's home, or meals out, theatre visits etc. This enables you to get to know people more intimately and then the following year you join a different group meeting more people

The new programme has an exciting range of talks, some serious, some informative and some humorous, together with demonstrations and days out including a Christmas Shopping Trip.

This year's registration evening on the 12th September is a social evening with a short talk by one of our own members followed by registration, coffee and cupcakes.

So why not give us a try, you have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Come on your own or with a friend you will be assured of a very warm welcome. If 12th Sept is not convenient our following meeting will be on the 26th September. If you would like further information please contact me on 01562-885799.

Sue Billington

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

**<https://hagleytuesdaygroup.wordpress.com>**

## VILLAGE INFORMATION



HAGLEY ART CLUB

### ART CLUB

At our Meeting on Friday, 11th August, our visiting Artist is Claire Botterill, who will be giving a demonstration in Mixed Media.

As reported in last month's Hagley Village News, our Art Exhibition at Himley Hall is on throughout the month of August, finishing on 3rd September, so plenty of time to visit. The Hall is open in the afternoon 2pm to 5pm from Tuesday through to Sunday. Note: it is closed on Mondays.

Looking ahead to September, our visiting Artist will be Rosa Denby who will be showing us "Modern Techniques in Mixed Media".

**Anne Garth**

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### Hagley Theatre Group



Our Youth Section members are enjoying their hard earned summer break before they return to the hard but enjoyable work of staging our next production, the entertaining musical 'Sister Act,' to be performed from Wed 11 to Sat 14 October 2017. The show includes a range of musical genre that makes it interesting and challenging from traditional hymn singing to gospel and on to rock-and-roll. This theatrical version of the 1990's film has additional songs by Alan Mencken the multi oscar winning composer whose previous work includes Little Shop of Horrors; 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](mailto:hagleytheatregroup@gmail.com)). We are also on instagram and Facebook (both; @hagleytheatregroup). If you are interested in taking part in live theatre, (adult or youth), then contact us by the means mentioned above.

**Tony Forrest**

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# VILLAGE NEWS



## HCK Badminton Club

Our summer club continues until the end of September. This is an ideal opportunity for players of all levels to try out the club – beginners are welcome to our “social” session at 7pm on Friday evenings (£4 adults, £2.50 students). The club provides rackets and feather shuttles – so there’s no excuse not to give us a try. A couple of club members are always on hand to give advice or tips on how to improve your game.

More experienced competitive players should attend the later session from 8pm to 10pm (£5 pay and play). We are a friendly club, so visitors will get a warm welcome, and get to play plenty of games.

Team request forms have now been completed by those who want to compete next season, so the selection committee will be meeting shortly to decide how many teams we will be putting into the Cradley and Worcester leagues. The main season runs from the end of September to April, and during that time the club meets twice a week (Tuesdays and Fridays) from 8pm to 10pm. Please contact us if you would like details of our membership fees and how to join.

Socially as always post-match drinks at the French Hen continue every Friday. We also have other social evenings out (skittles / curry night) during the year.

For more information regarding the beginners or main club, please contact Libby Hewitt on 07849 356894 / elizabethhewitt92@gmail.com or Sam Ryder on 07979 243957 / sam@alfordinsurance.co.uk

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## Active seniors



### Active Seniors supports a National Osteoporosis Society event June 7th 2017

Every day we see headline news on NHS costs and it’s a shocking statistic that fragility fractures are estimated to cost our healthcare economy approx £4.4 billion a year! Hip fractures alone account for 69,000 emergency admissions into English hospitals, 1.3million bed days taken and cost around £1.5m a year (as quoted by the National osteoporosis Society). Those costs don’t even touch on the pain and sometimes life changing effects of a hip fracture on the person themselves and unfortunately once you have broken a bone you are much more likely to go on to break another unless you take action.

So as nearly all of those fractures happen as a result of a trip or fall is it time for YOU to look at YOUR balance to try and prevent yourselves becoming a statistic?

Active Seniors strength and balance classes at the Community Centre on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons take balance and bone strength seriously – we know how to help you on your way to improving your balance, co-ordination and reaction times and also work with you to build strength to help you stay strong and steady. Don’t think that this is all for the less mobile person – there is never a better time to ‘bank up your balance’ for the future than whilst you are still active especially if you have Osteoporosis. We have classes to suit everyone so pick up the phone and give us a call today to start helping your bones and preventing that first fracture.

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## Hagley Historical and Field Society



The Battle of Worcester in 1651 was the final battle of the English Civil War. Charles II with his mainly Scottish army were soundly defeated. After the battle, the king was a wanted man with a reward of £1000 offered for his capture. There are many stories surrounding his escape, not least of which was hiding in an oak tree at Boscobel House to escape a Parliamentary patrol. It is thought that on his way North he stopped at what is now the 'King's Arms' at Ombersley for refreshment and then onwards to Stourbridge.

As our speaker this month, Max Keen, asked us. How do you get to Stourbridge from Ombersley other than through Hagley? So here we have a very local connection with Charles II even if no 'Blue Plaque' marks the occasion. It was a brave decision to pass through Stourbridge as it had a Parliamentary garrison. We were told that he openly walked down the High Street speaking French. As unlikely as it sounds the ruse worked as by the 17th century there were many French speaking glassmakers in Stourbridge.

After many escapades he escaped from the South coast to France. How was it that he was not caught? Some think that after the disquiet of the execution of his father there was no appetite to repeat it and so he was pursued just sufficiently hard enough to keep him moving and ensure that he ended up where he could do no further harm.

We have no meeting in August so our next meeting at St Saviour's Church Hall is on Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 8.00pm. Dr. Kate Round will give a presentation entitled "Stourbridge Glassmakers - on the Move". Visitors are most welcome at all our events – see [hhfs.org.uk](http://hhfs.org.uk) for details and contacts.

*Jeff Cope*

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## Hagley Neighbourhood Watch

Hagley Neighbourhood Watch is working with the Bromsgrove Community Safety Projects Officer.

A meeting has been held with the Partnership and a wide range of community safety issues including crime and anti-social behaviour was discussed. A number of products were demonstrated which are available to help reduce vulnerability to crime. Many of these are low cost options. One such supplier can be seen on line and obtained with a 10% discount using code 10RED16 from Solon Security; <http://www.solonsecurity.co.uk>. There are a number of other companies supplying such items which can be found using a simple search on the internet. It is recommended that some research is undertaken before making any purchase.

Ensure that the basic practices of ensuring your home and car are well secured. Two simple things we should do is ensure that when we are away take measures to prevent this being obvious such as light timers and to mark all our valuables with such things as Ultra Violet pens, or Smartwater. Contact [david.rischmiller@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk](mailto:david.rischmiller@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk)

Before going away; tell your neighbours and friends, cancel the milk, ask someone to pick up the post, ask a neighbour to put your bins back for you once emptied. If you have an alarm set it and if you go away or don't have a car invite a neighbour to park on your drive so that it looks like people are coming and going.

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## HAGLEY W.I.



The speaker at the June meeting left members roaring with laughter at his talk entitled “A Policeman’s Lot”. Alan Rogers stories of his many amusing experiences during his years of service in the police force were very enlightening on the funny side of police work, which helped to temper the more serious things with which a policeman has to contend. Members were most grateful to him for his talk and for sending us away with smiles on our faces.

In September Hagley WI begins it’s new programme for the year 2017/2018 when we look forward to a variety of speakers at monthly meetings and many extra activities provided by our own WI and by the Worcestershire Federation of WI’s.

In the meantime we shall be enjoying the July meeting and, in August, a coach outing for lunch and an afternoon visit to Ludlow.

Members are always delighted to meet visitors and prospective members so, if you think you may be interested, please come to Hagley Community Centre, 2pm on the 18th September to hear a talk on “Living in Dubai” or on 01562 885215 contact Megan for further information.

Megan Bury



## Friends of St John’s Church

The next FREE coffee morning at St. John’s is on Wednesday 9th August at 10:30 by Joe Hawkins “Off the beaten track”. Joe and his team have effected amazing changes to Hagley Park in the grounds of Hagley Hall. Joe, who is head of head of landscape at Hagley Hall, said “I’ve gone back to the 18th Century sources, to diaries and people’s letters that mention the park, and collated all that information together “. The park which has been visited by two US presidents is being restored back to the way it was in the 18th Century.

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The Pony Express, which in 1860 began using horse and rider relay teams to shuttle mail along a 2,000-mile route between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California.

We learned that although the company only operated for 19 months, it set a new standard for high-speed mail delivery which later became a recurring motif in comics, Western films and frontier lore. The cost to send post this way was determined by its weight and for everyday folk could be expensive, so items sent were usually Newspaper reports, government dispatches and business documents, most of which were printed on tissue-thin paper to keep costs down.

Back then, mail sent to California could take 25 days by stage coach or months if sent by sea. So the Pony Express average delivery time of just 10 days was very attractive. Made possible by the setting up of a string of nearly 200 relief stations across what is now Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and California; lone horsemen would ride between stations at a breakneck pace, switching horses every 10-15 miles, then handing their cargo to a new courier after 75-100 miles.

Speed was the priority; the Pony Express went to great lengths to keep its horses' loads as light as possible. Specially designed saddles were used and most of the riders were small, wiry men who weighed between 100 and 125 pounds. Their average age was around 20, but it wasn't unusual for teenagers as young as 14 to be hired. Riders were well paid and received between \$100-\$150 monthly salaries. They also swore a company loyalty oath before they were employed.

Neil went on to tell us about William "Buffalo Bill" Cody who claimed that he served as a Pony Express rider at the age of 14. Cody kept the Pony Express' memory alive with his famous "Wild West" vaudeville shows whose performers included sharpshooters Annie Oakley and her husband, Frank Butler. Performers re-enacted the riding of the Pony Express, Indian attacks on wagon trains, Custer's Last Stand and stagecoach robberies. In fact on 28th April 1904, Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Congress of Rough Riders of the World staged a spectacular show at Eggington Farm Wollaston, situated between where Meriden Avenue and Bridle Road now stand. It must have been some sight to see real Cowboys and Indians riding down the High Street!

If you are interested in becoming a Rotarian or wish to help out at one of our fund raising activities, please contact [juliebanks93@gmail.com](mailto:juliebanks93@gmail.com) for further information.

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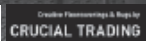
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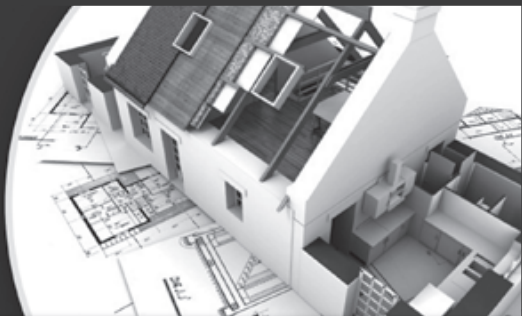


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### **Sunday Services August 2017**

**10.30am      6.00pm**

**No Sunday School in August**

#### **6<sup>th</sup> August**

**am** Rev David Tennant\*

**pm** Rev David Tennant\*

#### **20<sup>th</sup> August**

**am** Mrs Hazel Quelch

**pm** Pastor David Umbers

#### **13<sup>th</sup> August**

**am** Pastor David Umbers

**pm** Rev Ian Hendry

#### **27<sup>th</sup> August**

**am** Rev Dr Phillip Rees

**pm** service

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**Wednesday 9: Coffee Morning from 10.30 am in St John's.** Organist Richard Hall, Talk by Joe Hawkins – "Hagley Park update – Off the beaten track" All welcome – Free!

**Thursday 17: Mothers' Union Coffee Morning,** from 10.45 am in St Saviour's Church Hall. Bring and Buy, Plants, Produce, Present – to support the work of the Mothers' Union around the world.

**Sunday 27: Fun Games** from 2.30 pm, with a cricket-style tea, followed by Songs of Praise at about 5.00 pm, at Hagley Cricket Club: all welcome!

### 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
6 August Trans-figuration		Morning Praise	Holy Communion		Evening Prayer St John's
13 August Trinity 9	Holy Communion		Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	
20 August Trinity 10			Parish Family Communion		
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### What are your hobbies?

Travelling and reading and having recently brought a place in France, trying to improve my spoken French.

### How long have you lived in Hagley?


20 years.

### What do you love most about Hagley?


Near enough to city amenities (theatres, airport, etc) but rural enough to be a community and benefit from the lovely countryside.

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