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#### Welcome to March edition of Hagley Village News.

We are now officially in spring, which means Easter time, Mother's day and St Patrick's Day. March is a time to spoil the special women in your life, to over indulge on chocolate and to celebrate down the pub for St Patrick's. I love this time of year with numerous events around Worcestershire to get involved with. I would like to wish all of Hagley community a great Easter Holiday.

The Library is currently promoting their services to those who struggle to access it, more on page 41. Please be advised on the time closures of Hagley Helpline, more on page 31. Tickets for the Theatre Club performance are now available, more on page 45.

Check out our Easter nest recipe on page 27, you can re create this recipes with your children in time for Easter.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

In the Roman calendar, Mach was the first month of the year. January and February were thought to be too bleak to have names.

Esther Gittoes Editor

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The Bromsgrove District Development Plan's current position is that it now requires it to prepare a Local Plan Review; this takes the form of a 'Local Development Scheme'.

- The implications of this review is to conduct a Greenbelt review to identify housing land for Bromsgrove's housing needs for the period 2023-2030.
- This will also include identifying land to help deliver the housing needs of the West Midlands Conurbation for the period 2023-2030.
- Both Councillor Colella and Councillor Jenkins voted against the continued discussions with the West Midlands Conurbation.
- A motion put before the District Council by Cllr Colella that asked that discussions are suspended with the West Midlands Combined Authority was defeated.
- The Greenbelt review will commence later this year.

As the planning process continues the various stages of the plan will be publically consulted upon, including District Councillors, Hagley Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Planning Team. At each consultation stage there will be the opportunity to make comments directly to the planning team at Bromsgrove District Council.

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



#### ART CLUB

Our Meeting on Friday, 9th March, is our AGM. Sue Merrill, our Chairman, is standing down this time so we are looking for nominations for someone to take over this important role. Sue has been our Chairman for 10 years and has served the Club well, always welcoming us with a cheerful smile. Sue says she has really enjoyed being Chairman of such a friendly Club. She will be willing to help the new Chairman in any way she can. We shall hear Reports of events over the past year and new plans for the coming year.

In the second half of the evening we hold a "Member's Corner" when a few members show some of their paintings and talk about the background to them. This can be very amusing and interesting.

Anne Garth 07975824100

### HAGLEY HELPLINE EASTER HOLIDAY AND MAYDAY CLOSURES

The Helpline Office will be closed on Good Friday, 30th March and Easter Monday April 2nd.

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Whilst it has not been recognised as a formal Nature Reserve it consists of a mix of wetland, open grassed space and wooded area. The area has recently suffered from ASB and it was regarded that the features of the area created an attraction as a 'hang-out' in areas that cannot be overlooked. The issue with ASB has been a matter that the Police have been dealing with and as part of this action there have been discussions between the Parish Council and the District Council. These discussions are in respect of what environmental management options there are that will discourage ASB as well as being sensitive to the environmental aspect of the area.

There are currently three allotment plots available (off Church St). Anyone that is interested please contact the clerk.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to eight new volunteers to the Hagley Neighbourhood Plan working group. The new volunteers bring a wealth of experience, technical skills and knowledge to the group. A consultation strategy is being drawn up followed by a series of questionnaires on such as matters as housing, traffic, the environment and amenities.

The replacement of street lighting is continuing in the Long Compton area. These replace the old style lamps with LEDs, which are more efficient and effective.

#### Steve Colella - Chairman Hagley Parish Council

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1st March at 8pm Speaker: Mr David Withey "Work is a four letter world"

15th March Annual General Meeting "Coffee Cakes and Chat"

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 am
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 am
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 pm
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 am
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Wednesday 21st March, 9-11 am, we are holding Breakfast in the Village, at The Cafe in Hagley. Full English Breakfast for £6.00 - ticket only - Drinks at extra cost.

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Again one for the diary - **Our Armed Forced Day Event is on Saturday 30th June**, when we will be holding a daytime event in Hagley Village and an evening Fish and Chip Supper at Hagley Community Centre, with entertainment by Blackwell Concert Band.

All tickets £15 available from committee members or from the numbers below.

It would be lovely to see you at some of the events...And there are plenty more already organised...You can listen to interesting speakers on a range of subjects, have fun and enjoy meeting members and the committee. Perhaps you would like to become a member. Please look at the Royal British Legion web site or ask a committee member at one of our events.

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#### **VILLAGE INFORMATION**



### Girlguiding- Walton District

I can't believe we have nearly finished the first term of the year, lots of the units have all been busy holding pamper sessions for those special mums spoiling them with nail painting, serving tea and cake and entertaining them

with hand made puppet shows.

2nd Hagley Rainbows were presented with their badges and a certificate for completing and gaining the quality mark, they have now been asked by CHQ to test a new activity which they hope to role out nationally with the new Girl Guiding Programme later in the year, so a big well done to them. 1st Hagley Rainbows & 3rd Hagley Brownies will be finishing off the term with a visit from the animal man. Both rainbow units this term have completed the seasons Badge by making bird feeders, hedgehog cakes, dragon fly's using water bottles and glow sticks, they had great fun achieving this Badge.

Both units had a dance night, one with a dance teacher and the other unit made Pom-poms as well as making up their own dance. Guides have been very busy to, 1st have been trying some different activities based around keeping fit and also having a swimming evening and a Taekwondo session, all in which goes towards the Agility Badge. 2nd Hagley Guides have had quite a few girls complete their Baden Powell award, which is a fabulous achievement well done girls. This term, all units have held a World Thinking Day evening to celebrate our founders Birthdays and think about all the Guide members from around the world.

Fiona Drewett District Commissioner

#### HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



Haybridge's work with students to promote citizenship and democracy continues and we have arranged two visits to Parliament for the Spring.

Closer to home we were delighted to host a Skype link-up with the Speaker of the Commons, Mr John Bercow. 35 students posed a range of probing questions to Mr Speaker and he gave us a very informative hour of his precious time. A great experience!

We have been pleased to welcome Mr Adam Williams from Midlands Air Ambulance into assemblies, where he shared information about this amazing organisation's life-saving work. It was our pleasure to present Mr Williams, on behalf of MAA, with a cheque for nearly £500, raised by students as part of our ongoing charity efforts.

On Friday 20th April, with the support of the PTA, we will be hosting an Anniversary Dinner to celebrate the 40th academic year of Haybridge success and to raise funds towards building a new Sports Pavilion. TV presenter Adrian Chiles will host the event. Tickets will be priced at £35 per head and include a drink on arrival, a three course meal, live music and after dinner speech and fund-raising auction by Adrian. There will be a well-stocked bar run by the PTA. Why not consider this event for a works/corporate celebration?

We would warmly welcome any type of table sponsorship or one off donations. For a group booking of a table of 10 we will offer the discounted table price at £315 as opposed to £350.

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#### WHAT'S ON IN HAGLEY? - MARCH 2018

Thursday March 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 David Withey: "Work is a four letter world"

Friday March 2nd Dial a Ride Bus Service Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen Hagley Playgroup

Hagley Community Centre -9-12noon Messy Church St Saviour's Hall - 3:15-

4:45pm **HCK Badminton** Hagley RC School 7-8pm beginners 8-10pm members

Saturday March 3rd Taekwondo Haybridge Sports Centre -10-1pm

Sunday March 4th Hagley Tennis Club Hagley RC School - 10am

Monday March 5th Dial a ride Hagley – Stourbridge Hagley Playgroup Hagley Community Centre 9-12 noon **Hagley Country Dancers** Free Church Hall - 2-

Tuesday March 6th Hagley Playgroup Hagley Community Centre -

3:30pm

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 - 2:30-4nm

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

Historical & Field society St Saviours Church - 8pm Derek Clarke: "The repair of the Old Roval Naval College at Greenwich'

Wednesday March 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 - 6:45pm Western Badminton Club Haybridge Sports Centre -8-10pm

Thursday March 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 March 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 Art Club AGM

Saturday March 10th Taekwondo Haybridge Sports Centre -10-1pm

Sunday March 11th **Hagley Tennis Club** Hagley RC School - 10am

Monday March 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 2nm Helene Hancox & Megan

Burv talk

Tuesday March 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 Free Church Hall - 10-12 for 8.00pm start Abrington Pottery: Talk &

Demonstration Wednesday March 14th 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 ringers St Johns Church - 6:45pm Western Badminton Club Haybridge Sports Centre -8-10pm

Thursday March 15th 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 David Withey:

"Work is a four letter world" Friday March 16th

Dial a Ride Bus Service Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen

**Hagley Country Market** Hagley Café - 10 -12:30pm Hagley Playgroup Hagley Community Centre -

9-12noon **HCK Badminton** Hagley RC School 7-8pm beginners 8-10pm members

Saturday March 17th Taekwondo Haybridge Sports Centre -10-1nm

Sunday March 18th Hagley Tennis Club Hagley RC School - 10am

Monday March 19th Dial a ride Hagley – Stourbridge Hagley Playgroup Hagley Community Centre -9-12 noon Hagley WI 1:30 Fish & Chip lunch **Hagley Country Dancers** 

Tuesday March 20th Hagley Playgroup Hagley Community Centre -9 - 12 noon

Free Church Hall - 2-

3:30pm

String Orchestra noon

Active Seniors Hagley Community Centre -1:45pm & 3pm Tuesday tea club Free Church Hall - 2:30-4nm

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

Wednesday March 21st Dial a Ride Bus Service Hagley to Merry Hill **Hagley Playgroup** Hagley Community Centre -9-12noon

Breakfast in the Village (ticket only) The Café in Hagley -9-11am

**Mothers & Toddlers Group** Free Church Hall -10-11:30am

St John's Bellringers St Johns Church - 6:45nm Western Badminton Club Haybridge Sports Centre -8-10pm Thursday March 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 March 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

Saturday March 24th Taekwondo Havbridge Sports Centre -10-1pm

Sunday March 25th **Hagley Tennis Club** Hagley RC School - 10am

Monday March 26th Dial a ride Hagley - Stourbridge Hagley Playgroup Hagley Community Centre -9-12 noon Hagley Country Dancers Free Church Hall - 2-3:30pm

Tuesday March 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 2:30pm Active Seniors- Tai Chi Hagley Community Centre -4:30-5:20pm

Village Ladies St Saviours Church -7.30pm for 8.00pm start Bev Pegg: Talk & Performance

Wednesday March 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 – 6:45pm Hagley Gardener's club St Saviour's Hall - 7:30pm Jim Preston: "Wildlife in a Small Urban Garden' Western Badminton Club

Havbridge Sports Centre -

8-10nm Thursday March 29th 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 March 30th Good Friday \*Hagley Helpline closed 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

Saturday March 31st Taekwondo Haybridge Sports Centre -10-1pm

8-10pm members



### THE TRAVELLER

travel section

# Lords Arms Orphanage by Esther Gittoes



Her warm skin touches mine as she places her sagging arms around my neck. Her tears escape her watery eyes but no English words depart her lips, instead she smiles and releases tears of appreciation. My eyes too begin to well up; perhaps my small act of kindness will have a great impact on these children's lives. My homestay translates the ladies broken words and repeats them back to me.

"She was unsure of how she was going to afford the rent next month"

£50 was all that I had donated along with book supplies, stickers, and pens. I hold Grandma tight and smile into her scrunched up face. The orphans refer to this woman as Grandma; she is their provider, carer and saviour. I wander the orphanage school for one last time before I head back to England. I have visited this school many times during my six-week trip to Ghana but this would be the last time

I beam towards the recognisable faces of the children and we greet each other with a hug.

"Obruni" (Ghanaian word for Westerner) they scream to me.

Most of the children here are orphans and the other children come here to go to school, although I'm not entirely sure that I can call it a school. There is one classroom outside which is structured from sheets of wood. The teachers volunteer and some are not even qualified. The older children tend to do the vounger children's exams and sometimes it's two children to one seat. But their smiles are infectious as we practice the clap game they had taught me last week.

Each child is wearing different school uniforms, some are in their own clothes and some clearly in their sibling's dress. Both the boys and girls heads are shaved, I'm told this is for hygiene reasons as well as keeping cool in the hot weather. Perhaps this is also the reason as to why they have a fascination with my long curly hair.

"Can I do your hair", the girls would beg.

After a while I give in and the one girl scrapes every strain of hair back, pulling with all her strength to tame it into a French plait. Grandma shouts at the children to calm them down. She is wearing a bright red flamed inspired Ed Hardy top and has a piece of cloth that is used to tie up her hair, keeping it off her face.

The children take me into a room where a child is sleeping on the floor, in the same room a chicken wanders around. They share a room, a home and a life together. The ages of the children vary and most never leave. My host Sam tells me that the majority of the children who aren't adopted will live here all of their lives and then help out with the other orphans. The children here will most likely become street sellers, earning pence selling goods on the side of the roads. Outside the house but still within the compound the ground is rocky and some children walk around bare foot. There is no structure here, no different ability classes, no qualified teachers or hygienic living conditions. But where else would these children go? Without this establishment most of the local children will have no education and the orphans no home.

I look towards the handmade coat pegs hanging on the wall. Tattered rucksacks are placed on the crooked pegs, attached dangerously to the wooden sheet wall. But I can't help but smile, their contagious spirit encourages a grin as I watch them laugh and play. Here a child has nothing but a pure soul full of aspiration and laughter.

I wave one last time as I depart the orphanage that has impacted my life more than I ever imagined at the age of eighteen. Most people my age would have never experienced poverty like that. They stand in front of their compound door and wave to me, still smiling.

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# Easter Mest Recipe

#### Ingredients

- \* 75g Cornflakes
- \* 50g Butter
- \* 2tbsp Golden Syrup
- \* 225g plain broken chocolate
- \* 36 mini chocolate eggs

#### Method

- 1. Line a cake tin with 12 fairy cases
- 2. Melt the chocolate, golden syrup and butter in a bowl set over a pan of gently simmering water. Stir this mixture until smooth.
- 3. Remove from the heat and stir the cornflakes into the bowl, until all the cereal is covered.
- 4. Divide the mixture into the cases and position 3 chocolate eggs on top.
- 5. Chill in the fridge for 1 hour to set.



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We are happy to announce we now have two new clinical staff members.

- Dr Ahmed has joined Hagley Surgery as Full Time GP Partner.
- Nurse Sharon has joined our Nursing team working throughout the week.

We wish both all the best working here at Hagley surgery.

#### Hagley Historical and Field Society



I am sure you will have heard of or even visited the Lost Gardens of Heligan in Cornwall. I suspect it is less likely that you have heard of the Lost Garden of Halesowen. Our speakers this month were Mick and Carole Freer and their topic was 'Leasowes Walled Garden – Lost in Time'.

The Leasowes, once internationally famous for its design and beauty, is the mid 18th Century creation of the poet, William Shenstone. A reflection of its importance is its designation as a Grade 1 Listed Garden. It vied in importance with Hagley Park and Enville Hall. The Walled Garden which lies at its heart together with an outer garden cover about two acres and although they have been in existence for 240 years their historical significance has not been understood. The fact that it is unknown is largely due to it not being open to the public, being used as a storage compound for the Council's Parks Department and latterly as an educational Horticultural College.

Mick and Carole are members of the Halesowen Abbey Trust, which purchased the garden in 2014 and dedicated it to public benefit in perpetuity. Work has recently started by an army of volunteers to restore it to its former glory and we hope to invite them both back in the future to review their progress.

Our next meeting at St Saviour's Church Hall is on Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 8.00pm with a presentation by Derek Clarke RIBA entitled "The Repair of the Old Royal Naval College at Greenwich". Visitors are most welcome at all our events – see hhfs.org.uk for details and contacts.

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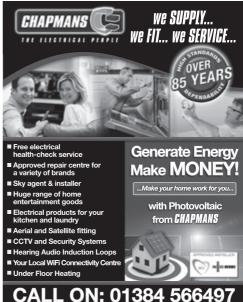
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#### **VILLAGE NEWS**



#### HAGLEY ROTARY CLUB COME AND JOIN US



We had great fun at our Cabaret evening with Dougle Parker and the Boys on the 23 Feb. What a fantastic way to raise money for good causes. I think everyone enjoyed the evening.

Martin Freckelton, what a fantastic evening, you did it again – well done. He was ably assisted by his fellow Rotarians. A big thank you to our wives and partners who support us so much on these occasions and also to the people of Hagley and our friends who attended. We hope you can join us again for our next event later this year.

By update, we are informed that all of the "Purple for Polio" crocuses have been planted around the village and we hope to see them soon. When they appear, please send us your pictures to post on our facebook page.

If you would like to find out more about Hagley Rotary Club or believe that you have any skills that could help us raise money and do good deeds both locally and internationally, please get in touch.

We are a friendly bunch and meet every Monday (excluding Bank Holidays) at 7pm for 7.30pm at the Hogarths Stone Manor, Stone, Kidderminster for Dinner. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please call **Martin on 01562 700391** or **David 01562 886529**.

Rotary and peace the world over.

Julie Banks, Vice President



### **Village Ladies**

Our programme continues with two events in March. The first is on March 13th when we have guest speakers coming from Albrighton Pottery who will give a talk and demonstration. We hope we can take an active part in the making of a pot.

We have another very different evening planned for March 27th when local celebrity Bev Pegg will give an hilarious insight into his life and will perform his music.

Looking forward to April 10, we have a speaker coming form the National Memorial Arboretum to explain how it all began and what to see there.

Do join us at St Saviour's Hall at 8pm for each talk.

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#### **VILLAGE NEWS**

### Hagley Gardeners' Club

Our Annual Social Evening was well attended and all enjoyed a delicious hot meal prepared by our caterers. The raffle and talk went down well.

Our 2018/19 programme will be available at the March meeting. A wide variety of talks, which will hopefully please our members.

**March 28th:** Jim Preston makes a return visit to the club with a talk on "Wildlife in a Small Urban Garden". You probably never realized you had such visitors to your garden both day and night.

**April 25th:** The new head gardener from Morton Hall Gardens, near Inkberrow, will give us an illustrated talk on how the gardens have been transformed and the seasonal changes incorporated within them.

March is the first month of spring, daffodils should be in full bloom and everything is showing signs of new growth. Unfortunately, so are the weeds. On a dry day weed now-saves time later when they will be much larger and probably making seed. Apply slug pellets around Hostas and other lush growth. Use organic pellets based on ferric phosphate, just as effective as ones based on methaldehyde. Happy gardening.

Our meetings are at St. Saviours Hall. 7.30 for 8.00pm

John Oakes Chairman

#### **HAGLEY W.I.**



'Divine Intervention' was the intriguing title of the talk at our January meeting. Irene Oliver enlightened us about Dowsing and Divining, its history going back further than the Ancient Egyptians. Several members 'had a go' both with divining rods

and a pendulum. We can all now try it for ourselves!

We discussed the Resolutions for the National WI meeting. For 2018 these are - Promoting a More Positive Body Image; Stopping Female Genital Mutilation; Raising Awareness of Modern Slavery in the UK; Mental Health as important as Physical Health; Healthier Mouth, Healthier Body. Hagley members chose the Resolutions to do with Modern Slavery and Mental Health Matters.

The Craft Group has made baby clothes for the Neo-natal Unit at Russells Hall Hospital – who are happy to have more.

Our meeting on Monday 12 March will be about Gardens – Helene Hancox talking about creating her own beautiful garden and Megan Bury about a Cornish garden. On Monday 9 April, Dr Gillian White will give a talk: Queen Victoria – a Life in Pictures.

Also, on Monday 19 March, we plan a Fish and Chip Lunch at 1.30.

Our meetings are held in the Community Centre, usually at 2.00 pm. We are a friendly group and are always pleased to see visitors and new members you are very welcome and we look forward to seeing you!

Rosie Wynne



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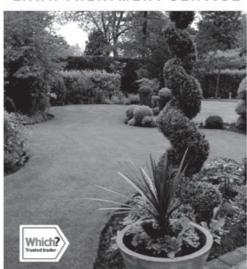
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The lighter nights are on their way – and hopefully soon there will be a hint of Spring in the air! So there is no better time to venture down to the Community Centre and try out one of our strength and balance classes. Active Seniors exercise classes continue to be popular both on Tuesday and Thursday

afternoons and it's great to see so many local people coming along to exercise with us each week. We would love a few more locals – especially some men as we have more ladies than gents! - do come along and try out a class – but be quick because after a busy start to 2018 we now only have a few spaces available in the classes.

We have classes to suit all – a couple of very active and lively classes at 3.15pm on Tuesday and Thursday and for those who need a little less challenging class we can find a just couple of spots in our earlier classes at 1.45pm. So if you feel that you would like to be stronger, or find your balance isn't as good as it was, or perhaps you just want to feel a bit fitter then give us a call on 07512 546480 to have a chat about which class might suit you and to book a FREE taster session.

If you are interested in our very popular Tai Chi for health class at 4.30 on Tuesday afternoons then please ring for a chat as numbers in this class are very limited.

We hope to hear from you soon.

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Hand & Tower The Twelfth Night celebrations were a great success. We played a good variety of pieces and had great fun. Many thanks to the organiser; it was a most enjoyable evening!

Thanks to the very kind and generous donations that we have received, we have been able to add 10 bells to our collection.

This has opened up many more pieces of music, we are now able to play & practice. We hope that you will all get the chance to enjoy these new pieces, in the not too distant future!

If you think that you may enjoy a spot of Hand Bell Ringing, why not pop along to one of our practice sessions?

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If you think that a library service at home delivery would help you then please call the library on 01905 822722 to talk to a member of staff for more information.

Holly Ferris

## Love Hagley

We're almost up to 2,000 members! If you want to join a group which shares positive local news why not find us on Facebook? You just need a profile pic of yourself to join and to let us know if you live or work in Hagley (to make this easy for admin you can set Hagley as where you live on your status profile).

#### Hagwarts, a magical Xmas

Christmas seems like ages ago already! But for those of you who haven't found out on our Facebook page, we're pleased to announce that we made around £1.5K profit from our event and pop-up stall, with all proceeds going to the Community Centre rebuild. Thanks to our sponsors West One and Flueology as well as the donations from Spar and the Co-op and all our volunteers. We hope you enjoyed the event. we'd love to do another one!

#### Be a volunteer!

There's so many reasons to be a local volunteer. Although you don't get paid, when you help with local events and groups you get so much out of it. Friends, contacts, happy memories, making a difference in your local area. So why not get in contact and help out at the Hagley community centre, your skills could make a big difference! We're only a small group and all help is welcome and appreciated:)



## Friends of St John's Church

The churchyard has seen a beautiful display of snow-drops this year. We are indebted for the help we have received over the years in keeping the area round the church so tidy and welcoming. It is very sad to see how the areas

around some churches in the country are becoming increasingly over grown. Thank you to everyone who helps to keep St. John's, so spick and span.

The new pub the "King Arthur" has a new Community Room open to local organisations. The bell-ringers used this room for their Christmas bash in December and were made very welcome by all the staff there. Thank you.

The local Scout hut I know is out of use at the moment. They have used the Wychbury Room by the side of St. John's for a first aid course in January. There are links at this page to see the availability of the room and how to arrange using it. The parking there is very good.

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With the possibility of the Community Centre closing during renovations in the future it's good to know where there are local rooms for hire. The U3A I know use rooms in the Free Church.

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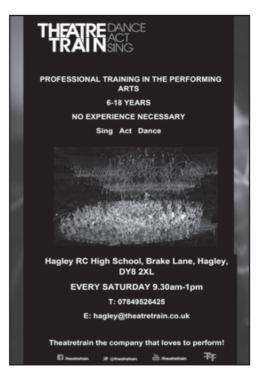
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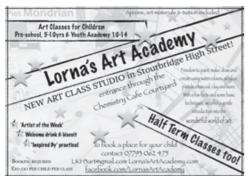
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## **Hagley Country Dancers**

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If the caller chooses, as Spring approaches, we may perform dances with a seasonal theme, such as "Speed the Plough", a stately longways dance or "The Ploughboy", a more lively 3 couple dance which we dance to the familiar tune.

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## **Hagley String Orchestra**

We seem to be concentrating on composers' youthful works this term. Haydn wrote his *Cassation* in his early twenties, and Mendelssohn composed his *8th String Symphony* when he was about 14. Another amazingly talented youth was Benjamin Britten (1913-1976).

We're playing Britten's *Simple Symphony*, which he wrote in 1934 when he was 20. However, the tunes he uses in this 4-movement piece he originally composed from the age of 11. He had begun piano lessons when he was 7, and these early pieces were written for solo piano. He became a superb pianist, particularly in accompaniment, although his shyness made him reticent in performing in public. The world-renowned accompanist Gerald Moore wrote that he avoided playing at the Aldeburgh Festival 'as the presiding genius there is the greatest accompanist in the world.'

The Simple Symphony is in the traditional Classic symphonic format: 'Boisterous Bourrée'; 'Playful Pizzicato'; 'Sentimental Saraband' and 'Frolicsome Finale'. Britten's string orchestration inspired by these piano pieces is masterly, but the 'Simple' title is a misnomer as technically the music is challenging! Britten dedicated this work to his viola teacher

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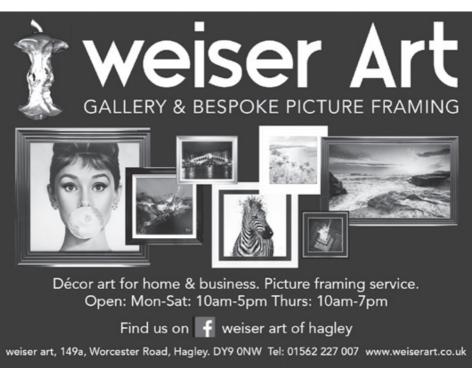
## **Hagley Theatre Group**



It's been a little while since our adult section staged a show. However a window of opportunity has arisen to stage a show this April. Some of the younger adult members most of whom were members of the Youth Section until relatively recently want to perform which is great news for the group as it has not always been easy to retain Youth Section

leavers when they go off to university and seldom come back to the area. The show being staged is Alan Menken's musical "Little Shop of Horrors" to be performed at the Community Centre from the 12th-14th of April. Tickets are priced at £10-£8 and are currently available from hagleytheatregroup@gmail.com; 07907457217; www.ticketsource.co.uk/hagleytheatregroup.The show will start at 19:30 with doors opening at 7pm. (Please Note: this performance is not suitable for children under the age of 12).

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