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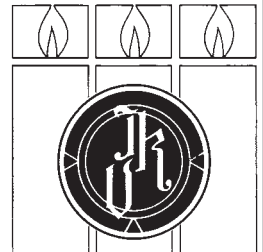


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## Welcome to September edition of the Hagley Village News.

This month we will be welcoming new students to the schools of Hagley and saying farewell as some students head into Employment, College, Apprenticeships and University. Check out our tips on the back page, for an easy progression into the next phase of education.

Once again we have a lot happening this month in Hagley. The students of Hagley in particular are doing extraordinary things this month. Congratulations, to The Hagley Explorer Scouts who have raised funds and completed a fantastic trip, more on page 28. It's great to see what the students of Haybridge are up to, each year group seem to have had amazing activities planned. More on the same page.

Friends of St Johns will be welcoming a guest speaker who will be talking about The Ifakara Bakery Project, page 41. If you are feeling generous this year and happy to give up your time and volunteer for the Christmas in Hagley, find out more on page 7.

Finally I would like to apologise for the confusion in last month's edition in regard to the opening hours of Hagley Doctors surgery. Please be advised that the Doctor's are open five days a week.

### DID YOU KNOW?

September is often associated with fire because the month was dedicated to the Roman God Vulcan, who is the God of Fire and the Forge.

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Editor

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We are looking for volunteers, event helpers and Christmas features so if that's you please contact either me or the Parish clerks. Watch out for more information over the coming weeks.

As we know there will be significant works in and around Hagley over the next six months. Many will be aware of the new fencing installed on the allotments along Church St. Later this year a suitable hedge will also be planted as well as further tree planting along with a range of outdoor gym equipment to be installed in the playing field.

During the holiday period the Library has been running a number of special events and this is just a reminder that you may be surprised at exactly how much more our library provides. I would encourage everyone to go down and speak to the staff who are always very willing to help.

A number of residents have raised questions in relation to the CCTV surveillance around the playing fields. There is an update for information in the 'Hagley Neighbourhood Watch' in this edition of the Village news.

**Cllr Steve Colella Chairman Hagley Parish Council**

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Just a reminder that should your bins be missed you can contact Bromsgrove District Council on 01527 881288 or report it on line by going to [www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/my-place/bins-and-recycling/missed-bin](http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/my-place/bins-and-recycling/missed-bin)

**Bromsgrove District Councillors Colella (Hagley West) and Jenkins (Hagley East)**

## Hagley Library

The Library is currently busy running its annual summer reading challenge for children aged 4-12 years and a mini challenge for children up to 3 years. We have over 100 children participating this year, which is brilliant. If your child hasn't yet finished there is still plenty of time for them to read their 6 books! Please come into the library to join up and after you have read 1 or 2 books come and see us to get your goodies! The closing date for finishing the 6 books is 23rd September 2017. On completion, the children will get a certificate and an invitation to a medal ceremony on Saturday 14th October. Help us to have our best year yet with the most children completing the challenge!

We are also planning to launch a new monthly book club for children aged 6-12 years called Hagley Library Book Buzzers! It will be launched at our summer reading challenge medal ceremony so will be officially starting in November. If you have a child of that age we would love you to join! Come into the Library for more details.

Our free weekly Chattertots storytime on a Thursday morning at 10:30am is back with lots of fun including storybags and colouring! This is for children aged 2-5 years. There is no need to book just come along.

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## HAGLEY ROTARY CLUB COME AND JOIN US



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July saw the club's first female President, Janet Wicks, inaugurated by immediate past president Derry Millington at the Ladies Luncheon at the Stone Manor Hotel. In fact, as I am now the Vice President, it is the first time in the club's 39-year history that both roles have been filled by women!

Janet joined us a few years ago when her and her husband moved here from Namibia, where they were very much involved in their local Rotary Club.



Janet has a great year in store for us, but on a sad note, when she agreed to be President last year she had no idea that her husband Stewart would not be by her side to support her. In his memory, her chosen charity is Shelterbox – who provide emergency shelter and vital aid to people affected by disasters worldwide. A charity that was particularly close to Stew's heart.

Some of her plans for the year is to continue the Rotary theme of "Making a difference" to people's lives both locally and further afield. Rotary has been working to eradicate Polio for over 30 years, and have recently been joined in this by Bill & Melinda Gates. To this end, we are participating in the Purple4Polio campaign and have purchased around 5,000 crocuses to be planted in Hagley Village.

The purple crocus is a symbol of Rotary's worldwide campaign to eradicate polio, with its colour representing the purple dye used to mark the finger of a child to indicate they have received their life saving oral polio vaccine. We hope they will make a stunning display in the village next Spring.

Purple4Polio

Janet is passionate about Rotary and invites the Hagley community to come and find out more about the work that Hagley Rotary Club gets involved in. We will be manning a stand in the village on certain Saturdays for the next few months so please do come and say hello. We'd love to meet you and hear your ideas on new local projects similar to the addition of the defibrillator to the High Street.

Our thanks go to Rotarians Ann & Hassan Paraiso who hosted another fabulous BBQ, at which we met up with honorary member Ann Becke and a group of children brought over from Chernobyl for the month. The charity, Chernobyl Children's Life Line, was founded to help the children of Belarus. Their aim is to raise money in order to bring groups of children to their particular area for respite care. It is estimated that a month in the UK, eating uncontaminated food, breathing uncontaminated air boosts their immune system to such an extent, that it gives them an extra two years on their life expectancy. Hagley Rotary Club is very proud support of Ann Becke's work.

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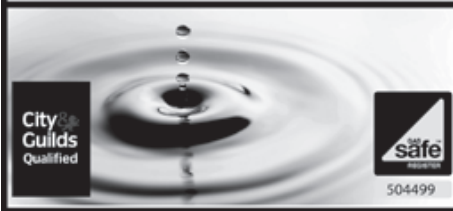
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# Village Ladies

**We are pleased to announce that the Hagley Tuesday Group have now decided on a new name, in future the group will be known as Village Ladies**

Following our article in the August edition of the Village News we are hoping to welcome old and new members to our September meetings where a warm welcome awaits. Come along and make new friends and find out what we will be getting up to over the coming year.

12th September – a short talk by one of our own members entitled “58 Years and Counting” followed by registration, coffee and cupcakes and the chance to catch up after the summer break.

26th September we will welcome Meg Farmer who will tell us of her 20 years experience being a foster carer to over 100 children. Thought provoking yet with some humour thrown in. One not to be missed.

In November we shall be taking a Christmas Shopping trip to The Gloucester Quays shopping outlet where goods are up to 70% cheaper than on the high street. We shall enjoy a Christmas Victorian Market together with street entertainment, walk across the Quays to the beautiful cathedral or a short walk into Gloucester shopping centre itself, which is set around several side streets and very quaint. Details will be available at meetings.

For further information on joining Village Ladies please contact Sue Billington 885799 or Toni Allison 884079

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## Hagley Evening Fellowship

Our meetings will start again on 5th October. The 1st and 3rd Thursday at 8pm, at the Hagley Free Church

**In October our speakers are:**

Ray Sturdy “Remembering the swinging sixties”, followed on 19th October by Ruth Lowe speaking on “Mary Quant - Early life and career”

Do come along and join us for an interesting evening listening to fascinating speakers followed by tea, coffee and biscuits.

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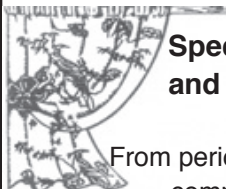
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## Hagley String Orchestra

We're now on our third rehearsal after the 7 week summer vacation break; I had sometimes wondered if players will have forgotten how to play over such a long time. However, most of us took away some of the music for this current term, and I'm happily reassured in hearing practice has taken place!

At the beginning of September, I borrowed the score and parts for the Quantz *Flute Concerto in G major* from Birmingham Conservatoire Music Library which is now situated in Birmingham City University's Curzon Street library, a short walk from where the new and inspiring Conservatoire building is positioned.

We began this term by playing Purcell's *Abdelazar Suite* and getting to know the Quantz concert ready for our soloist Anne Wilson. We've also begun to tackle the wonderful *Eclogue* by Gerald Finzi and Mozart's *Sinfonia Concertante* arranged for string 6tet.

We would like to expand, and will give a warm welcome to players who need to be AB Grade 5 or above. Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 Noon in the hall of Hagley Free Church. Please contact Haydn Thomas on (01562) 885252; sanhay50@gmail.com

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The Hagley Handbell Ringers are currently practicing for the Heart of England Handbell Ringers Rally. This event is hosted by a different Handbell group each year, who host other groups from throughout the region.

The group has almost one hundred members from across the East and West Midlands, Worcestershire, Warwickshire and Staffordshire, making it a very versatile and imaginative set of teams, who are committed to promoting the old age tradition of handbell ringing.

This year Hagley Handbell Ringers are hosting the event at Hagley Community Centre on the 21st October.

The concert begins at 1:00pm and is approximately two hours long, with a short fifteen-minute interval, where tea/coffee and cakes will be available.

A small admission fee of 50p will be charged, as a contribution towards the cost of the hire of the Community Centre.

Limited seating space is available for the audience. If you are planning to join us, please arrive at least 15 minutes before the concert begins, to guarantee a seat.

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Hagley Bellringers

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# Hagley Neighbourhood Watch update

There has been an increase in interest in the CCTV surveillance system in and around the playing fields.

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The 'bank' of screens are monitored 24/7 365 by a dedicated team of trained operators. There is a two-way communications system, which includes instant alerts between the operators and the Police.

The operators work under the Government's 'Surveillance Camera Office Code of Practice' and undergo regular compliance assessment.

It has been confirmed to me that the cameras are working correctly and are set to pre-set sweeps, or can be in a fixed position or remotely moved by operators for proactive monitoring.

The operators have been asked to increase their vigilance in Hagley and are proactively monitoring and trying to spot anti-social behaviour and of course the perpetrators of crime. Footage is being provided to the Police who are following up on a number of leads in respect of recent ASB and crime. It is of course disappointing when the cameras don't pick up on serious incidents or provide the evidence that we would hope for.

As soon as incidents are reported the surveillance team is contacted and asked to review footage and save any evidence that the cameras pick up.

**Steve Colella and Roger Seabury Hagley Neighbourhood Watch administrators**

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## The Royal British Legion

**Blakedown & Hagley Royal British Legion were active in Hagley on Armed Forces Day (June 24th.) Thank you to all of those who popped by the stall to have a chat and donate.**

**On Saturday 23rd September, the branch will be hosting a Poppy Concert at Hagley Community Centre, to raise funds for the Poppy Appeal. Tickets available locally from committee members, or from the branch secretary.**

**The branch is looking for volunteers to help during the Poppy Appeal in November. If you could spare just a few hours to stand holding a collection tub in the area, please contact the branch secretary.**

**Currently the charity is spending £2 million per week on its beneficiaries, and this is increasing, so the Poppy Appeal is vital for generating income.**

**Branch secretary Alan Kelly. 0121 445 2577. alan@alkel.co.uk**

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## Hagley Archives Group - Middlefield Lane history

At the recently held AGM of the Hagley Archives Group, it was reported that sales of the book "Middlefield Lane- A short history" had gone well, with approaching 170 copies sold so far. As a result, with production costs covered, a sum of £250 had been sent to the Kidderminster "Stride and Stroll" group, in memory of Peter Bloore, whose researches had inspired the project.

Thanks to all who have supported the project, whether by contributing to the book in any way, or by purchasing a copy!

**Copies of the book are still available for sale, it can be obtained from Happy Families in Hagley, or from Tom Pagett (882302)**

# The Clent Hills

I watch her carefully as she uses her blushed pink tongue to inhale the sausages from the paper plate. She is almost human like, as she sits next to me on the bench, licking her lips and looking intently at the sausage in front. It's well deserved; we've been walking for forty minutes up the hill that is 'Clent Hills'. The day begins with a drizzle, the fields are dewy and the mud beneath my boots slurps with each step. The first hill to get to the top, almost takes my breath away. The incline makes it difficult to breathe, so I take sharp short stops to regain my breath and momentum. As I'm walking to the top of Clent Hills, I notice the unusual stillness of a Monday afternoon during the school holidays. On my route, the only people I have encountered are a couple emerging from the woods on my right. They unearth a great grin as we pass; their cameras are dangling around their neck, perhaps nature photographers I wonder to myself.

The remains of a fire have inhabited a patch of grass, probably teenagers I utter, as the dog's nose sniffs the remains. The singed grass is abandoned and a few bottles lay next to it. In the distance I see a family grouped on a bench having a picnic. Their brightly coloured coats are similar to the huts of Instow beach in Devon. They are all wrapped up warm, whereas I have now removed my jacket and hidden it away in the backpack on my shoulders. I can hear the faint sounds of cars in the distance and the annoying tap of the dog lead against my aluminium water bottle. The winds pick up once I'm at the top, the gustiness distracts the crow from flight in the path in front. I pass another dog walker, who puts his dog on a lead with shy mannerism. I smile, like all dog walkers and hurry past, trying to prevent our dogs to meet, I would be there for hours otherwise. Over the hill we go, the smell of fresh air tickles my nostrils and I accidentally step onto rabbit droppings with each step. As we wave off to the left hand path, the view of Worcestershire is exposed. The green pastured land looks peacefully positioned below but in the distance the greyness of the city taints the naturalist view. Where there are green fields and farming lands, the grey chaos of the town never seems to far behind.

These fields are covered with common ragwort, willow herb and grassland, there are more people as I start to wander the path. The mud beneath my Clarkes boots cause me to lose my footing, as I slide slightly down the slope. As we continue to follow the path, we pass many benches that have shared hundreds of memories. I pause for a moment whilst sitting on a bench, marvelling at the view ahead. I can hear laughter in the distance and so I look behind me, up the hill directly behind my bench was a young boy on his. The boys feet dangle over the seat, he's too short to touch the ground, he sits there alone wearing a Captain America T-shirt. I wonder what he's doing up there, looking at the view, pondering life's biggest questions perhaps? He catches me staring, so I hastily turn to the view and creep to the edge of my seat. We begin to walk again.

A few minutes on and we come to the woodland area of Clent Hills. Children are hiding behind trees, playing with their



friends. Parents are gossiping on the side trails and dogs are sniffing the muddy path ahead. There is so much green as I pass the makeshift playground on my left, constructed from wood, bark and leaves hosting a compilation of children's imaginations. "We're close", I tell Dottie, my four-legged companion. Her legs have drawn tired from the strain of the hill, although a young dog her legs are barely 10cm long. I watch as she takes the lead, to the hut ahead. The air is still slightly damp, but the sun continues to shine through the gaps in the forest of trees.

I hook the clasp of the lead through her collar and stroll to the hatch, eager to relay my order to the cook. "Tomatoes on toast and a sausage for the dog", I ask politely. Muddy paws are stamped across my jeans as I collect our order from the kitchen. We sit on a bench in a park full of walkers, and each take a bite from our lunchtime treat. The saltiness of the tomatoes and the toughness of the skin assemble in my mouth, as I watch Dottie inhale the last piece of sausage. "It's worth it", I say to her as I wash down the crumbs in my mouth with a can of Diet Pepsi.

We begin our walk back down the muddy path towards the car, taking in the views of woodlands, grasslands and countryside views. Renowned for being a slice of Haven in the heart of the busy Midlands, Clent Hills is a beautiful part of the county. Within these woods there's an encouragement of natural play, as well as the opportunity to see a carpet of bluebells in the spring months.

Before hurrying down the hill to continue a day of errands, I decide to sit on an unmarked bench. Most benches here are engraved with memories of family passed. But this one is unmarked, yet to be chosen. Its wooden structure seems relatively new, it looks onto the views of the Midlands with fresh eyes, unworn by the passers by. I'll stay here for a few moments admiring the view, swinging my legs through the gap in the bench, still unable to quite reach the floor yet.

## Esther Gittoes



# VILLAGE INFORMATION

## HAGLEY RAMBLER SCOUTS



After many months of training, fundraising and preparation, Hagley's Explorer Scouts set off in the early hours of Monday 31st July to undertake a 16 day "Explorer Belt Expedition". There are five girls and four boys aged 16/17 in two mixed teams and they will travel through France, Belgium and Holland to get to Cologne in Germany where the expedition starts. Their destination is Berlin and on the way they will be totally self-sufficient travelling by foot and public transport, buying their food and undertaking a series of projects involving German culture and history. The Explorer Scouts have raised £10,000 to pay for the self-funded expedition and will be giving a presentation on their return. On the expedition they are being supported and assessed by three Leaders – Jim Austin, Dave Richards and Josh Sheppard. Josh will be with them for the whole expedition and Jim and Dave will change over half way through.

Congratulations to the Explorer Scouts – the Explorer Belt Expedition is a tremendous challenge and achievement and a special thanks must go to the Explorer Leaders who have supported them leading up to and during the event.  
Sue Corlett

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## HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



Each year Haybridge's Personal Challenge Week in July offers students of all year groups a wide range of stimulating, challenging and enjoyable activities and this year was definitely no exception. Students took part in a wide range of exciting activities both on school campus and much further afield as they took advantage of varied opportunities to develop

their skills, their knowledge, their creativity and their teamwork.

Over 100 Year 9 students and staff took part in the annual adventure activities trip to the beautiful Ardèche region of France, where they enjoyed canoeing, camping, walking and climbing. Other Year 9 students immersed themselves in the world of robotics, 3D Design and gaming and their week was rounded off with the very real-world thrills of Alton Towers!

Sixth Form geographers went to Iceland to observe its amazing, dynamic terrain while A Level Physics and Maths students got to grips with the phenomenal research work being undertaken at the CERN research complex in Geneva, home to the Large Hadron Collider.

Many students in Year 10 and 12 spent the week on Work Experience – in settings ranging from architects to a bank and a delicatessen to a law court.

Year 8 students' Creative week saw them producing interpretations of scenes from Shakespeare – ranging from a sci-fi version of 'Romeo and Juliet' to a gangster-themed 'The Merchant of Venice'. Students developed their self-confidence as well as an understanding of various performing arts, including music, acting, prop design and costumes.

Great experiences all around!

Michael Conroy- Harris



**HAGLEY ART CLUB**

## ART CLUB

At our Meeting on Friday, 8th September, Rosa Denby is our visiting Artist who will be showing us Modern Techniques in Mixed Media.

Starting on 1st September we are having a small Exhibition of framed and unframed paintings at Harvington Hall. The Display will be there until the end of December. Harvington Hall is a very interesting place to visit and they have lovely refreshments on offer too!

The Club is also again having unframed pictures and cards on sale at the Belbroughton Scarecrow weekend, 30th September/1st October. This is held in Belbroughton Church Hall.

Looking ahead to October, this will be our Annual Appraisal of Members' paintings, which is being taken by Graham Madders one of our members. Graham is a very accomplished Artist whose pictures are always very popular at our Annual Exhibitions, which are held each November.

Anne Garth

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# Hagley Country Dancers

Are you ready for something new after the summer break? Would you like to make new friends? Do you enjoy a friendly chat, some gentle exercise and a bit of a laugh? If so, you would enjoy an afternoon with the Hagley Country Dancers.

We commence the Autumn session on September 11th in the Free Church Hall (plenty of parking via Chapel Street) and would welcome new members.

We dance a variety of formats, from the Community Dance Book or the Playford and Apted traditions or from collections of dances written more recently. Dances vary from the sedate to the gentle, with an occasional increase in tempo and are suitable for dancers of all ages. We have quite a few members in their eighties who are convinced that dancing keeps them alert and active.

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

**For more information, ring June Waterhouse, 01562 700369**

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# Hagley Theatre Group



Now the summer break is over our talented Youth Section will be back to rehearsing hard for our next show the musical 'Sister Act'. The show has a range of musical genre for our young performers to experience and be challenged on, from traditional hymn singing to gospel and rock-and-roll. There's plenty of comedy acting too as the story 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. Our award winning young performers will stage this show at the Community Centre from Wed 11 to Sat 14 October. Tickets are £10 (£8.00 concessions) and are available on 07907 457217 or e mailing us (hagleytheatregroup@gmail.com) and from Paddock Butchers. We are also on instagram and Facebook (both; @hagleytheatregroup). We look forward to seeing you at the show.

**Tony Forrest**

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# Hagley Community Orchestra

Hagley Community Orchestra will be playing for the Harvest Festival Family Communion Service on Sunday September 24th in St Saviour's Church at 10.45am.

We will be accompanying the hymns and will play The Armed Man (15th century French folk song), at the beginning and Elenka (a Bulgarian folk dance) at the end of the service.

If you would like to play in the orchestra, please phone or text me, Cynthia Downes (Musical Director), on 07564 276 404 or 01562 886625.

We will be rehearsing on the 3 Thursdays prior to the service (September 7th, 14th and 21st) in St Saviour's Church from 5.30pm to 7pm and on the day of the service itself at 9am in St Saviour's.

Looking forward to welcoming new members to our friendly bunch!

Many thanks, **Cynthia Downes**

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOMMENCES ON 10 SEPT

*On 17 Sept Mrs Marjorie Davies leads "all-age service" with book giving*

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

The church will be open on Saturday 23 September from 10.00 – 12noon for the receipt of harvest gifts.

Morning worship is an all age harvest service and this will be followed by a harvest lunch in the hall.

There is no evening service. Harvest gifts are especially welcomed for the food bank.

### *Bible Study & Prayer Group*

Meets at the Church on Tuesday from 7.30 – 900pm

### *Ladies Afternoon Fellowship*

Tuesday 26 September at 2.30pm

### Harvest Praise and Gifts

### Sunday Services September 2017

10.30am      6.00pm

Sunday School at 10.15am

### 3<sup>rd</sup> September

am Rev David Tennant\*

pm Rev David Tennant\*

### 10<sup>th</sup> September

am Rev Dr Phillip Rees

pm Mr Keith Flinders

### 17<sup>th</sup> September

am Sunday School Service

pm Rev Diane Cooksey

### 24<sup>th</sup> September: Harvest Service

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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.

Teams have now been selected for next season, with matches beginning at the end of the month. If you are an experienced player and are interested in joining us, you would still be eligible to play as a reserve. The season runs until the end of 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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**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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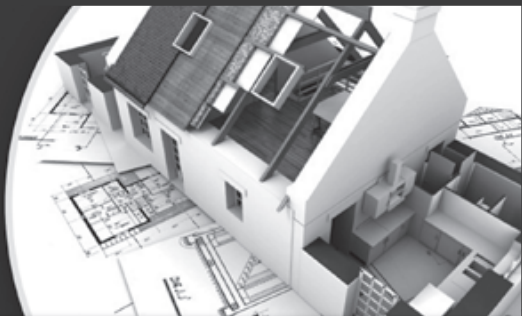


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Most members are familiar with the work of Mary Stevens Hospice as it is the one closest to Hagley and many of us support it in various ways, but it was good to hear of St Richards and it's care of patients and their families in a time of desperate need.

Lunch followed by a visit to Ludlow is planned in August and then the Autumn session begins. Members will be taken on a tour of the world at the first two meetings when on the 3rd Monday in September we hear about Living in Dubai and In October a talk on a clinic in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia will be given.

Currently the Knit and Knatter group are knitting blankets for the patients at the clinic and these will be handed to the speaker at the October meeting.

If you think we sound interesting please come to Hagley Community Centre 2pm, usually on the second Monday in each month, or for further information contact Megan Bury on 01562 885215 - we would be delighted to welcome you.

Dates for the calendar

18th September - "Living in Dubai"

13th November - "Kennels to Buckingham Palace"

15th January - "Divine Intervention!"

12th March - "Gardening & A Garden"

14th May - Annual Meeting, Resolutions, Social Time

9th July - "Behind the Scenes with a TV Caterer"

9th October - "Fistula Clinic-Ethiopia"

11th December - Christmas Party

12th February - "Black Country Humour"

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**Wednesday 13: Coffee Morning from 10.30 am in St John's.** Organist Michael Jones. Talk by Eugene Stellenberg on "The Ifikara Bakery Fund Project" Free entry – all welcome.

**Sunday 24 September – Harvest Festival.** There will be a Parish Communion service in St Saviour's at 10.45 a.m., followed by a "Bring and Share" lunch in the Church Hall. Tinned and dried goods will be taken to Stourbridge Foodbank, and any fresh produce sold in aid of Mary Stevens Hospice. In the evening there will be a Songs of Praise service on a harvest theme, also in St Saviour's.

### 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
3 Sept Trinity 12		Café Church	Holy Communion		6.00 pm Shared Evening Worship <b>Free Church</b>
10 Sept Trinity 13	Holy Communion		Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	
17 Sept Trinity 14			Parish Family Communion		<b>2.00 pm</b> Hagley & Wollaston visit to B'ham Cathedral
24 Sept Harvest Festival	Holy Communion			Parish Communion	Harvest Songs of Praise St Saviour's

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- If you're unsure of what uniform to wear, what bags can be taken etc. Take a trip to the school before the holidays and see what students are wearing. It's difficult with the trouser VS skirt debate.
- Be organised! Especially when it comes to your timetable, print several copies and add lessons to your calendar on your phone. There's nothing worse than walking late into the wrong classroom.
- Interact with the people in your form or in the first class of the day. These will be the most likely group you'll hang out with for the first couple of weeks. With Uni students, interact with your housemates, these are also the first group you will most likely be with.
- Talk to the person sitting next to you. With seating plans set in motion, it's ideal to make friends with that person as you could be sat together for a while.
- Don't be too shy to ask for help, it's a new environment so you're bound to get lost.
- Take lunch to school on the first day, so you can suss out the canteen. Take enough money for a trip to the shop with your new mates. Or for Uni students, a beer to break the ice.
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- Make sure the pencil cases are full and the notebooks are nestled in your bag the night before.
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