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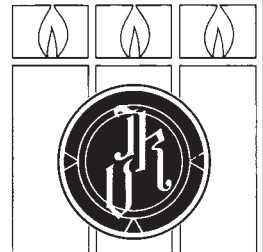


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Welcome to April edition of Hagley Village News.

As we spring into the month of April, we look forward to Easter egg hunting, April Fool's day and devouring the many chocolates from the Easter bunny. Because April is a great month for baking, we have a lovely easter recipe for you to try on page 44. We also have many events within the village with lots of charity and musical events, have a look at our new What's on page (pg 25) for more information. We also have information on the Havana Ball Fundraiser on page 26, make sure you get your tickets and support the Community Centre. Hagley Theatre Group will be performing Little Shop of Horrors from Wednesday the 12th through to Saturday, April the 14th, more on page 41. If you need to burn calories following the many consumed easter eggs, have a look on page 33, where the Active Seniors have a rundown on all of their classes. Finally, thank you to Megan Bury for her lovely pancake poem on page 31.

Happy Easter everyone!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Romans called this month Aprilis, which may derive from the verb aperire meaning "to open", referring to flowers and fruits opening.

Esther Gittoes
Editor

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- At a February meeting of the Bromsgrove Overview and Scrutiny Board a proposal in respect increased monitoring of air quality along the A456 was supported. At the time of writing these recommendations will go to Cabinet on the 7th March where further support will be pursued. The Minute of both O&S and Cabinet will be presented at the April Full Council meeting.
- At a similar meeting District Councillors took the opportunity to raise questions on Highways and transport matters across the district with County Council Officers. Formal responses to our questions are expected in due course.
- I can confirm that the BDC base Tax rise for 2018/19 will be 2.9%. This decision was only approved by a slight majority vote with just under half of the council voting against it.
- It was particularly pleasing that the Hagley Scout community capital bid for £100,000 has been formally approved by BDC on the same evening. Many thanks go to the officers involved in supporting member supported bid and sincere congratulations to the Scouts.
- We are now officially into spring and reflect on one of the harshest winters in a long time. Well done to the staff at BDC, especially the waste teams for not allowing the very bad weather to disrupt collections too much.

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

Hagley Parish Council

Thank you to all those that were able to come to the Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting. I hope you found the updates both interesting and informative.

Recent meetings have been held with Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council in respect of supporting our neighbours in discussions with Wyre Forest District Council and the Wyre Forest Development strategy, particularly around Kidderminster. We have requested a series of meetings with their Planners to discuss highways issues along with Worcestershire County Council.

All Parish Councils across Worcestershire are affiliated with its local council association. Here in Bromsgrove I have been appointed as vice chairman to the Bromsgrove 'County Association of Local Councils'. The importance of having an active Parish Council Association is that it offers mutual support and access to qualified advice and information on issues that affect parished areas.

I would like to extend my thanks to Bromsgrove District Council's 'Place Teams' for helping HPC carryout ground works in the playing field to clear an area of undergrowth.

Regular questions we are asked is when will the playing fields be fully opened up. This follows the major excavation works undertaken by Severn Trent during last autumn and winter. The issue continues to sit with the time of year and whether it is replanted using seed or turf. The advice we are receiving is that seeding is the most effective and practical. The contractor has a responsibility to return the field back to its original condition and so as soon as the field is ready it will be reopened fully.

Steve Colella – Chairman Hagley Parish Council

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Tim Burling has retired and Chelsea Lloyd (PCSO) has successfully passed her training and will take up a post away from Bromsgrove as a qualified Police constable. We wish the very best for both in their future retirement and future new roles.

The changes unfortunately don't end there with Inspector Gareth Keyte moving to a similar role in the Wyre Forest district. He will be replaced by Inspector Mark Chappel.

A request has been made that the new Inspector comes to meet Hagley Parish Council and attends a public meeting of the Hagley Neighbourhood Watch.

With such changes and loss of experienced staff we remain concerned with the Policing in Hagley. Further representation will be made to the Police and Crime Commissioner as well as the MP and Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

Steve Colella and Roger Seabury Hagley Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators.

Hagley Historical and Field Society



When you walk through Bewdley you could be forgiven for thinking that it is purely a Georgian town as the brick frontages of the houses mainly date from this period. This was a time of great prosperity in Bewdley as an inland trading port thriving on the Industrial Revolution, which blossomed around the town and up the river Severn. However, what you are seeing is the result of the 18th century fashion of building brick frontages onto existing timber-framed houses. We still do the same today by adding cladding to high-rise buildings to hide ugly or unfashionable appearances. The reason for doing so is still the same. It saves the cost of demolishing a perfectly serviceable building. Fortunately, the Georgian materials have proved safer than some the modern ones.

In fact, as our speaker this month Heather Flack told us, some of the existing buildings can be dated to 1310 and the next time you walk up High Street look out for numbers 44 and 45 which date to 1419. On the Sunday afternoon following our meeting, members were given a guided walk around Bewdley by fellow member Doug Allen who pointed out many of the features illustrated during her talk.

Our next meeting at St Saviour's Church Hall is on Tuesday 3rd April 2018 at 8.00pm with a presentation by Tim Booth entitled "Following the Belne Brook". Belne Brook rises in the valley between Walton and Romsley Hills and flows westward for some nine miles to join the River Stour on the south side of Kidderminster, where it is known as Hoo Brook. Visitors are most welcome at all our events – see hhfs.org.uk for details and contacts.

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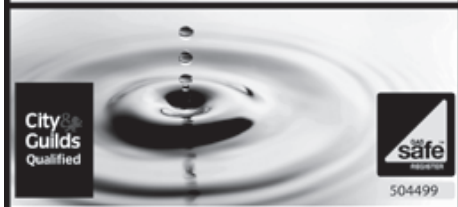
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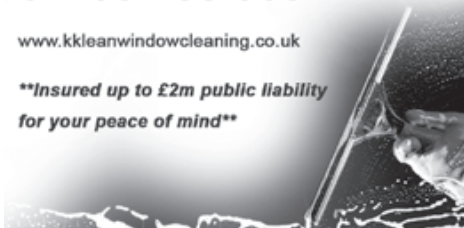
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We have a speaker coming from the National Memorial Arboretum on **April 10th** and we will hear about how it all began and what is there to see. This will prepare us for our forthcoming trip in June when we will spend the day at the arboretum learning even more about its origins and the memorials there.

Perhaps some of you are regular viewers of the ITV quiz programme THE CHASE, broadcast daily at 5pm. Dawn Higgins has been one of the contestants on the show so her talk is entitled. "Could you answer these questions?" She will bring with her a mini quiz, so we can see if we would be a suitable candidate to try to win thousands of pounds on the show. It's all about teamwork! Dawn joins us on **April 24th**.

Looking forward to **May 8th**, when we have Mike and Pat Ledbury coming to bring us Traditional Tunes of the British Isles.

We do hope that you will come and join us for lively evenings with friends. If you haven't been before, do come and meet us, you will be most welcome. We meet every second and fourth Tuesday at 8pm in St Saviour's Church Hall.

Toni Allison

Hagley Gardeners' Club

The AGM was cancelled due to the bad snow, ice and cold weather, and will now be part of our meeting on 28th March. It is hoped new officers will be appointed at that meeting.

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.

May 23rd A great attraction in this area is the Birmingham Botanical Gardens in Edgbaston, but do we know what goes on for the whole twelve months of a year. Nigel Hopes will give us an insight into the continuing importance of these gardens.

June 27th Butterflies have been in the headlines over the last few years, for all the wrong reasons. They are in serious decline. Roger Umpelby will remind us of these little beauties and what we are missing, and how to improve their lot, in his talk – Butterflies in Britain.

There should be plenty of growth in the garden right now, but too early to put in bedding plants. Not too late to sow sweet peas. Hardy annuals too can be sown where they are to flower to add colour to mixed borders, such as cornflowers.

Many flowers are out now, such as bluebells, many Alpines, honeysuckle, crab apple, honesty violets, red current, Thrift and Welsh Poppies to name a few and found in our country side.

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

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Bells rang out for the Armistice

When the bells rang out on the 11th November 1918 they announced the end of the most catastrophic war the world had yet seen. At the time bells were at the heart of the community, marking events of great significance and communicating to people long before modern technology connected us. Bellringing has always had a much wider function than its role in the church, but most of us today are not aware of its broad and inclusive service.

Bell ringers lost their lives

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Hagley String Orchestra

We ended our spring term on the Tuesday before Easter, 27 March, by playing through the pieces we've been enjoying during the term; Haydn, Mendelssohn and Britten.

A particular favourite has been Brandenburg No.3 by JS Bach. He was appointed Kapellmeister (doubling his salary!) at the court of Anhalt-Cöthen in 1717 when he was 32. Unlike his other positions, this one did not include composing religious music as Prince Leopold was Calvinist, only using simple unaccompanied congregational chants in services with no organ; Bach was Lutheran.

Bach's sole responsibility was the highly competent court orchestra in which the Prince played viola da gamba, and it was for them that he composed his six Brandenburg Concerti. These are for varying combinations of instruments, No. 3 being for strings only, and premiered in 1721. The previous year, his wife Maria Barbara died leaving Bach with four children (another three had died).

Bach remarried in 1721, his wife being Anna Magdalena Wilcken, daughter of the Court trumpeter and herself a professional singer, who gave Bach a further 13 children of whom 7 died young.

Do consider joining us for more great music next term which begins on Tuesday 17 April. For more information, please contact Haydn Thomas (01562) 885252; sanhay50@gmail.com

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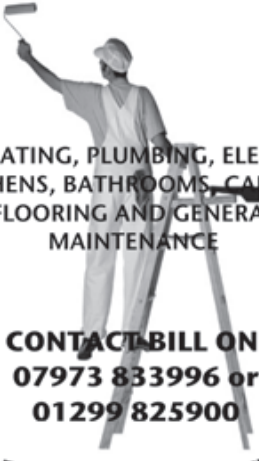


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Dial a ride	Hagley - Stourbridge		Every Mon
Hagley Playgroup	Community Centre	9-12 noon	Every Mon
Country Dancers	Free Church Hall	2-3:30pm	Every Mon after April 9th
Hagley WI <i>Dr Gillian White: Queen Victoria</i>	Community Centre	2pm	9th April
Wyre forest talk - <i>an illustrated talk by Dr James Taylor.</i>	Community Centre	8pm	16th April

TUESDAY

Hagley Playgroup	Community Centre	9-12 noon	Every Tues
String Orchestra	Free Church Hall	10-12 noon	Every Tues: (Begins Tues 17th)
Active Seniors	Community centre	1:45 & 3pm	Every Tues
Tuesday tea club	Free Church Hall	2:30 - 4pm	April 3rd and 17th
Active Seniors- Tai Chi	Community Centre	4:30 -5:20pm	Every Tues
Village Ladies - <i>*National Memorial Arboretum talk *Dawn Higgins quiz</i>	St Saviours Church	7:30pm	April 10th April 24th
Historical & Field society - <i>Tim Booth entitled "Following the Belne Brook"</i>	St Saviours Church	8pm	April 3rd
Ladies Afternoon Fellowship	Hagley Free Church	7:30pm	26th April

WEDNESDAY

Dial a Ride	Hagley - Merry Hill		Every Wed
Hagley Playgroup	Community Centre	9-12 noon	Every Wed
Mothers & Toddlers group	Free Church Hall	10-11:30am	Every Wed
St John's Bellringers	St Johns Church	6:45pm	Every Wed
Western Badminton	Haybridge Sports Centre	8-10pm	Every Wed
Gardener's Club - <i>Morton Hall Gardens - an Illustrated talk</i>	St Saviours Hall	7:30pm	April 25th

THURSDAY

Story time	Hagley Library	10:30-11am	Every Thurs
Hand of Friendship	Free Church Hall	11 - 1:15pm	Every Thurs
Active Seniors	Community Centre	1:45pm: less challenging class 3:15pm: Slightly Challenging	Every Thurs
Taekwondo	Community Centre	6-9pm	Every Thurs

FRIDAY

Dial a Ride	Hagley - Kidderminster or Halesowen		Every Fri
Hagley Playgroup	Community Centre	9 - 12noon	Every Fri
HCK Badminton	Hagley RC School	7-8pm Beginners 8-10pm Members	Every Fri
Country Market	Hagley Café	10-12:30pm	April 13th, 27th
Art Club - <i>Tony Chance talk</i>	St Saviours Church	7:30pm	April 13th

SATURDAY

Taekwondo	Haybridge Sports Centre	10-1pm	Every Sat
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SUNDAY

Hagley Tennis	Hagley RC School	10am	Every Sun
Piano Concert	St Johns Church	3pm	April 8th
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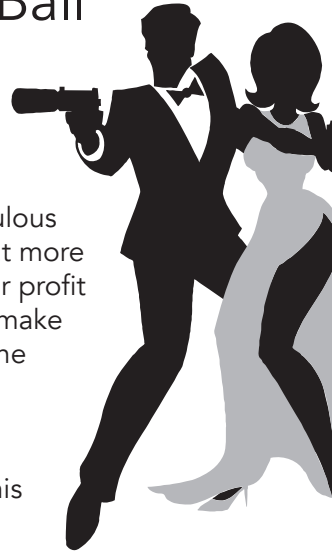
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James Bond Havana Ball

Save the date – our fundraiser, James Bond Havana Ball is on 30th June with tickets available on www.lovehagley.co.uk

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We would also like to support Leslie's Care packages - we've been really amazed by how Vi Wood who runs this has spent all winter going out in all weathers and shopping and distributing her lovely care packages to those who have nothing.



To find out more on events and fundraising:
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OUR PLATINUM PLEDGE

Have you ever wanted to do something amazing which will really make a difference to the place where you have enjoyed living?

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There are hundreds of good causes out there we know, but this is the only one where you can support a project on your own doorstep which will help people across the community, bringing people together whatever their age or interests!

We really need support for the community centre now – we've got a large chunk of funding which we've provided ourselves but it's not enough! We can now no longer count on match funding or other schemes - we need a large contribution so we can fulfil our plans for a fantastic new centre we can all really be proud of!

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Local businesses are also being invited to donate. Alternatively, you can make an anonymous donation by donating via our fundraising website www.lovehagley.co.uk where the latest information about the rebuild can be found.

We wouldn't ask for money to be actually donated until we had enough money to form a fully costed up plan and we had planning permission for the structure.

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HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



We have been focusing quite a lot in recent months on further opening up channels for sharing student thoughts, opinions and insights across a range of important topics. Using our online platforms we have run surveys on social media usage, wellbeing and anti-bullying as well as

our regular termly Student Council surveys on key aspects of school life.

Responding to what our students tell us about what they think and are experiencing is a key part of our ongoing work to be the best school community we can be. If we are informed we can act in a variety of ways to improve the students' time with us and the insights and suggestions students have been offering have been absolutely fascinating to read and are an invaluable resource.

Some highlights from recent weeks include a full day training for students who have become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, with training delivered by leading national organisation the Diana Award. Haybridge hosted this regional event and we were delighted to welcome students from schools across the West Midlands who came together for this training.

We also made our second visit to Parliament of this academic year, with a Sixth Form group visiting the Bank of England in the morning and the House of Commons in the afternoon, followed by an interactive workshop on UK democracy. We look forward to our third such visit in April. We believe that the more our young people are informed about how they can be active citizens, the better.

For further information please contact Sally Gill at school on 01562 881136 or via e-mail on sgill@haybridge.worcs.sch.uk



HAGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL

Eighty-six pupils from Key Stage 4 recently undertook pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland. The four day trip, during school holiday time, offered a taste of Polish culture together with an exploration of the history of the Poland's old capital city, and a reflection on the tragic events

during World War II.

On the first full day of the trip, pupils travelled to Oświęcim, where the sites of the first two Auschwitz concentration camps are. Pupils took a tour around Auschwitz I, mostly located in old army barracks and learnt about the heinous crimes that took place there, including medical experiments, and were able to witness artefacts belonging to many of the people who were sent to the camp during the war. At the end of the tour, pupils visited one of the gas chambers & crematoriums that are still intact. At the site of Auschwitz II-Birkenau, pupils saw the railway system that was used to transport people into the camp and some of the remnants of the poor accommodation that survived the Nazi's attempt destruction of the site immediately before the Russian Liberation.

After an emotional day at Auschwitz, pupils spent the rest of their time in Krakow exploring all that the city has to offer: the Jewish quarter; the old Jewish ghetto area; Wawel Castle; Schindler's Factory museum and the opportunity to meet a holocaust survivor at the Galicia museum. Pupils learnt of the lady's plight as a child when she was rescued from the ghetto area and adopted by a Russian family.

All of the pupils agreed it was a very educational trip and said that everyone should visit Auschwitz if they are able to, in order to prevent humanity from reaching such an extreme point again. Tragically, such actions are still being committed in some parts of our world. Pupils offered a prayer for them.

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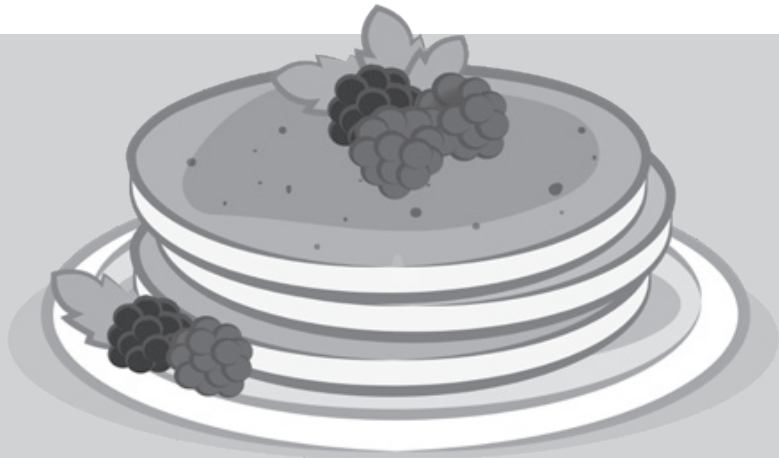
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HAGLEY W.I.



We had a hilarious meeting in February entitled Black Country Humour. Marlene Watson entertained us with non-stop stories, jokes and songs in 'Black Country' - with Received Pronunciation translation where (frequently) necessary!

Looking ahead, at our meeting on Monday 9 April, Dr Gillian White will talk about Queen Victoria – a Life in Pictures and in May we have our Annual Meeting. Then we will discuss the Resolutions that will go forward to the National WI meeting in Cardiff in June. The Resolutions are: Promoting a More Positive Body Image; Stopping Female Genital Mutilation; Raising Awareness of Modern Slavery in the UK; Mental Health is as important as Physical Health; Healthier Mouth, Healthier Body.

The Craft Group meets each month with members doing their own crafts and also knitting for the Neo-natal Unit at Russells Hall. Members also enjoy the social monthly Friday lunches at local-ish pubs and restaurants.

On Monday 30 April at the Worcestershire Federation Spring Meeting, Graham Walton – father of the first septuplets in Britain – will talk about his life with 7 + 1 women.

Our meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 2.00 pm in the Community Centre. 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



HAGLEY ART CLUB

ART CLUB

At our Meeting on Friday, 13th April, our visiting Artist is Tony Chance, who is coming to talk about his work as a Story Board Artist. An area of art which is new to the Club, so should be very interesting.

Looking ahead to May, Richard Heywood-Coyle, our visiting Artist, will be giving a demonstration "Landscapes in Watercolour".

Visitors are very welcome to any of our meetings, which start at 7.30, in St Saviour's Church Hall. A small fee is charged which includes refreshments.

Dates for the diary

13th April Tony Chance A Storyboard Artist.Talk/Presentation about his work

11th May Richard Heywood-Coyle Watercolour Landscapes

8th June DI Cope Collage. Mixed Media

13th July Sabrina Baker Abstract for beginners

10th August Terry Glazebrook Designers You've Never Heard Of

14th September Oliver Jones The Art of Pastel

12th October Bridget Macdonald Appraisal of Members' work

9/10/11th November. Annual Art Exhibition in Hagley Community Center

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We put our dancing shoes on again on April 9th after the Easter break and continue until June 25th. We do not meet on the Bank Holiday Mondays of May 7th and 28th.

We may be a few days late, but on our first afternoon we could dance “The First of April”, a straightforward dance to get us underway in the new term.

Our new members have been quick at picking up the basic steps and moves and have progressed to less usual formats such as the “Becket Formation”, where dancers stand side by side in a longways set instead of opposite each other. This format was devised in about 1960 by Herbie Gaudreau, a caller from Massachusetts and has become very popular on both sides of the Atlantic. Country Dancing knows no international barriers!

As in all dance clubs around the world, there is always a friendly welcome at Hagley and plenty of help for new dancers.

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For more information, ring June Waterhouse, 01562 700639

Hagley Theatre Group



The younger members of our adult section many of whom were talented members of our Youth Section are staging Alan Menken’s musical “Little Shop of Horrors” at the Community Centre from Wednesday 12th to Saturday 14th of April. The show has some considerable staging challenges with four different stages in a plant’s growth to dominance. The show centres around a hapless florist shop worker who raises a peculiar plant, known as Audrey, with an unsavoury appetite. The music, composed by Menken in the style of early 1960s rock and roll, doo-wop and early Motown, includes several well-known tunes, including the title song, “Skid Row (Downtown)”, “Somewhere That’s Green”, and “Suddenly, Seymour”. Tickets are priced at £10-£8 and are available from the following hagleytheatregroup@gmail.com; 07907457217; www.ticketsource.co.uk/hagleytheatregroup. The and Paddock butchers. The show will start at 7.30pm with doors opening at 7pm. (Please Note: this performance is not suitable for children under the age of 12).

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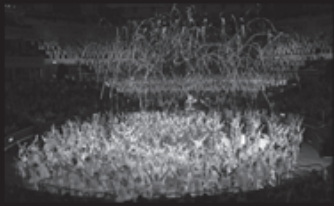
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1 egg
275ml milk
100g raisins
25g chopped mixed peel
oli for greasing

1. Sift 500g of the flour into a large glass or ceramic bowl. Cut up the butter and rub in with your fingertips until it resembles breadcrumbs. Stir in 45g caster sugar, salt, cinnamon, allspice, nutmeg and yeast. Beat the egg in another bowl, then mix it into the dry ingredients with 275ml milk, until you have a soft, pliable dough. Tip the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead for 5 minutes, until smooth and elastic. Gradually work in the raisins and peel. Return to the bowl and cover loosely with oiled cling film. Leave in a warm place for 1 hour, until doubled in size.

2. Tip the dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead well to knock out all the air, then cut into 12 pieces. Put your lightly floured hand – slightly cupped, with fingers open – over 1 piece, then rotate your hand in a circular motion, pressing down on the dough to create a neat ball. Repeat with the rest of the dough. Put on 2 greased trays, spaced apart. Cover with oiled cling film and leave in a warm place to rise for 30 minutes.
3. Preheat the oven to 200°C/fan180°C/gas 6. Sift the remaining flour into a bowl and stir in about 125ml tap water to make a smooth wet paste. Spoon into a freezer bag, snip off the corner and pipe a cross over each bun. Bake for 15 minutes until golden.
4. Meanwhile, put the extra milk and extra sugar into a pan. Heat gently to dissolve the sugar, then boil for 2-3 minutes until syrupy. Brush the glaze over the warm buns. Transfer to a wire rack to cool. Serve split open and toasted with lots of butter.

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Greetings from us all at Hagley Rotary Club, we hope you are enjoying the lighter evenings.

We have had many compliments about our Purple for Polio crocuses, which were starting to spring up around the village. We hope that they return in full force next year and don't have to compete with the snow.

Following on from the successful installation of Hagley's very own defibrillator, we are now looking for ideas for our next project. So if you there is anything you feel would help the Hagley community, please get in touch with your ideas.

As always, if you would like to find out more about Hagley Rotary Club and how you can make a difference, please email juliebanks93@gmail.com – we'd love to hear from you.

Hagley Rotary Club meets every Monday (except Banks Holidays) at the Hogarth's Stone Manor in Kidderminster at 7 pm for dinner at 7.30 pm, where we chat, laugh and plan our next fund raising events.

Yours in Rotary
Julie Banks, Vice President

VILLAGE INFORMATION

Village Ladies

Update on our year of canvassing for new members

When I wrote the articles for the Village News last August and September as the new Leader of Village Ladies I was very hopeful that we would be able to encourage new members and I was not disappointed!!

Our new year starts with registration every September and what a start we had, 7 new members that evening alone and to date we have increased our numbers by 18 new ladies who have now settled into Village Ladies and all seem delighted to have joined us. We have had ladies who have moved into the village in the last year or so and wanted to make new friends and ladies who said they didn't know we existed even though they had lived in the village for years. Our membership now stands at 78.

We are now in our 60th anniversary year but originally started out under the name of Young Wives and as we have all grown with the organisation the time was right to change the name to Village Ladies. Obviously most of us have not been in it for 60 years but we do have one or two original ladies still coming along.

Ages range from the 50's up to the 80's but age is only a number and our group is so like-minded that all ages get very nicely together. Because we all know each other well it has been lovely to meet new ladies and we are all making them very welcome.

Years ago the ages ranged from the 20's upwards when most women were stay at home mums, probably with no access to their own cars and socialising out of the village was quite limited. Young Wives was a life line for them to get out in the evenings twice a month and meet other people in the same position. Nowadays things are so different for the age groups 30-40, most ladies work, have their own cars and socialise on a much wider scale that possibly there is no need for an organisation such as ours for them but having looked at all the social groups our village has to offer there seems to be a section that does not cover this age range.

Wouldn't it be nice to think they might consider joining us !!!!

We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 7.45pm for an 8pm start in St. Saviours Hall where we are entertained by speakers from all walks of life and on all topics, we have demonstrations (this year in March a pottery demonstration, and in May the art of bread making) and our summer trip out in June is to the National Memorial Arboretum at Stafford. Each November we have a Christmas shopping trip which always proves very popular.

Our year goes from September to July (break in August). After registration each September the membership is split into small groups of 9-10 ladies who then get to know each other on a more personal basis, coffee evenings, theatre trips, meals out etc and then the following year join a different group thereby meeting more people. This is in addition to main meetings.

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April 15 Easter 3	10.30 am Parish Family Communion & Parish AGM		6.30 pm Evening Praise St John's
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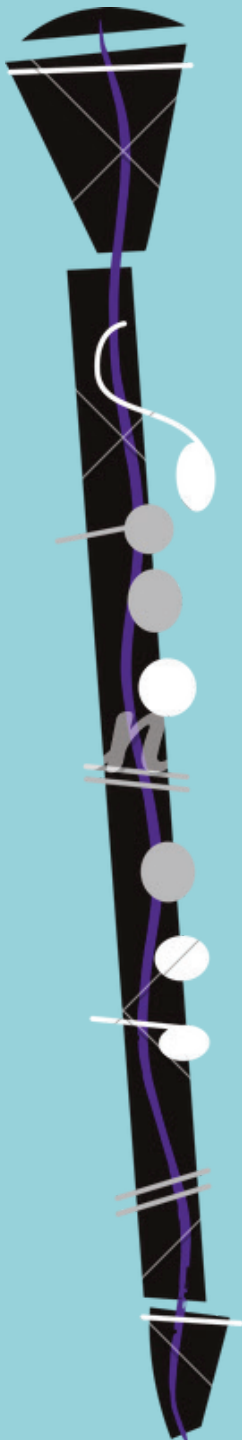
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