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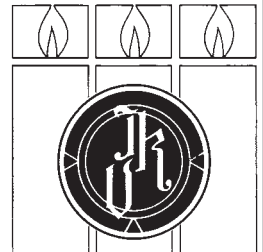


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Welcome to the February edition of Hagley Village News.

This month is an exciting month as we celebrate Valentines day on the 14th of February. Get some hints and tips on the back page with ideas on how to celebrate with your loved one. It's also Chinese New year on the 16th of February; this will be the year of the Dog. Find out what the year of the dog means on page 29. Lent also begins on February the 14th, what will you give up for lent?

In this month's edition it's great to hear what the Hagley Parish Council's role is in the village, more on page 9. It's lovely to hear about a brief history of 'The carol', The HHFS has more on page 17. Celebrate Chinese New Year with a Free taster session of Tai Chi, more on page 13.

A reminder that the Hagley Community Association AGM will be taking place at the Community Centre on Friday the 9th of February 2018 at 7:30pm. – I look forward to seeing you there.

Apologies for the printing error for the British Legion Poppy Appeal last month.

DID YOU KNOW?

February frequently occurs in lists of the most commonly misspelt words in the English language.

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As a reminder if your bins are missed you can contact BDC via the website under 'missed bins' or call them on 01527 881188 to arrange a special collect. Just a reminder your bins must be put out in time for the collection usually the day before your collection is due.

The snow did cause a number of issues with school closures and roads and pavements being either impassable or very difficult and dangerous to get through. I have raised this with the Worcestershire County Councillor to determine the County's policy on road and path gritting policy.

A recent meeting has been held between the District Planning Team and the Hagley Neighbourhood Plan team to determine mutual ways of working towards the completion of the Hagley Neighbourhood Plan.

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



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HPC sits within the governance of Bromsgrove District Council and Worcestershire County Council and whilst it will make representations to these higher 'parent' authorities, they have ultimate responsibility for local issues such as planning and highways with wider responsible falling to authorities such as Policing, Healthcare and Education being administered through their own authority bodies.

HPC has responsibility for such things as the allotments; the village cemetery, shoppers' car park; community dial a ride; bus shelters; grounds maintenance, litter picking in and around the playing field, cemetery and Sweetpool Nature Reserve; supports the environmental betterment of the village including litter picking along the 'High St', outside the schools and passageways. In addition to these we maintain the street lighting and pay for the power costs; traffic calming measures and where possible support local community groups and initiatives such as the Christmas events and the Library.

As councillors we are unpaid and meet twice a month to make decisions on the work and direction of the council. In addition to formal Council meetings we attend special meetings and working groups, including meetings with the Highway Authority, Police and schools.

At our fortnightly meeting we ask for updates from District Councillors and the County Councillor to which we will ensure that they are held to account and that the greater good of Hagley is represented.

Each year the Parish Council raises a 'precept', which is used to fulfil the parish duties and to improve facilities and services for local people. On average, HPC costs local residents about 15p per day.

Steve Colella – Chairman Hagley Parish Council

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Hagley Neighbourhood Watch

The nights are still very dark and long. Just a reminder that if you're out after dark to leave a lamp or two on to give the impression that the you're in and to deter any unwanted visitors. Timers are widely available so that the lamps can be timed to come on just before dusk.

Please remember to keep an eye on neighbours; we all welcome knowing that we're watching out for each other.

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If you are unable to come to the AGM but would still like to help us, please call in (Church Office at St Saviour's) or telephone on 886696 between 10am and 12 midday any weekday.

Hagley Helpline Committee.



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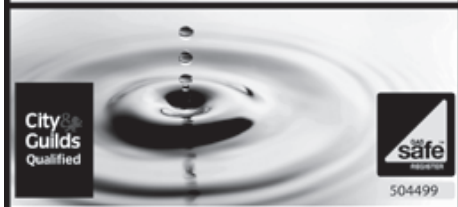
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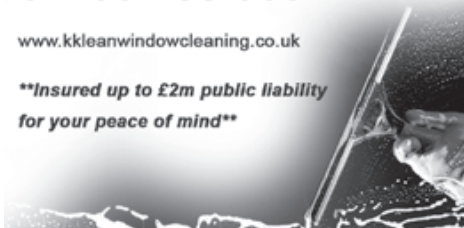
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Our December meeting was one with a difference. The presentation by our speaker Andrew Crabtree, an accomplished musician, was entitled “Christmas Songs and Carols”. Song sheets of Christmas songs and carols were provided and, accompanied by Andrew on his keyboard, were sung with gusto. Some members were provided with sleigh bells, which they rang heartily. Our Chairman Ray was given two half coconut shells with which he did an extremely good impression of a horse and really enjoyed himself. It was a delight to see!

Andrew took some time trying to divide the audience into 12 to sing the Twelve Days of Christmas. Eventually it was done but some people were still not sure which day they were. When it came to standing up and singing the appropriate words for the day, confusion reigned. Some sang gustily and stood up where appropriate – others did not!

Quite a lot of historical background given about the songs and he explained that originally carols were sung at various seasons, not just Christmas. A carol was originally a dance song and Charles Dickens regarded them also as being a story. Some carols were written in very hot weather and some, which seem modern, date back several centuries

Our next meeting at St Saviour’s Church Hall is on Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 8.00pm with a presentation by Heather Flack entitled “Bewdley under the White Rose”. She will take us on a journey from 1376 when Bewdley was first recognised as a town to how it became a thriving port with four gateways. Tickenhall Manor, which became Crown property in the 15th century, was used by the Tudor dynasty. Visitors are most welcome at all our events – see hhfs.org.uk for details and contacts.

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Marjorie Fernihough



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ART CLUB

At our Meeting on Friday, 9th February, our visiting Artist is Carole Baker who will be giving a demonstration “Adventures in Acrylic”.

Starting on Monday, 5th February, the Club has an Exhibition of pictures at Russell’s Hall Hospital. This will be at the far end of the main Reception area. They will be on display until 2nd April.

Looking ahead to our Meeting in March, this will be our AGM. More information next month.

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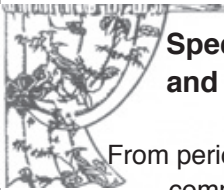
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VILLAGE INFORMATION

HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



We begin 2018 looking forward, as ever, to fresh challenges and the satisfaction that hard work, approached enthusiastically, can bring.

An early treat will be a live video link-up with the Speaker of the House of Commons, Mr John Bercow fielding questions from students on his role keeping order in Parliament!

Further educational visits to Parliament are planned, as are visits to Geneva, Auschwitz and the Ardeche (France).

Haybridge Sports Centre is delighted to inform local residents that, with the help of local Councillor Steve Colella, we have been successful in bidding for some of Bromsgrove District Council's 'New Homes Bonus Money' to upgrade our fitness suite's aged gym equipment, which the school originally purchased second-hand some 10 years ago.

We are pleased to announce that the new equipment is now in situ and we look forward to it being a huge benefit to both the school and local residents alike. We hope you will visit us in the New Year during our evening and weekend opening hours (full details available on the main Haybridge school website).

Haybridge High School & Sixth Form PTA Quiz will be held in school on Friday 16th March, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 each or £10 each with hot food. They are available from school reception and from the Haybridge Sports Centre during evening and weekend opening hours. Teams can have up to 6 members.

We hope your new year has begun well and wish you every health and happiness for 2018.

Hagley Theatre Group



Following the Christmas break our Youth Section members have been honing their acting and singing skills in preparation for the next musical theatre production scheduled for October. As the Village News went to press I did not have the title of the next show. There are a number of factors from casting to performing rights issues, which have to be sorted,

but I should be in a position to say more in the next issue. If you have an interest in joining the Theatre Group then please telephone 07907 457217 or e-mail us at hagleytheatregroup@gmail.com. We are also on Instagram and Facebook (both; @hagleytheatregroup). We look forward to hearing from you.

Tony Forrest

HAGLEY COUNTRY MARKET

'The cooks at Hagley Market have returned from their Christmas break. They will be cooking cakes and preserves for the markets to be held on 2nd and 16th February, 10.00 - 12.30 outside the Hagley Cafe.'

Did you take a photograph of the Flood Alleviation Scheme?

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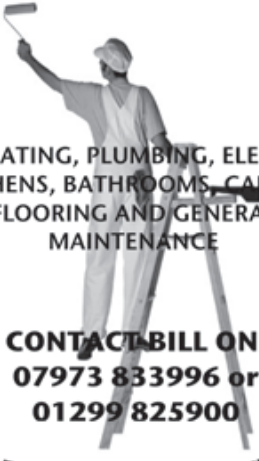


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WHAT'S ON IN HAGLEY? - FEBRUARY 2018

Thursday February 1st

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
Ladies Evening fellowship
Hagley Free Church – 8pm
Speaker: Mr Paul Betterton; Mysteries of the Titanic

Friday February 2nd

Dial a Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon
Country Market
Outside Hagley Café – 10-12:30pm
Messy Church
St Saviours Church Hall – 3:15-4:45pm
HCK Badminton
Hagley RC School
7-8pm beginners
8-10pm members

Saturday February 3rd

Taekwondo
Haybridge Sports Centre – 10-1pm

Sunday February 4th

Hagley Tennis Club
Hagley RC School – 10am

Monday February 5th

Dial a ride
Hagley – Stourbridge
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12 noon
Hagley Country Dancers
Free Church Hall - 2-3:30pm
Hagley Art Club
St Saviours Church Hall – 7:30-9:30pm
"Adventures in Acrylic" – Carole Baker

Tuesday February 6th

Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9 – 12 noon
String Orchestra
Free Church Hall – 10-12 noon
Active Seniors
Hagley Community Centre – 1:45pm & 3pm
Tuesday tea club
Free Church Hall –

2:30- 4pm

Historical & Field society
St Saviours Church – 8pm
Heather Flack: "Bewdley under the White Rose"
Active Seniors- Tai Chi
Hagley Community Centre – 4:30-5:20pm

Wednesday February 7th

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 February 8th

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

Friday February 9th

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 February 10th

Taekwondo
Haybridge Sports Centre – 10-1pm

Sunday February 11th

Hagley Tennis Club
Hagley RC School – 10am

Monday February 12th

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 February 13th

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 – 7.30pm for 8.00pm start
Ron Gallivan: Last Vegas talk
Wyre Forest talk
AGM - followed by "IN ANTICIPATION " -an illustrated presentation on our forthcoming summer outings by Eric Greenwood.

Wednesday February 14th

Valentines Day
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 February 15th

Country Market
Outside Hagley Café – 10-12:30pm
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
Mother's Union AGM & Tea
St Saviour's - 2.30 pm
Taekwondo
Hagley Community Centre – 6-9pm

Friday February 16th

Chinese New Year
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 February 17th

Taekwondo
Haybridge Sports Centre – 10-1pm

Sunday February 18th

Hagley Tennis Club
Hagley RC School – 10am

Monday February 19th

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

Tuesday February 20th

Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9 – 12 noon
String Orchestra
Free Church Hall – 10-12 noon
Active Seniors
Hagley Community Centre – 1:45pm & 3pm
Tuesday tea club
Free Church Hall – 2:30-4pm
'Towards the future'
Active Seniors- Tai Chi
Hagley Community Centre – 4:30-5:20pm

Wednesday February 21st

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 February 22nd

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

Friday February 23rd

Dial a Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Kidderminster or

Halesowen

Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon
HCK Badminton
Hagley RC School
7-8pm beginners
8-10pm members
Hagley Rotary Club: An Evening of Comedy & Music
Hagley community centre – 7:15pm

Saturday February 24th

Taekwondo
Haybridge Sports Centre – 10-1pm

Sunday February 25th

Hagley Tennis Club
Hagley RC School – 10am

Monday February 26th

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

Tuesday February 27th

Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9 – 12 noon
String Orchestra
Free Church Hall – 10-12 noon
Active Seniors
Hagley Community Centre – 1:45pm & 3pm
Ladies Afternoon fellowship
AGM with Bring & Buy - 2:30pm
Active Seniors- Tai Chi
Hagley Community Centre – 4:30-5:20pm
Village Ladies
St Saviours Church – 7.30pm for 8.00pm start
Lord Cobham: Talk on Hagley past & present

Wednesday February 28th

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



THE TRAVELLER

travel section

Brilliant bats and marvellous moths by Esther Gittoes

I pull up in the middle of nowhere, the headlights on my VW Beetle shine into the woods opposite. There's a chill in the August air as I approach the opening of Kinver Edge. I eagerly glance towards my naked wrist hoping to calculate the earliness of our arrival. I wait by the notice board, it reads, "Have you heard the Chiffchaff yet? They winter in the Mediterranean and are among the first migrant songbirds to arrive in spring. They pick insects from trees and also fly out to snap them up". I listen out for the Chiffchaffs, but I'm not here to see birds, instead I'm on the search for moths and bats.

After a few moments I'm greeted by a young red-haired woman who wears a jam red fleeced jumper. Her sparkly smile makes me feel at ease, confirming I had the right date and time. The guide leads us along the dirt path around the cluster of trees. I can see a bright light, almost like a replica of the moon over a small bank. A picnic table is just in front and a group of visitors have huddled around the table.

"So you're the moth expert?" I ask a gentleman holding a collection of contained Moths.

"I wouldn't say expert", he responded, "more of an enthusiast".

I glance into the tubes of the captured moths; their names are scribbled on sticky labels. 'Large yellow underwing' and 'Coxcomb prominent' are written in handwritten ink. The moth catcher confidently waves goodbye as he leads us towards the young girl for our bat walk, he promises to catch more Moths as we leave. I press the switch on my black and white torch and begin the Bat walk around Kinver Edge. Our guide holds a bat detector up in the air as we take each step. I stumble across the raised tree stumps, past the leaning trees and through the squeaking kissing gate. The bat detector rumbles with a sound similar to a smoking shisha pipe or the noise of blowing bubbles in the bath.

The guide waves the detector to the tops of the trees and a black silhouette races past, then another flutter amongst the branches. They are quite small in size I thought to myself; I've never seen a bat in the wild before. Our guide tells us that the Rock houses are home to a rare bat called Lesser Horseshoe a few months of the year; these bats are dwindling in numbers.

We carry on our tour up the steep hill following the noise of the bat detector. When no bats are present the detector exudes the sound of Television static. But a bubble of the device and another shadow appears above. We reach the top of the hill and look to the view over Kinver. The silhouettes of houses and the lights from the windows pose a perfect view, almost like a city of lights.

The rest of our group have started the descent down the hill towards the man and his Moths. We quickly follow them passing the last of the bats flying above us. I've been lent the bat detector as I jog down the hill and I raise my arm above my head. The detector makes a sound, apparently bats use different noises for socialising and eating, I wonder which they are doing now.

The light from the moth trap can be seen for miles. I wander down the slope towards the light mimicking the journey of the Moth to its trap. The enthusiast catches the Moths as we watch from the bandstand, we're told not to look directly into the light. I ignore the health warning and as a result my vision is beclouded with black spots. Maiden's Blush, Brimstone, Small Rivulet's and Early Thorn moths are some of the insects contained in the pots. The children stand in amazement whilst helping to catch the Moths as they fly into the light.

Following the talk and the capturing of Moths, we decide to call it a night. I thank the Moth man and the Bat lady and we wander down the rocky path, back towards the car. My handheld torch is the only light to be seen as we edge further away from the Moth trap. The clock ticks over to 11 pm. Tonight under a starry sky I had the opportunity to experience two different types of flying creatures. I'm thankful for that.

Valentines inspired Menu from Beth's Quick Treats.

Risotto with chicken, smoky bacon and butternut squash

For the roasted butternut squash: -

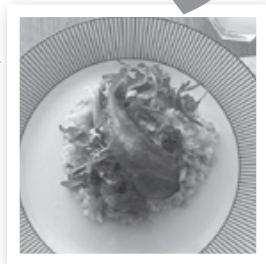
- Roast ½ Butternut squash cubes in oil with sea flakes for 25 minutes.

For the Chicken: -

- Marinate two chicken breasts for at least an hour in 2tsp of Italian seasoning, 2 finely diced gloves of garlic and 2tsp of oregano
- Add a drizzle of oil and bake in the for 20 minutes or until cooked through

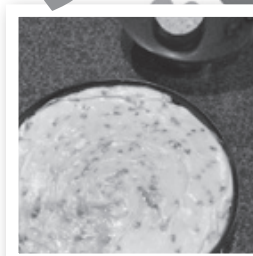
For the Risotto: -

- In a large pan add oil, 1tsp of thyme, 2 cloves of chopped garlic, 1 finely chopped white onion and 3 rashers of smoked streaky bacon. – Cook till the onions are soft for roughly 10 minutes.
- Add 200g of risotto rice, stir to coat in the oil.
- Add a splash of white wine. - let it absorb,
- Prepare 1 ½ to 2 pints of chicken stock and add the stock to the rice a bit at the time. Only add more once the rice has absorbed the last drop. This can take up to 45 minutes. - The risotto should look thick and all the liquid absorbed.
- Add 50g of Parmesan and season to taste, add the roasted butternut squash to the risotto.
- Crisp up 2 slices of streaky bacon.
- Top the risotto with the sliced chicken, streaky bacon and rocket
- Serve with some crusty bed with a chilled glass of wine



White chocolate and raspberry cheesecake

- Melt 600g of white chocolate, 65g unsalted butter and a vanilla pod over hot water.
- Pour the hot white chocolate mix into 180ml double cream, 50g of caster sugar, 500g of cream cheese & 1 packet of raspberries.
- Mix this altogether.
- Crush 300g digestive biscuits till it resembles breadcrumbs, pour over 140g of melted unsalted butter.
- Press the biscuit mix into the bottom of a 20cm circle tin.
- Top with the white chocolate cream mix
- Let it chill overnight.



**For more recipes follow
@beths_quicktreats on Instagram.**

VILLAGE INFORMATION



Friends of St John's Church

The church was beautifully decorated for Christmas. Particularly for the Ex-Cathedra concert, Carol service and Christmas Eve midnight mass service when the candles in between the arches in the nave were lit. Thank you to all those responsible.

St. John's is such a great place for musical events in the village and, like the small meeting room at its side by the cricket pitch, is a very much under-used venue; particularly when you consider it can hold up to 250 people and with adequate parking. If you are a local organisation wanting just a bit bigger venue give Tony a call at the church office on 01562 886363 (Monday, Thursday & Friday mornings). As long as your event fits in with the aims of the Friends of St. John's (which are shown below) there should be no issue with using the church for your event.

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Family theatre includes a mischievous take on Snow White, **Mirror Mirror** (4th Feb), **Bubble Disco** (18th Feb) and a stage adaptation of the popular book, **Monstersaurus** (22nd Feb).

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Cinema goers can enjoy screenings of **Royal Opera House Live: Tosca** (7th Feb), a Valentine's Day screening of Brief Encounter and big screen musical magic with **The Greatest Showman** (21st, 23rd, 26th Feb).

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Hagley Country Dancers

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The dance was written in 1650 and the original instructions make interesting reading, if slightly baffling for the uninitiated. The sheet reads:

Lead up all a D. forwards and back, set and turn S. That again.

The men take all hands, and the women hands meet all a D. back again; the first on each side go under the others arms on their own side, and meet below. Hands again, and the next Cu. as much. Hands again, and the next Cu as much.

Sides all, set and turn single. That again. As before

Arms all, set and turn S. That again. As before.

Fortunately, our callers are a bit less cryptic.

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

For more information, ring June Waterhouse, 01562 700639

Hagley String Orchestra

We’re having much fun playing an exuberant, little-known symphony by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847). Like Mozart, who had died 18 years earlier, Mendelssohn was an amazing child prodigy, and he composed twelve symphonies for string orchestra between the ages of 12 and 14! These were written for performances by a private orchestra in his family home for the Berlin intellectual elite. We are playing No. 8 in D major.

He took as his model a typical Haydn ‘classical’ symphony of four movements – fast, slow, a Minuet, fast. The Sonata Form 1st Movement opens with a short, slow Introduction in D minor, leading to an Exposition in the major. This is repeated as was customary, before a Development section and final Recapitulation. And then, surprise, surprise, for his 2nd Movement he writes a not-to-slow Adagio in which all 1st and 2nd violins are silent i.e. ‘tacet’. Instead of the bright-sounding violins, he divides the violas into three parts with cello/bass accompaniment resulting in a dark, sombre tone quality. Is the young lad intentionally breaking new ground? Is this a symphonic first!

Thank goodness we’ve got four jolly good viola players to luxuriate in this unusual piece. How about joining in; for more info please contact Haydn Thomas (01562) 885252; sanhay50@gmail.com .

As with Mozart, who died just before he became 36, Mendelssohn died young at the tragically early age of 38 after a series of strokes.

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Our programme continues through the year and we have Ron Gallivan coming to talk about **Las Vegas** on February 13th, followed on February 27th by a talk about **Hagley Past and Present** by Lord Cobham of Hagley Hall.

Looking forward to March 13th, we are to have a demonstration by **Albrighton Pottery** and we will all be able to participate in helping to make a pot. This hands on evening should be a lot of fun.

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Unfortunately there is nothing to report as the December meeting was cancelled due to the inclement weather!

The heavy fall of snow meant that it was felt to be dangerous to expect members to venture out and efforts were made to inform everyone of the cancellation.

If, by any mischance some members were not contacted and actually arrived at the Community Centre the Committee's profound apologies to you.

It is hoped to re-schedule the booked speaker for another date but as his subject is "Music for Christmas" it may have to be December 2018!!

Hopefully meetings will continue as usual on the 2nd Monday in each month 2pm at Hagley Community Centre without any further need for change or cancellation.

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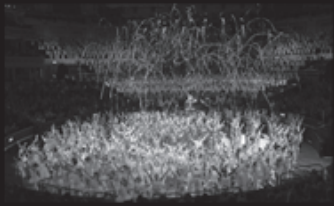
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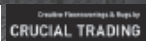
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Mon 12 Feb: King Edwards College Concert – St Saviour's 7.30 pm

Wed 14 Feb: Ash Wednesday. There will be the traditional service of Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes at 8.00 pm in St Saviour's, to mark the beginning of Lent.

Thur 15 Feb: Mothers' Union AGM & Tea – St Saviour's 2.30 pm

Lent Groups. This year's Lent groups begin on Thursday 22 February. Each week we will meet at 11.00 am in St Saviour's Hall for an hour. The study course we will be using this year comes from USPG – United Society Partners in the Gospel. Entitled "All things are possible", it will help us explore "how faith in God can change the world". Everyone is very welcome to come along.

Date	Mornings at St John's	Mornings at St Saviour's	Evenings
4 Feb. 2 before Lent	10.30 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Morning Praise	6.00 pm Shared Evening Worship – Free Church
11 Feb. Sunday before Lent	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Morning Prayer	10.45 am Holy Communion	
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