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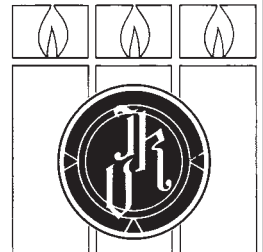


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In Hagley this month, The Hagley Evening Fellowship are having exciting talks, including a talk on 'Remembering the Swinging Sixties' more on pg 28. Don't forget the Scouts Bonfire Night, tickets must be purchased in advance- more on pg 13. There is also an event called the Heart of England Handbell Ringers Rally - more on page 31.

In light of recent concerns of public safety, the Neighbourhood watch are holding a meeting on the 16th of October; more information can be found on pg 9.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Anglo-Saxons called October Winterfylleth, meaning the 'fullness' of winter.

Esther Gittoes  
Editor

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I would like to thank the Post Office service for providing the temporary Post Office van during the period that the Post Office has been refurbished and look forward to the permanent Post Office service coming back into Hagley.

The closure of the bank will be a loss to Hagley and will cause difficulties for many; this would be an opportunity to remind readers of the dial ride service which goes to Stourbridge, Kidderminster, Longbridge (every two weeks) and Merry Hill. Banking services remain at these locations.

The whole of Worcestershire is undergoing an upgrade 'superfast Broadband' provision. Parts of Hagley have already been upgraded with the remainder being completed this autumn. To check if your property has access to the new service go to <http://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/broadbandproject/PostcodeStatus.aspx> to register for updates go to <http://www.superfastworcestershire.com/#register> or for more information go to [superfast@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:superfast@worcestershire.gov.uk).

The Parish Council will be once again supporting the 2017 Christmas event in the Village planned for the 24th November. More details will follow, but in the meantime please note that a road closure will be requested to ensure everyone's safety and to help the event run smoothly. If you would like to get involved please contact the Clerk of the Parish.

**Cllr Steve Colella Chairman Hagley Parish Council**

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It is equally pleasing to report that Hagley Primary school was also successful in its bid for an all-weather sports surface which will be accessible for wider community use.

Both projects will be commencing over the coming months.

A number of other Hagley bids were unfortunately unsuccessful this time around.

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

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## Hagley Neighbourhood Watch update

A public meeting has been arranged with the West Mercia's Police and Crime Commissioner Mr John Campion. The meeting is to be held in the Community Centre hall starting 7pm on the 16th October. All welcome. Mr Campion has been invited to the public meeting in light of the increasing crime in Hagley and residents' concerns in respect of the level of Policing in Hagley.

The Hagley Neighbourhood watch has been formally registered with the Neighbourhood watch network and so will benefit from wider exposure and support.

Anyone who would like to take an active part in the Watch please contact Roger or myself.

There has been an increase in Anti-Social behaviour in Hagley over the summer months; the Police are following up on a number of leads including CCTV images taken from the Severn Trent security systems and the CCTV cameras in and around the playing fields.

The Parish Council has reported incidents that have occurred in and around the playing fields and so will be subject to Police investigations.

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

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## Friends of St John's Church

On Sunday 27th August the group of Holy Cross churches joined us at Hagley Cricket Club for what was the annual cricket match, with a Hagley Church Team versus all-comers from the other churches. Well that was while teams could be formed. So this year on a very sunny afternoon we played outdoor games on the cricket pitch followed by a glorious tea. There were certainly no scratch teams, but we all had a great time. At about 5pm there was an out door Evensong service for about forty of us. A memorable event under the clear blue sky surrounded by the stunning beauty of Hagley Hall Park and St. John's church.

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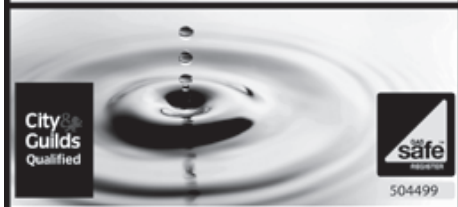
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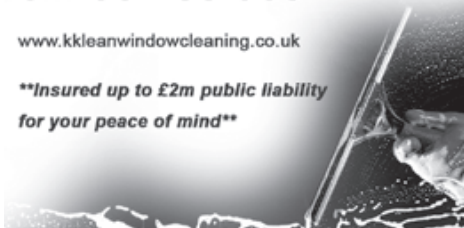
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# VILLAGE INFORMATION

## Hagley Theatre Group



This year's show is now upon us and all the hard work over the last nine months, by our talented Youth Section, is going to result in great entertainment. The musical 'Sister Act' has got something for everybody. It has all the hallmarks of a thriller as the main protagonist, disco diva Deloris Van Cartier enters the witness protection programme pursued by those who are desperate to find her. It is a comedy as Deloris's spirit cannot be contained by being hidden in a convent under the suspicious watch of the Mother Superior. And not least this a musical that spans a number of musical genre from traditional hymn singing to gospel and rock-and-roll as 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 ART CLUB**

## ART CLUB

Our Meeting on Friday, 13th October, is our annual Appraisal evening of Member's Work. Graham Madders, one of our very talented artists is taking the evening so we can be assured of getting an excellent appraisal, and also help and advice to improve our pictures if needed. This is an interesting evening when we get the opportunity of seeing pictures members have been working on during the year in preparation for our Annual Exhibition in November.

Our small Exhibition of framed and unframed pictures at Harvington Hall which opened on 2nd September will be there until the end of December so plenty of time to visit.

Looking ahead to November our visitor will be Kevin Storrar from the Walsall Art Gallery with some "Tips and Techniques".

**ADVANCED NOTICE:** Annual Exhibition at Hagley Community Centre opens Friday evening at 7pm on 24th November, and Saturday and Sunday 25th and 26th November 10am -4pm. Make a note in your diaries.

**Anne Garth**

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## Hagley Country Dancers

We are under way for the Autumn term and on Monday afternoons Hagley Free Church Hall echoes to the sounds of Fairfield Fancy, The Queen's Jig and The Yorkshire Square Eight as the Hagley Country Dancers return from their summer break.

As ever, there is much news to catch up on and notes to compare as the members recommence the sessions.

New members are always made welcome and there is always plenty of helpful advice available for anyone taking the plunge into what may be a completely different experience.

Whilst we may not be as glamorous as "Strictly", we offer an hour and a half of pleasant company, gentle exercise and just a bit of an incentive to get the grey cells working.

So, if you have a bit of time to spare on Monday afternoons, are moderately active, (e.g. if you can walk) and enjoy a bit of socialising, come and see what we do.

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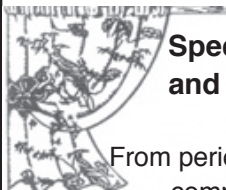
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# VILLAGE INFORMATION



## HAGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL

Now that the dust has settled into a new term under the headship of Mrs Suzanne Horan, we have reflected on this summer's examination results.

Hagley Catholic High School is delighted to report record breaking A level results from our Sixth Form. 100% of the entries secured success at Advanced Level this summer. Students and staff worked tremendously hard to ensure that well over half of all grades awarded were at grade B or higher. Outstandingly, over 1 in 4 of all A Level qualifications attained the highest A\* & A grades, continuing to build on our successes over the last three years, as a result of strategic developments within the Sixth Form. Overall, more than 80% of all results awarded are A\*-C. These fantastic results represent a dynamic shift in the standards of teaching & learning in our Sixth Form.

Students maintained our notable record of securing amongst the very best Average Point Score per student in Worcestershire, with an average of 139 points for all students. This means that we anticipate well over a third of our students to be immediately accepted into the Russell Group University of their choice.

In a year of expected volatility as a result of the introduction of new GCSE courses and grading, we are also delighted to congratulate pupils and staff of Hagley Catholic High School who, once again, have met expectations by achieving some fantastic GCSE results!

We are confident that pupils have made expected progress in line with the Government's new Key Performance Indicators. We are delighted that 82% of pupils have achieved grades 9-4 in an English Language (88% in English Literature) and an impressive 85% have secured the same standard in mathematics.

Whilst the new key performance indicators make clear comparisons with previous years very difficult, it can be identified that 80% of the students secured the equivalent of 5 standard passes (Grades A\*-C). It is very encouraging to report that over a quarter of the entries secured the top grades (A\*/A or 9 to 7 for the new courses).

The vast majority of our pupils secured 9 or 10 GCSEs with good grades, in both core and option subjects, demonstrating the school's commitment to delivering a broad and balanced curriculum to all students.

Recently retired Headteacher, Ted Hammond, says of the results *"These results, once again, reflect the hard work and dedication of both staff and students, which will allow our pupils to progress onto positive and appropriate post-16 pathways."*

B McArdle

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## Hagley Historical and Field Society



Our speaker this month was Gay Hill and her topic was 'West Midlands Struggle for the Vote'. She was dressed as a 'Suffragette' sporting the movement's colours of Purple, White and Green representing Dignity, Purity and Hope. She pointed out that there were Suffragists and Suffragettes with the former being relatively peaceful and the latter being more violent in the manner in which they conducted their campaigns.

The demand for votes for women had been raised by Mary Wollstonecraft as early as 1792 during the radical surge following the French Revolution. The 1832 Reform Act gave the vote to 'male persons' but the issue of votes for women languished until the 1860s. By the early 1900s the Black Country had become the heartland of Women's Suffrage but despite public support for the cause, the governments of Gladstone and Asquith were violently anti-women's suffrage and all bills were defeated.

In 1908, Wolverhampton Wanderers won the cup-final at Crystal Palace and Suffragette leaflets were distributed at all railway stations and a kite was flown over the ground. Stories of militancy, violent demonstrations, imprisonment and force-feeding in prison are well documented. However, the local political struggles of the National Unions for Women's Suffrage are less well known even though they ultimately had more impact. Finally in 1918 after the First World War, the vote was granted to all men at 21 and to women at 30. This was one year later than women in Russia had obtained the vote as a result of the Russian Revolution. Full emancipation did not come until 1928.

Our next meeting at St Saviour's Church Hall is on Tuesday 3rd October 2017 at 8.00pm with a presentation entitled "The REP at War". Visitors are most welcome at all our events – see [hhfs.org.uk](http://hhfs.org.uk) for details and contacts.

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**Sunday October 1st**  
**Hagley Tennis Club**  
 Hagley RC School - 10am

**Monday October 2nd**  
**Dial a ride**  
 Hagley - Stourbridge  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 9-12 noon  
**Hagley Country Dancers**  
 Free Church Hall - 2- 3:30pm

**Tuesday October 3rd**  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 9 - 12 noon  
**String Orchestra**  
 Free Church Hall - 10-12 noon  
**Active Seniors**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 1:45pm & 3pm  
**Active Seniors- Tai Chi**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 4:30-5:20pm  
**Historical & field society**  
 St Saviour's Church - 8:00pm  
*'The REP at War'*  
**Tuesday tea club (1st & 3rd Tuesday in month)**  
 Free Church Hall - 2:30- 4pm

**Wednesday October 4th**  
**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 October 5th**  
**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  
**Hagley Evening Fellowship**  
 Hagley Free Church - 8pm  
*Ray Sturdy: Remembering the swinging sixties*

**Friday October 6th**  
**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 October 7th**  
**Taekwondo**  
 Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm

**Sunday October 8th**  
**Hagley Tennis Club**  
 Hagley RC School - 10am

**Monday October 9th**  
**Dial a ride**  
 Hagley - Stourbridge  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 9-12 noon  
**Hagley Country Dancers**  
 Free Church Hall - 2- 3:30pm  
**Hagley WI**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 2pm

**Tuesday October 10th**  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 9 - 12 noon  
**String Orchestra**  
 Free Church Hall - 10-12 noon  
**Active Seniors**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 1:45pm & 3pm  
**Active Seniors- Tai Chi**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 4:30-5:20pm  
**Village ladies**  
 St Saviours Church - 8pm  
**Wyre Forest talk**  
 Trinity Methodist Church, Churchfields, Kidderminster - 8pm  
*An Illustrated talk by Dr Gillian White: 'The Great Fire of Warwick'*

**Wednesday October 11th**  
**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**  
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**Thursday October 12th**  
**Hagley Library**  
 Storytime- 10:30-11am  
**Hand of Friendship**  
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**Friday October 13th**  
**Dial a Ride Bus Service**  
 Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 9-12noon

**Hagley Country Market**  
 Hagley Café - 10 -12:30pm  
**Hagley Art Club**  
 St Saviours Church Hall - 7:30-9:30pm  
 Appraisal evening of Member's Work  
**HCK Badminton**  
 Hagley RC School  
 7-8pm beginners  
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**Saturday October 14th**  
**Taekwondo**  
 Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm

**Sunday October 15th**  
**Hagley Tennis Club**  
 Hagley RC School - 10am

**Monday October 16th**  
**Dial a ride**  
 Hagley - Stourbridge  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 9-12 noon  
**Hagley Country Dancers**  
 Free Church Hall - 2- 3:30pm  
**Neighbourhood Watch event**  
 Community Centre hall - 7pm

**Tuesday October 17th**  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 9 - 12 noon  
**String Orchestra**  
 Free Church Hall - 10-12 noon  
**Active Seniors**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 1:45pm & 3pm  
**Active Seniors- Tai Chi**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 4:30-5:20pm  
**Tuesday tea club**  
 Free Church Hall - 2:30- 4pm

**Wednesday October 18th**  
**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  
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 Haybridge Sports Centre - 8-10pm

**Thursday October 19th**  
**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  
**Hagley Evening Fellowship**  
 Hagley Free Church - 8pm  
*Ruth Lowe: Mary Quant - Early life and career*

**Friday October 20th**  
**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 October 21st**  
**Taekwondo**  
 Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm  
**Heart of England Handbell Ringers Rally**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 1 - 4pm (50p entry)

**Sunday October 22nd**  
**Hagley Tennis Club**  
 Hagley RC School - 10am

**Monday October 23rd**  
**Dial a ride**  
 Hagley - Stourbridge  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 9-12 noon  
**Hagley Country Dancers**  
 Free Church Hall - 2- 3:30pm

**Tuesday October 24th**  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 9 - 12 noon  
**String Orchestra**  
 Free Church Hall - 10-12 noon  
**Active Seniors**  
 No Classes  
**Active Seniors- Tai Chi**  
 No Classes  
**Village ladies**  
 St Saviours Church - 8.00pm  
 Dr Michael Jones: Fact, Myth and Legend of Mistletoe  
**Ladies Afternoon fellowship**  
 Hagley Free Church - 2:30pm  
*Do you know who you are? Presented by Colin Davies*

**Wednesday October 25th**  
**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  
**Hagley Gardener's club**  
 St Saviour's Hall - 7:30pm  
*Adrian James: Three West Country Gardens*

**Thursday October 26th**  
**Hagley Library**  
 Storytime- 10:30-11am  
**Hand of Friendship**  
 Fee Church Hall - 11-1:15pm  
**Active Seniors**  
 No Classes  
**Taekwondo**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 6-9pm

**Friday October 27th**  
**Dial a Ride Bus Service**  
 Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 9-12noon  
**Hagley Country Market**  
 Hagley Café - 10 -12:30pm  
**HCK Badminton**  
 Hagley RC School  
 7-8pm beginners  
 8-10pm members

**Saturday October 28th**  
**Taekwondo**  
 Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm

**Sunday October 29th**  
**Hagley Tennis Club**  
 Hagley RC School - 10am

**Monday October 30th**  
**Dial a ride**  
 Hagley - Stourbridge  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 9-12 noon  
**Hagley Country Dancers**  
 Free Church Hall - 2- 3:30pm

**Tuesday October 31st**  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 9 - 12 noon  
**String Orchestra**  
 Free Church Hall - 10-12 noon  
**Active Seniors**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 1:45pm & 3pm  
**Active Seniors- Tai Chi**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 4:30-5:20pm

# Muzungu

The netting is caught between my toes, I can hear the rustle of a sleeping bag next to me, and I start to rise from the half sunken mattress. Handmade screens on the windows maintain our privacy from the children peering through the bars of the classroom. The bat that survives in the corner of the room is no longer present. I leave the safety blanket of the mosquito net, to adventure outside. There's a slight breeze to the air, I greet the cook who silently prepares our breakfast and head towards the toilets. "It's best to go early morning or in the evening", one of the builders told me in broken English on my arrival. "There are too many flies and with the heat..". I do as I'm told, and avoid the site in the daytime. The toilet is a small outbuilding made from brick. The two toilets have a door propped closed with a stone. Inside a roll of toilet paper sits on the floor and a hole in the ground is what is presented. I scan the perimeter for cockroaches and close the door, I use my torch as a light and crouch to the floor. I try to not breathe through my nose, avoiding the stench. The children's toilets, are behind ours, they don't have doors. Instead, the girls and boys retreat to a row of long drops, with no privacy, something that still surprises me.



I wander back to the classroom, my home for the next four weeks. It's time to get water before breakfast is served. The yellow jerry cans sit outside the room empty. A volunteer and I carry the empty cans down the dirt path, through the rural village of Jinja, Uganda. My shoes wobble on the stones and the dust has already settled on my clothes. We head to the water station and wait till the pump is unoccupied before we begin. A circular basin surrounds the pump and the metal tap is attached to a cylinder pipe. The water is released from the sea saw pump, with every bounce, drops of water flow into the plastic bottles. I watch as the Ugandan children, take it in turns to jump with the arm of the pump. It's our turn, "Muzungu" (Ugandan name for Western visitors), they giggle to us.

The heaviness of the arm makes me lose my breath. I feel weak compared to the children, who do this on a daily basis. With each push of the arm more water is released, the volunteer holds the jerry can under the flowing tap. Between us we take it in turns, with every bounce the flow becomes steady and the heavy lifting becomes easier. Four jerry cans are filled to the top and each one is sealed with the red bottle top. Next, it's time to carry the cans up the dirt path, back towards Wubalungu School. I can hear the children laugh behind me; I'm struggling to carry one can, let alone two. I quiver with each step I take until a child runs up and takes the bottle off me. I feel guilty as the young child relieves the weight of the jerry can from my arms and carries it confidently up the dirt path. They know where they are going, the village has already been told of our arrival, word spreads fast. I wonder what they think, as I try to carry just the one jerry can back to the school. "Silly Muzungu", I bet that's what they are thinking.

I meet the children at the front door of the classroom, they're infectious smile stretches as they see me barely balancing towards them. "Webale" I smiled to them, meaning thank you in Ugandan. I popped a purifying tablet in two of the jerry cans and left the other two to sit ready for the washing up after breakfast. As the school's hand bell rings for the start of the day, I sit down to eat breakfast at the plastic table and chairs before a day of digging the playground begins. I tuck into the fruit at breakfast, now the day can begin.

## Esther Gittoes

*During this trip I volunteered with the Charity EAST AFRICAN PLAYGROUNDS  
([www.eastafricanplaygrounds.org](http://www.eastafricanplaygrounds.org))*

# Preparing for *chilly* nights in

The dark nights are drawing in, the open fire is lit and the Autumnal season has arrived. Closing the curtains on a dusky October night can be a lonely feeling.

*Here are some tips to keep you busy during the colder months.*

- Ensure that your house is draft free. Draft excluders are ideal to keep the warm inside your living room.
- Make sure you're up to date on all your vaccinations, particularly flu. Contact your local Doctor's Surgery (Hagley Surgery: K: 881700. Clinic: Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Oct).
- Change your duvet into a thicker one and get the blankets out for the sofa.
- Start a hobby. Whether this is knitting, card making for Christmas, volunteering or baking.
- Meet up with friends for lunch or dinner. Hagley has lots of choice when it comes to eateries. Ensure that you get home safe during the darker nights.
- If you're worried about driving when the roads are slippery use Dial a Ride bus service (0121 453 9682).
- Start a coffee morning. Use your baking skills whilst raising money for charity and get your friends involved. [www.coffee.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.coffee.macmillan.org.uk)
- Buy a new T.V box or Sky and catch up on great programmes and start watching new films. I would recommend: TV Series - *Dr Foster, Strictly come dancing & Victoria*. Films - *Hacksaw Ridge, Bridget Jones's Baby & Dunkirk*.
- Stock up on the woolly socks, hot chocolate and purchase a hot water bottle.
- Join a club, here you'll meet like minded individuals and have the opportunity to learn new skills and travel to different places. For suggestions and contact details please look at the Directory (pg 51).
- Get your friends together and start a book club, we'd love to hear about it. *What's your favourite book?* - Please email your favourite book and why to [editor@hagleyvillage.org](mailto:editor@hagleyvillage.org) along with your name to appear in next months edition.

## The editor's picks

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### Current book



*This must be the place* – Maggie O'Farrell

A reclusive ex-film star living in the wilds of Ireland. What made her walk out of her cinematic career when she had the whole world at her feet? Her husband Daniel, reeling from a discovery about a woman he last saw twenty years ago, is about to make an exit of his own.

### Previous book



*Three Amazing things about you* – Jill Mansell

Hallie has a secret. She's in love. He's perfect in every way, but seriously out of bounds. Time is running out, she doesn't have long to live. Flo has a dilemma; she's falling for Zander. But his scary sister is causing trouble. Tasha's new boyfriend is the adventurous type. She is afraid that one of his adventures will go wrong.

### Next book



*Cartes Postales from Greece* – Victoria Hislop

Week after week a postcard arrives, addressed to a name Ellie doesn't recognise and with no return address. These letters from Greece has allured Ellie to leave for Athens and see the country for herself. On the morning Ellie is leaving a notebook arrives. It's pages tell a story of a man's odyssey through Greece.

### Friend's book



*Remember Me* – Lesley Pearce

Mary makes the biggest mistake of her life when she is sentenced and convicted for stealing a hat. The book follows her journey travelling to Australia in horrific conditions aboard a ship. She arrives in a brutal and barbaric country. Mary dreams of one day crossing the ocean back to Cornwall and making something of herself.



## VILLAGE INFORMATION

# Village Ladies

**Our programme continues on Oct 10th with a chance to meet your New Group. A social evening where you can make plans for the forthcoming months for your group activities.**

On Oct 24th we have Dr. Michael Jones, former botany lecturer at Newman University who will tell us about the 'Fact, Myth and Legend of Mistletoe'.



Looking forward to Nov 14th we have ladies from Clarins coming to give us a demonstration of their cosmetic products and there will be an opportunity to buy items afterwards.

We do hope that you will join us at these events; they begin at 8.00pm in St Saviour's Church Hall.

Do contact me if you need further information

Toni Allison 01562 884079

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## Hagley Gardeners' Club

In August the members enjoyed an evening visit to Marlbrook Gardens, Bromsgrove. Two unique and stunning gardens, both in the National Garden Scheme, but very different styles, and full of plants and shrubs, patios, sculptures and artwork. The sunny evening was rounded off with tea and homemade cakes.

**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.

**November 22nd** Started in 1993, on a kitchen table, Hayloft Nurseries has grown to be a main player in the Mail Order Business. Lark Hanham explains their story of good business, quality and customer care. A local success story. The talk is entitled 'Highgrove Hardy Plants and Hayloft Nursery'.

No meeting in December, so this is the last chance to obtain your tickets for the Annual Social on January 24th. Start the New Year with an evening of food, wine and entertainment. Tickets also available from Judy Iliff 01562 883568

Remember the garden and hedgerows offer many opportunities for Christmas decorations. Besides Holly, Ivy and Mistletoe, dried plant material can be sprayed white or silver and reflective sparkle and ornaments added.

John Oakes Chairman

St Saviours Hall, 7.30 for 8.00pm

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## Hagley Evening Fellowship

Our meetings will start again on 5th October.

**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.

You will be sure of a warm welcome!

These talks are open to everyone in the village. Why not come along and try it for yourself.

For further information contact Liz Tew on 01562720634

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- To learn a new skill.
- To volunteer in the community.
- To be involved socially in a group.
- To keep the ancient art of bell-ringing alive.

We have the use of the amazing facility in St.John's church with the tacit approval of the church that we will ring prior to as many services as we can. We are of the church but not part of the formal church organisation. We know we are welcome to attend church but not required to.

We follow all the Health and Safety guidelines and have fully developed Safeguarding policies for young persons and vulnerable adults.

Come & join us, you will be most welcome.

Don't forget the Heart of England Handbell Ringers Rally at Hagley Community Centre on 21st October 1 pm. admission 50 pence. Everyone welcome.

Contact us via: [ringers@hagleycofe.co.uk](mailto:ringers@hagleycofe.co.uk)

Hagley Bellringers

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## Hagley String Orchestra

Mozart wrote his wonderful *Sinfonia Concertante* in E flat major K364 for violin and viola solos with chamber orchestra in the summer of 1779 when he was 23. He had just returned to his hometown of Salzburg from a tour to Augsburg, Mannheim, Paris (where his mother died) and Munich in the vain hope of obtaining employment. It seems that it was first published in 1802 after Mozart's death in 1791.

Various arrangements were made of this work, including, in 1808, an arrangement for string 6tet published by Sigmund Steiner, who, as an amateur player, may have commissioned it for himself. It gained a new title *Grande Sestetto concertante*, in which the original two solo parts have been re-distributed between all the parts with the exception of cello 2/D.B.

We are thoroughly enjoying learning to play this 6tet in the version edited by Christopher Hogwood (1941-2014) who was an eminent harpsichordist and conductor, and who founded the Early Music Consort with the late David Munrow, and also the Academy of Ancient Music.

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**HCK  
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Badminton Coaching for Beginners continues on a Friday from 7pm to 8pm (£5 for adults, £3 for juniors). Come and learn basic footwork, how to serve, drop shots, net shots, smashes, clearing shots and the basic rules of the game. The club can provide rackets and shuttles, so there is no reason not to give it a try. We play in the Sports Hall at Hagley Catholic School.

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

Socially, post-match drinks at the French Hen continue every Friday. We also arrange other social evenings (skittles / curry nights etc.) during the year. In December we have our HCK Badminton Christmas party, which is being held at Wharton Park Golf Club in Bewdley. We are offering this event to the beginners class members also, whether you have just started or you have been coming down for a while now, ALL members are welcome to enjoy the festivities with HCK.

For more information regarding the beginners or main club, please contact Sam Ryder on 07979 243957 or sam@alfordinsurance.co.uk

## Active seniors



According to a recent report by the Centre for Ageing Better only around 30% of people aged 55-64 meet the guidelines of 30 minutes a day of activity on at least 5 days of the week and this figure drops sharply with age with less than 10% of over 75s meeting the target.

It was also noted in the report that there are low levels of strength and balance activity despite the Chief Medical Officer recommending 2 sessions a week. But how can we expect older people to engage in these activities when 41% of over 70s don't realise that strength and balance exercise greatly reduce the risk of falls as we age?

Here in Hagley we have strength and balance classes each Tuesday and Thursday with classes at two levels. This enables us to offer classes that suit the individual's abilities and provide appropriate challenges to improve both strength and balance so class members can remain strong and steady as they age – and it all counts towards that weekly activity target too. Often we hear people say they feel that as they walk on a regular basis that they don't need to think about strength and balance exercises but sadly this is not the case – we need to undertake exercises that challenge our balance to improve it! So why not make this Autumn the time to 'bank up your balance for the future' and give us a call to arrange a free taste session. We are particularly keen to encourage some more men to join our classes so come on Gents give us a call!

**Please note:** No classes on Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th October due to half term closure “

Ring Angela or Kim on **07512 546480** or email us on [activeseniorsclass@gmail.com](mailto:activeseniorsclass@gmail.com)

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## HAGLEY W.I.



There was no meeting held in the month of August but a social event is usually organised, which this year took the form of a coach outing and lunch.

Members and friends left Hagley at 10.30am and proceeded to the Down Inn for a delicious meal, the journey being somewhat eventful in that we were held up for a considerable time by road works in the Bridgnorth area.

After lunch and time for a chat we then continued on our journey to Ludlow to spend the afternoon in this delightful and historic town.

The coach journey is always an important part of a day out and the countryside that we drove through was looking beautiful, and the drive back over Clew Hill was breathtaking. Altogether a very enjoyable day which although it began with rain stayed dry until just after arrival back in Hagley.

Monthly meetings at Hagley Community Centre begin again in September. If you think Hagley WI might be for you and you would like to come to a meeting please contact Megan Bury on 01562 88515 for further information.



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5<sup>th</sup> October

*Remembering the "Swinging Sixties" - Speaker: Mr Ray Sturdy*

19<sup>th</sup> October

*Mary Quant- Early life & careers Speaker: Mrs Ruth Lowe*

### **Sunday Services October 2017**

10.30am      6.00pm

**Sunday School at 10.15am**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> October**

**am** Rev David Tennant\*

**pm** Rev David Tennant\*

#### **15<sup>th</sup> October**

**am** Mr Blair Keseler

**pm** Mr Alan Davies

#### **8<sup>th</sup> October**

**am** Rev Dr Phillip Rees

**pm** Pastor David Umbers

#### **22<sup>nd</sup> October**

**am** Rev Rikki Twigg

**pm** To be announced

\*Includes Holy Communion

#### **29<sup>th</sup> October**

**am** Rev David Southall

**pm** Mr Andy Hewines

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