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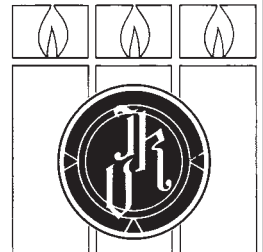


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## Welcome to November edition of the Hagley Village News.

November is the month of falling leaves, hot chocolate and bonfire night- an evening of sparklers, fireworks and Guy Fawkes. We have lots of events on this month so be sure to have a look through the 'What's on' notice on page 25. A reminder that Hagley Country Market will take place in Hagley Café during November.

On Friday the 24th of November, we have both the HPC Christmas event and the Hagley Art Club exhibit. Have a wander down the high street, watch the Christmas light switch on and then head down to the Art Club Exhibit for refreshments and Christmas gifts. Please be advised that the road will be closed between Worcester Road (A456) and Lloyds Bank. Hagley Scout group will be offering their Christmas card delivery service (pg 41) as well as hosting the bonfire evening (backpage)

Please send us your book recommendations to [editor@hagleyvillage.org](mailto:editor@hagleyvillage.org)

## DID YOU KNOW?

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Esther Gittoes  
Editor

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### Hagley Parish Council November 2017 update

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group has begun the tendering process to commission principal consultancy support for the Hagley Neighbourhood Plan.

A delegation representing HPC and three members of the public went to meet WCC Highways to discuss our proposed alterations to the A456/B4187 junction. The proposal, designed by the commissioned Technical Specialist ARUP, is focused on reverting the carriageways to its original layout (i.e. reintroducing the longer slip road on the approaches to the B4187 and removing the dual carriageway between the traffic lights) with the added benefit of improving access to Summervale Rd area and improving safety. -ARUP will now consult with WCC on our behalf and a response is awaited with interest.

As part of the plans for the Christmas 2017 event HPC is looking to buy and install Christmas lights on the tree on the corner of St Saviours and Park Road. This always was a popular decoration and was a focal point for the Christmas season. HPC is seeking sponsors of the main Christmas tree and lights as well as any small stall holders interested joining in on the event. Contact the clerk with expressions of interest in the event planned for Friday 24th November, 5pm to 8pm. Please note the road closure will between Worcester Road (A456) and Lloyds bank.

HPC has objected to the proposed Wildmoor Quarry application at Fairfield as it is concerned that the movement of HGVs will have an adverse effect on the air quality and add to the congestion through the village.

**Steve Colella Chairman of Hagley Parish Council**

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At the time of writing we are preparing for the public meeting to be held with the Police and Crime Commissioner and senior Police officers from the Policing team. Details from the public meeting will be published for the December edition of the News.

The CCTV in Hagley Village will be included in the on-going review of CCTV surveillance across Bromsgrove. The review is being carried out after being requested through Task and Finish Group by Bromsgrove District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Board. The Task Group, Chaired by Cllr Steve Colella, will also be interviewing the Police and Crime Commissioner, Senior Police Officers as well as the Portfolio Holder.

Winter is upon us now and it is worth reminding readers that there are simple measures that can be taken to ensure you and your property are protected. For example wearing reflective clothing for the whole family when going out in the dark winter hours. Don't forget your pets too; there are reflective collars for your cat and reflective 'coats' for your dog.

Also, if you're going out or coming home after dark leave a light on in a room or two. There are selections of automatic timers that are available and can be easily attached to lamps. Anything that makes an unwanted visitor think twice before calling must be welcomed. If you are away or you don't drive invite a neighbour to park on your drive, again, making it look as though the property is occupied.

**Steve Colella and Roger Seabury (Hagley Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators)**

## Hagley Library Walking Group:

*Do you enjoy walking? Have you wanted to join a free walking group and never got the chance?*

Hagley Library is looking for anyone who would like to join our walking group. The group will meet and finish at the library every Thursday morning. So if you are interested please come in or give us a call to express your interest. We are also looking for volunteers to lead and tail the group once a week on a shared rota when the walking group starts in the new year. Full training will be given.

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## Hagley Library Book Buzzers Children's Group:

The time is almost here to launch our new free children's book group Book Buzzers for children aged 6-12years! We will do loads of fun things each month (including craft activities some months) and have new books for the children to look at and borrow. We know we have lots of avid readers as we have done so well in the Summer Reading Challenge this year so it would be brilliant to see some of those children become book buzzers!

The group will be held on the first Thursday of every month at 3:30pm. The first session will commence on Thursday 2nd November. Don't forget we also have other free activities running including our monthly readers group for adults and bounce and rhyme, active tots and Thursday morning storytime for children!

Holly Ferris

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A postcard, dated 8th September 1917, refers to the handbells "chime lovely hymns". Also an advert dated 19th December 1882, for a Tea Meeting on the day after the opening of the Lower Hagley Church Room, describes musical entertainment, including a performance by 'Lower Hagley Hand Bell Ringers'. - The handbells used in this performance are the same bells we use to this very day.

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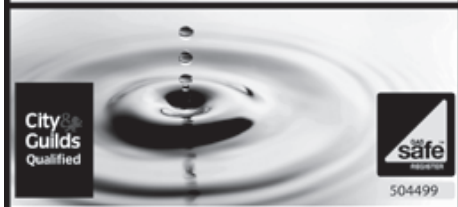
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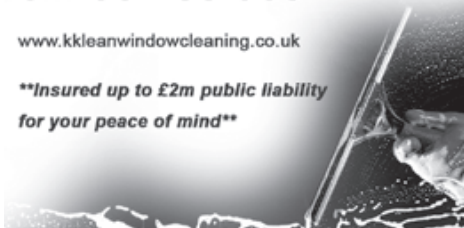
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## BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATE

- Because of how Christmas falls this year there are no changes to the bin collection cycles during the Christmas and New Year period.
- BDC is again supporting the 2017 Christmas event in Hagley (24th November) by paying for the road closure. The District Council's 'Centres manager' has also been working closely with the Parish Council, businesses and other stakeholders to help ensure that the evening is highly enjoyable and safe for all.
- BDC has responded to the Wyre Forest Development Plan Consultation with particular emphasis on raising concerns with the likely impact of development in the Kidderminster area upon Hagley, in particular transient routes along the A456 and A491. The response was unanimously supported by Councillors.
- A response was made in respect of the Worcestershire Rail Investment Strategy currently under consultation. Increasing the capacity on the rail infrastructure is essential to give an alternative to road usage and to reduce the reliance upon car journeys. This is particularly important here in Hagley as traffic between Kidderminster, Worcestershire and Birmingham and the Black Country extensively use the main Hagley highways that link these large conurbations.

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



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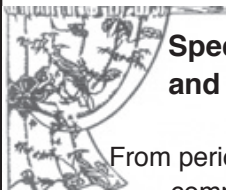
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# VILLAGE INFORMATION



## HAGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL

As we've been settling in to a new Academic Year at Hagley, we've seen a few changes: Mrs Suzanne Horan took on the role of Principal back in September, with Mrs Kesner Morris acting as her Vice Principal. We have also welcomed a new Chaplain to our school community. Rev Fr Des Devenney from Our Lady & All Saints Parish now has our school under his care: he has been a real hit with our pupils, who love his fresh perspective on matters relating to our Faith.

Government measures have confirmed that the progress made by the students in our Sixth Form last summer was phenomenal! Students secured a statistically significant positive progress measure, meaning that, on the whole, their results were strong, compared to their starting points. This fantastic achievement is the culmination of a rolling programme of development in our teaching & learning strategies, and have helped to secure some of the best results in Worcestershire, yet again!

Our Y11 pupils undertook a week's Work Experience during October, which saw the sampling the 'real' world for a week. Pupils reported going home absolutely exhausted after a full day's work(!). Pupils secured placements in a range of industries, including food, banking, retail, law, education & the armed forces, to name a small sample.

### Upcoming Events

1 November	All Saints Day
1-2 November	Dance Show (evening performance)
11 November	England v Argentina Twickenham Trip
23 November	Winter Music Concert (7pm)

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## HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

**Charity focus:** Haybridge students have voted for the 3 main charities for whom we will be fundraising in 2017/18. Over 400 students took part in an online vote for a local, national and global charity to receive shares of the funds we will generate through a range of activities and events this academic year.



The local charity is the Midlands Air Ambulance, the national charity is the NSPCC and the global charity is the International Red Cross/Red Crescent. We look forward to updating you with work done to support these charities in terms of financial support but also in terms of learning together about what

exactly each organisation does, the ways in which our community can help them, and also how they can support learning within school.

Our students continue to raise donations of rice to the World Food Programme by taking part in the brilliant 'Free Rice' online quizzes. To date we have generated 5 million grains of rice by correctly answering 500,000 quiz questions. A great way to harness brain power for the good of others! Why not check it out for yourself: [www.freerice.com](http://www.freerice.com)

**Young people taking positions of responsibility:** Planning is now under way, with our students, for the best deployment of our new Community Ambassadors, Anti Bullying Ambassadors, Student Officer Team and Executive Student Council. These students have put themselves forward to contribute to the school and wider community and we greatly appreciate their commitment and enthusiasm. Updates to follow next issue.



HAGLEY ART CLUB

## ART CLUB

At our Meeting on Friday, 10th November, Kevin Storrar from Walsall Art Gallery is coming with some "Tips and Techniques". This should be a very interesting evening. If you are intrigued by this Title do come along and find out what they are. Visitors are always very welcome. Our Meetings start at 7.30pm in St Saviour's Church Hall.

The Highlight in November is our Annual Art Exhibition which opens on Friday evening, 24th November, at 7pm, and continues through the weekend, 25th and 26th November, 10am - 4pm, in Hagley Community Centre. There will be framed and unframed pictures, crafts, jewellery and cards for sale, so do come and look round you may find some really nice Christmas presents. Refreshments will also be available.

Looking ahead to December, this will be our Christmas Social evening, on Friday, 8th December.

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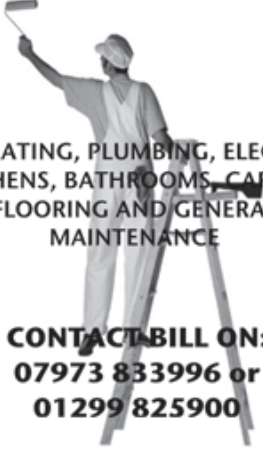


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**Wednesday November 1st**  
**Dial a Ride Bus Service**  
 Hagley to Merry Hill  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
 Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon  
**Mothers & Toddlers Group**  
 Free Church Hall – 10-11:30am  
**St John's Bellringers**  
 St Johns Church – 7pm  
**Western Badminton Club**  
 Haybridge Sports Centre – 8-10pm

**Thursday November 2nd**  
**Hagley Library**  
 Storytime- 10:30-11am  
**Thursday morning discussion group**  
 St Saviours – 11am  
**Hand of Friendship**  
 Free Church Hall – 11-1:15pm  
**Active Seniors**  
 Hagley Community Centre  
 1:45pm less challenging class  
 3:15pm slightly challenging class  
**Taekwondo**  
 Hagley Community Centre – 6-9pm  
**Hagley Evening Fellowship**  
 Hagley Free Church – 8pm  
 Keith Cattell: City hopping around Europe

**Friday November 3rd**  
**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 November 4th**  
**Supporting Fair Trade**  
 Hagley Free Church – 10-12noon  
**Taekwondo**  
 Haybridge Sports Centre – 10-1pm  
**Hagley Village Bonfire**  
 Field opposite Webbs – 5:30pm

**Sunday November 5th**  
**Hagley Tennis Club**  
 Hagley RC School – 10am

**Monday November 6th**  
**Dial a ride**  
 Hagley – Stourbridge  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
 Hagley Community Centre – 9-12 noon  
 Hagley Country Dancers  
 Free Church Hall - 2- 3:30pm

**Tuesday November 7th**  
**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  
 Hagley Community Centre - 4:30-5:20pm  
**Wyre Forest talk**  
 Blakedown Parish Room – 8pm  
 Vanity Of Small Differences - the story of Grayson Perry  
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**Historical and field society**  
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**Wednesday November 8th**  
**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 November 9th**  
**Hagley Library**  
 Storytime- 10:30-11am  
 Thursday morning discussion group  
 St Saviours – 11am  
**Hand of Friendship**  
 Free Church Hall – 11-1:15pm  
**Active Seniors**  
 Hagley Community Centre  
 1:45pm less challenging class  
 3:15pm slightly challenging class  
**Taekwondo**  
 Hagley Community Centre – 6-9pm

**Friday November 10th**  
**Dial a Ride Bus Service**  
 Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
 Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon  
**Hagley Art Club**  
 St Saviours Church Hall – 7:30-9:30pm  
 Kevin Storrar from Walsall Art Gallery: Tips and Techniques  
**HCK Badminton**  
 Hagley RC School  
 7-8pm beginners  
 8-10pm members

**Saturday November 11th**  
**Taekwondo**  
 Haybridge Sports Centre – 10-1pm  
**Lunchtime concert and art display**  
 St Johns -12:30pm

**Sunday November 12th**  
**Hagley Tennis Club**  
 Hagley RC School – 10am

**Monday November 13th**  
**Dial a ride**  
 Hagley – Stourbridge  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
 Hagley Community Centre – 9-12 noon  
**Hagley WI**  
 Hagley Community Centre – 2pm  
**Hagley Country Dancers**  
 Free Church Hall - 2- 3:30pm  
 Neighbourhood Watch event  
 Community Centre hall - 7pm

**Tuesday November 14th**  
**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 Clarins**  
 St Saviours Church - 8pm

**Wednesday November 15th**  
**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 November 16th**  
**Hagley Library**  
 Storytime- 10:30-11am  
**Thursday morning discussion group**  
 St Saviours – 11am  
**Hand of Friendship**  
 Free Church Hall – 11-1:15pm  
**Active Seniors**  
 Hagley Community Centre  
 1:45pm less challenging class  
 3:15pm slightly challenging class  
**Taekwondo**  
 Hagley Community Centre – 6-9pm  
**Hagley Evening Fellowship**  
 Hagley Free Church – 8pm  
 Alan Thornton: A day in the life of a seaside Hotelier

**Friday November 17th**  
**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 November 18th**  
**Taekwondo**  
 Haybridge Sports Centre – 10-1pm

**Christmas Fayre**  
 Community centre – 11 -17pm

**Sunday November 19th**  
**Hagley Tennis Club**  
 Hagley RC School – 10am

**Monday November 20th**  
**Dial a ride**  
 Hagley – Stourbridge  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 9-12 noon  
**Hagley Country Dancers**  
 Free Church Hall - 2- 3:30pm

**Tuesday November 21st**  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 9 - 12 noon  
**String Orchestra**  
 Free Church Hall – 10-12 noon  
**Active Seniors- Tai Chi**  
 Hagley Community Centre – 4:30-5:20pm  
**Tuesday tea club**  
 Free Church Hall - 2:30- 4pm  
**Ladies Afternoon fellowship**  
 Hagley Free Church - 2:30pm  
 Do you know who you are?  
 Presented by Colin Davies

**Wednesday November 22nd**  
**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  
 'Highgrove Hardy plants and Hayloft nursery'.

**Thursday November 23rd**  
**Hagley Library**  
 Storytime- 10:30-11am  
**Thursday morning discussion group**  
 St Saviours – 11am  
**Hand of Friendship**  
 Free Church Hall – 11-1:15pm  
**Active Seniors**  
**Hagley Community Centre**  
 1:45pm less challenging class  
 3:15pm slightly challenging class  
**Taekwondo**  
 Hagley Community Centre – 6-9pm

**Friday November 24th**  
**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  
**HPC Christmas**  
 In the Village – 5-8pm

**Art exhibit**  
 Community Centre – 7:30 -9pm  
 official opening

**Saturday November 25th**  
**Start of the Scout Christmas card delivery**  
 Cavendish Cleaners  
**Taekwondo**  
 Haybridge Sports Centre – 10-1pm  
**Art exhibit**  
 Community Centre – 10-4pm

**Sunday November 26th**  
**Hagley Tennis Club**  
 Hagley RC School – 10am  
**Art exhibit**  
 Community Centre – 10-4pm

**Monday November 27th**  
**Dial a ride**  
 Hagley – Stourbridge  
**Hagley Playgroup**  
 Hagley Community Centre - 9-12 noon  
**Hagley Country Dancers**  
 Free Church Hall - 2- 3:30pm

**Tuesday November 28th**  
**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**  
 John Butterworth Editor of the Black Country Bugle  
 St Saviours Church - 8pm

**Wednesday November 29th**  
**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 November 30th**  
**Hagley Library**  
 Storytime- 10:30-11am  
**Hand of Friendship**  
 Free Church Hall – 11-1:15pm  
**Active Seniors**  
 Hagley Community Centre  
 1:45pm less challenging class  
 3:15pm slightly challenging class  
**Taekwondo**  
 Hagley Community Centre – 6-9pm  
**Hagley Evening Fellowship**  
 Hagley Free Church – 8pm  
 Mr David Clarke: Sentenced beyond the seas

# Nile High Bungee

I can feel the sharp wooden splints scraping my feet. "Hakuna Matata", the man in front of me shouts in Swahili.

I'm second on the long platform, similar to the plank from cartoon pirate movies. I can feel a queasy sensation in my belly, which began whilst walking up the stairs of the swinging platform. The platform hangs 44m above the source of the River Nile.

Moments later, the first person has jumped and I am next in line. I can see my fellow volunteers waving from the viewing platform in the distance. A man with the camera looks almost like a miniature figure as he prepares his next take. I cautiously sit on the wooden carved chair as they strap the bungee cords around my feet. The one man looks at my hands, my weight scribbled in red ink on the palm. This is perhaps the only time I won't lie about my weight, I ask for the man who weighed me to scribble the intimate numbers on my palm instead of the back of my hand. I nervously feel for the rings that have been dismissed from my middle finger. They're left in the safety of the front desk, in case I lose anything on my descent down.

The Ugandan men put what looks like towels around the bottom of my legs, they tie the bungee cord around them tight. I nervously smile to them, as they make sure they are fitted correctly. I can feel sweat beads dripping from my forehead and a nervous persona has inhabited my body.



"Ready", the Ugandan man asks me with a confident smirk.

I know that if I turn around now and walk down the stairs that I will lose my money. I nod half-heartedly and waddle to the edge of the platform. A brown sun-kissed arm holds mine with every awkward jump to the edge.

"Put your arms out, like a bird", says the instructor.

I hold my arms out straight, uncontrollable nerves have taken over.

"Smile and wave to the camera, look at the view", he sarcastically continues to say.

I plaster a fake smile on my face and wave to the camera in the distance. It feels unnatural to stand over the edge and jump off into the air. It reminds me of when I was a child and my friend would try to make me fall backwards on the trampoline. I could never do it, something in my brain would just shout no. I'm having the same unnatural feeling as I did then, my friend taunting me to fall backward.

"Three, two, one, bungee", they scream.

My feet don't move, I feel almost stuck to the floor as though I'm in sinking sand.

"I can't do it", I shakily say to them.

"Three, two, one, bungee".

I stop again, unable to bring myself to jump off the edge. They utter those three words one last time.

"Three, two, one, bungee".

They push me off the 44-meter platform and I fall into what feels like nothingness.

I open my eyes as I descend from the platform, I scream but my voice is absorbed by the adrenaline. A weightless feeling for a few moments as my body becomes half consumed by the River Nile. For a moment I'm plunged into the source of the river, my hair dripping wet with the cord pulling me back up towards the sky. An indescribable feeling of flight and an adrenaline boost depletes my body. Bewildering moments as I slingshot up and down until the motion is almost over.

I smile to the men in the boat waiting for me a little down the river. They start to paddle towards me as I swing upside down. I feel breathless and excited as I dangle like an object on a piece of string. The motion of the bounce has caused the bungee to start to twizzle. For a few more moments I spin in the air, as the men shout,

"Reach for the oar", they bellow.

With an almost intoxicated feeling I try my best to grab their oar. Eventually, I do and they pull me into the rubber dingy. I sit for a second feeling unbalanced like a child on a bouncy castle. I hear cheering from the platform above. I look towards them and put my thumb up, indicating that I'm fine.

As the men paddle to the shoreline and I depart the unsteady boat, I look back to the top of the platform. High above my head I can see the next visitor leaning over the edge, I wait there for a few minutes and hear those dreaded three words again. "Three, two, one, bungee", the next person starts to fly.

## A SNAP REVIEW



## Happy Mum Happy Baby podcast

Giovanna Fletcher has kick started the conversation about motherhood which first began in her book – Happy Mum Happy Baby. Her conversations with fellow mothers cover the topics of anxiety, IVF and breastfeeding. The candid discussions offer a warmth and hilarious outlook on the highs and lows of parenthood.

Fletcher interviews celeb mums to start the discussion of motherhood struggles and the reality of life as a mother. Interviews include: Frankie Bridge, Emma Willis and Jo Elvin. Fletcher brings a sense of honesty

and reassurance to this podcast, whilst continuing to fight the stigma associated with parenting expectations. Her aim is for everyone to recognise that every parent does things differently, there is no right or wrong and that the perfect parenting manual is what works best for you. In her interviews she explores the feelings of guilt, judgement and expectation. This podcast has been described as a REAL parenthood talk.

This podcast is not only aimed at mothers, but women and men of all ages who are parents and those who are not. It's rare to find a parenthood discussion that attracts an audience of non-parents.

Each podcast is between 30-40 minutes, so grab a coffee and sit and listen to the hilarious and caring voice of Giovanna Fletcher.



### How to access the podcast:

*Listen on itunes or acast.*

Listen on your laptop: [www.acast.com/happymumhappybaby/emmawillis](http://www.acast.com/happymumhappybaby/emmawillis)

Listen on your smartphone: Search Happy Mum Happy Baby on the podcast app.

Esther Gittoes

## HAGLEY ART CLUB, 28th Annual exhibition 2017

Friday 24th November: 7-9pm. Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th: 10am-4pm

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- The club meet once a month for demos on the second Friday 7:30-9:30pm. Visitors welcome - £3 charge
- Painting circle meet weekly at Churchill Village Hall 2-4pm
- Fancy joining? Call Sue Merrill 01562 70078

# VILLAGE INFORMATION

## Active seniors



Our classes in Hagley at the community centre continue to go from strength to strength and it is so nice to see so many local people taking positive steps to increase their activity levels with exercise and working on their strength and balance to keep themselves strong and steady.

Although most of our classes are either full or approaching full we do have a couple of slots in our Tai Chi for health class on Tuesdays at 4.30 (50 min class) so if you fancy giving it a go give us a call and we will arrange a free taster session for you.

We also have a few spaces in our Thursday afternoon more challenging strength and balance class at 3.15pm (hour class). So if you find the gym a bit boring or repetitive, Zumba's not your thing or you struggle with floor work because of your knees then why not give this session a go? We have a segment of cardio work with some lively music to get your heart rate up, great exercises to strengthen and tone your muscles, balance challenges to keep you on form and stretches to keep you flexible. We are keen to encourage a few more gents to join us as well as some ladies so why not give it a go. If you have a few health issues you will receive supervision from an experienced instructor but you can always ring to discuss before you come along.

If you need a less challenging class or Tuesday suits you better, then do give us a call and we can discuss what available slots we have or put you on our waiting list.

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

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### HCK Badminton Club

This month has seen the start of our competitive season with over 20 matches being played involving all nine of our teams in both the Cradley and Worcestershire leagues. This season will see teams speeding off to play at venues all over the region, travelling as far as Worcester, Malvern, Evesham, Birmingham and Wolverhampton, as well as to the more local clubs' sports halls. Results have been mixed so far but there is a long way to go with almost 90 matches to be played before the season ends in April.

After the success of last year, the annual Christmas dinner dance has once again been booked at Wharton Park Golf Club with a good turnout expected from both full and beginner members.

Our beginners club continues to thrive. We have had as many as 16 attendees at events this month after the ups and downs of the holiday season. Anyone wishing to join us will be very welcome. This section of the club is pay and play at £5 per evening and rackets can be provided if required. No excuse not to come and give it a go. We play at Hagley Catholic School Sports Hall on Friday evenings. The beginners/ social section from 7 till 8pm, which is followed by the main club night from 8 to 10 pm. (Match nights – Tuesday – 8 till 10pm)

For more information regarding the beginners or main club, please contact Libby Hewitt on 07849 356894 or Sam Ryder on 07979 243957. [sam@alfordinsurance.co.uk](mailto:sam@alfordinsurance.co.uk)



## Friends of St John's Church

Are you on track planning for decorations, cards and presents for your family and friends Christmas festivities? Well a gentle introduction to this within Hagley is our Christmas Fayre at the Community Centre from 11.00am to 1.00pm on Saturday 18th November.

Amongst the many stalls there is a book and toiletries stall, a tombola to chance your luck on a bottle of whisky, a bric-a-brac stall with some great and unusual bargains on it and a childrens' toys stall. There is nowhere better to get a few decorations and wrapping paper for those Christmas presents.

Janice Boswell MBE will be drawing the raffle prizes which have been kindly donated by local organisations and traders. If previous years are to go by, there will also be some homemade cakes, bread & marmalade for sale. Oh and do come along and join us for a snack lunch too.

Friends of St. John's: [friendsofstjohns@hagleycofe.co.uk](mailto:friendsofstjohns@hagleycofe.co.uk)

Plans are afoot to have a Visitors Centre so more areas of Hagley Hall park will be accessible to the public.

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## Hagley String Orchestra

I wonder if any readers can throw some light on a problem I've been unable to solve. It concerns a piece we're playing this term by the English composer Gordon Jacob (1895-1984) entitled Denbigh Suite for String Orchestra.

London born, Gordon Jacob enlisted when he was 19 in the Field Artillery, fighting in WW1 in the trenches. In 1917, he was taken prisoner, and he kept the POW's spirits up by forming an orchestra using any thing that could make a sound and arranging music for it. It was during this time that he heard that his brother had been killed on the Somme. He himself was one of 60 from his battalion of 800 to survive.

He composed his Denbigh Suite when he was 34 in 1929 dedicating it 'For Howell's School, Denbigh'. Howell's school in Wales (Ysgol Howell Dinbych) was an independent girl's school that was commemorating its 70th Anniversary in 1929. Now the questions: -

Did the school commission Jacob to compose this piece? If so, why did the school choose Jacob? What was the connection? Could his mother have been a former pupil?

It's a fun 4-movement piece to play. If it was performed by the Howell's girls, they must have been jolly good!

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Pre-school theatre-goers can enjoy the nature-inspired performance of Leaf on 5th November and families with older children can play along with the interactive comedy game show, Wifi Wars on 26th November.

Comedy at Artrix this month includes **Tom Stade**, **Phil Jupitus**, **Sofie Hagen** and **Paul Sinha** and films on offer include **American Assassin** and **NT Live Encore: Follies** starring Imelda Staunton.

For further information on all the shows in November please visit [www.artrix.co.uk](http://www.artrix.co.uk) or call Box Office on 01527 577330.

## Village Ladies

It was so lovely to see so many people respond to our advertising campaign for new members and we are really happy you have decided to join us. Our meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday of every month and we would be pleased to see anyone new wishing to make friends to come to any meeting where you will be made very welcome.



On November 14th we have a demonstration of Clarins products with an opportunity to buy products afterwards. This will be followed on November 28th when we welcome John Butterworth who will talk about his time as Editor of The Black Country Bugle.

Our customary Christmas Carol Service will be on December 12th at 8.00pm in St Saviour's church, everyone is very welcome and a shared supper will follow in the hall. This is always popular and a welcome start to the Christmas season.

Do contact me if you need further information

Toni Allison 01562 884079

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## Hagley Gardeners' Club

Members thoroughly enjoyed the Annual Harvest Time – Ploughman's Supper provided by the committee headed by Judy Iliff. The relaxed atmosphere and the odd glass of wine made this a special evening to remember. Even the dastardly composed quiz was well received.

**November 22nd:** Started in 1993, on a kitchen table, Hayloft Nurseries has grown to be a major player in the Mail Order Business. Lark Hanham explains their story of good business, quality and customer care that led to this 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

**Gardening Tip:** November is the perfect time to plant Tulip bulbs. Plant 6 to 8 inches – 15 to 20 cm. deep, with a sprinkle of sand or fine grit in the base of the hole. This depth will provide a firm footing for the strong winds expected in March.

Visitors always welcome. Join us at St, Saviours Hall, West Hagley, 7.30 for 8.00pm

John Oakes Chairman

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## Hagley Country Dancers

As the clocks go back and the dark evenings set in, we are enjoying our Monday afternoon sessions of dancing and friendship without giving the colder weather much thought.

Some of our dances reflect the changing seasons, as might be expected – dances such as Gathering Peascods, (a circle dance) and The Ploughboy (a longways dance for three couples) reflect autumnal countryside activities, while The Juice of Barley (a longways dance "for as many as will") perhaps looks forward to the rewards of the season's work.

Whatever the origin of these dances, they provide enjoyable activities, a little gentle exercise and a nominal degree of co ordination for all who take part.

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.

*There is plenty of parking via Chapel Street and there is no charge for a first visit, subsequently the cost is £2 per person.*

*For more information, ring June Waterhouse, 01562 700639*

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## HAGLEY W.I.



September and the beginning of the autumn session for Hagley WI and what a beginning for a number of members who attended a lunch with Gyles Brandreth as the speaker!

We had all enjoyed listening to and watching Gyles on both television and radio and he was equally enjoyable to hear at the lunch. There were gales of laughter from the audience as he spoke on many subjects but always in a humorous way. Everyone left the venue with smiles on their faces after being so royally entertained.

At the September meeting a report was given on the Annual Meeting of the National Federation of WI's held in Brighton.

Then one of our own members talked on Living in Dubai and was very informative on all aspects of day-to-day life in that country.

Members were asked for ideas on what they would like at the Christmas Party to ensure that it would be the usual enjoyable and laughter filled event.

Meanwhile there will be more informative and entertaining speakers on a clinic in Addis Ababa and From Kennels to Buckingham Palace.

If you would like more information please contact Megan Bury on 01562 885215 or come to a meeting at Hagley Community Centre on the second Monday in each month at 2pm. We would be delighted to meet you!





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### **Thursday Fellowship at 8pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> November** *City Hopping Around Europe* - Speaker: Mr Keith Cattell

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10.30am      6.00pm

### **Sunday School at 10.15am**

#### **5<sup>th</sup> November**

**am** Rev David Tennant\*

**pm** Rev David Tennant\*

#### **19<sup>th</sup> November**

**am** Rev Brian Taylor

**pm** St Saviours at 6:30pm

#### **12<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday**

**am** Rev Dr Phillip Rees

**pm** Pastor David Umbers

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HAGLEY GUIDES, BROWNIES, RAINBOWS: Fiona Drewett	701055
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HAGLEY THEATRE GROUP: Sue Dean, 38 Kidderminster Road , Hagley DY9 0QD	884906
HAGLEY WI: Irene Oliver, Rous Lench, Brake Lane, Hagley, DY8 2XW	885964
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PLAYGROUP: S Gould, 40 Lodge Crescent , Hagley DY9 0NB	882433
PROBUS CLUB: A Hardwick, Charlton Meadow, Charlton, Hartlebury, DY11 7YE	01299 250937
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Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017

5:30 pm

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