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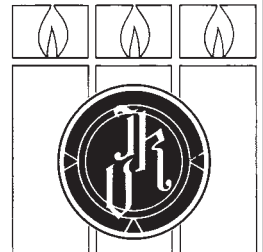


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## Welcome to May edition of Hagley Village News.

I love the month of May with two bank holidays you can't help but feel excited for the warmer months ahead. We've put together a list of things to do on May Day on page 26.

This month's news is packed with lots of information and exciting reads. The Scouts Stag Run is taking place on the 13th of May; make sure you support the runners of Hagley, more on page 17. As the weather becomes warmer why not try your hand at a new hobby or activity, there's plenty going on in the village. The active seniors exercise classes are becoming increasingly popular; find out more on page 31. St John's hand & tower bell ringers are part of the 'Ringing remembers' campaign and are currently recruiting for new members, more on page 28. Hagley Girl Guiding is currently looking for a Brownies Leader - can you help? More information on page 44.

May is also celebrated as National Smile Month, which is the largest and longest-running campaign to promote good oral health. So make sure you have squeaky-clean smiles as you wander around the village.

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Esther Gittoes  
Editor

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Updates from both District Councillors were given at the Annual Parish Council meeting on the 26th March. I've summarised the various updates presented at the meeting and will form part of the HPC minute.

- As District Councillors it's pleasing to be involved in a number of activities bringing betterment to Hagley.
- Actively involved in various Boards, Committees and working groups.
- Attended Cabinet on a number of occasions to speak on local issues; full council meetings with very forth right challenges in respect of policies and decisions.
- As Independent Councillors our group is now numerically equal as the opposition Group.
- **Top Issues faced by BDC in coming year**
- The Government's consultation on a 'Negative Grant fund' which will effectively reduce annual income by £750,000; efficiency savings review is essential.
- Hagley Air Quality Management Area has been reclassified; good news that these air pollutants are reducing; there will be increased monitoring points and investigations into sensitive NOX and particulate matter monitors along the A456 and A491.
- Continued Challenge of WCC on highways and transport planning issues.
- The whole district of Bromsgrove faces housing and transient traffic from growth in the Wyre Forest, Black Country and Birmingham areas.
- Pleasing to be able to support significant bids from NHB and the BDC Community Support grant for Hagley betterment. Significant inward investment received for community projects.
- ... then there's the everyday issues important to individual resident households keeping the role of the district councillor very active, rewarding and undoubtedly important.

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

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## Hagley Parish Council Update

I start with thanking Jane Morris for her service as a Hagley Parish councillor. Jane has made a fantastic contribution to HPC and been instrumental in a number of positive contributions, non-least the setting up and administration of the Hagley Neighbourhood Plan group. Jane has had to reluctantly resign due to personal reasons; on behalf of everyone at HPC and those that know her I wish her the very best for future. At the time of writing we are in the process of co-opting a new member which I'll report on in the June edition.

After a very cold, snowy and soggy winter the Pavilion and the playing fields are gathering speed having taken advantage of much better weather. During the Easter holiday the skate ramps had to be briefly closed due to essential repair. These repairs have now been completed and normal service has resumed.

It has been resolved that the 'haul road' between Victoria Passage and the Pavilion will be reverted back to part of the playing field after the completion of the re-build. The route is currently for safe access to and from the site. It was also resolved that no further path lighting will be installed along the same access points.

At a meeting in early April we received a presentation on new outdoor gym equipment to be installed in the playing fields. This follows successful section 106 negotiations from housing development in Hagley. Full details are available on HPC webpage or via the Clerk.

**Cllr Steve Colella Chairman of Hagley Parish Council**

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Further to this there are concerns that these two very important and valued posts remain unfilled. Through various means our concerns have been made clear to the Policing authorities that it is essential that replacements are in post as a matter of urgency.

There is a public consultation being run by the Police and Crime Commissioner across West Mercia (includes Hagley) whereby views on local policing are sought. This opened early April and will run until 6th of July 2018.

At the time of writing further details are unknown but the survey covers a range of subjects, including the visibility of local policing, relationships with officers and local crime priorities.

Between writing this update and being published in the News efforts will be made by the NHW coordinators to find out more details of how to get involved and to ensure that everyone is given the opportunity to express their views.

The aim of the survey is hoped to inform priorities for the PCC and the police force as well as identifying where and how local police relationships are working well, or if they can be improved.

**Coordinators Steve Colella and Roger Seabury**

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## Hagley Theatre Group



As the Village News goes to press for the May issue, the April staging of the adult sections's production of the musical comedy of Little Shop of Horrors had not taken place. Therefore I will include a review of the show in the following issue. The Youth Section's show has been announced which is 'Half a Sixpence' so hold on to your seats 'crash bang wollop!' and all that, and there will be more information in the next issue on this show as well.

**Tony Forrest**

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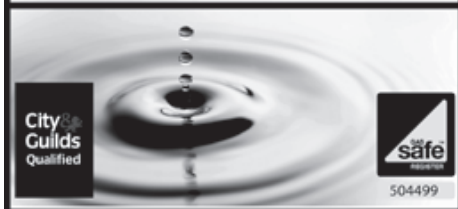
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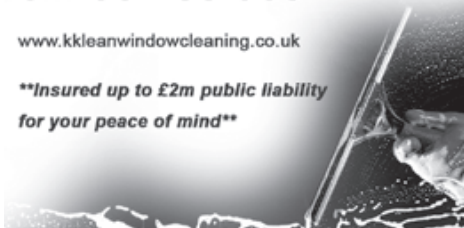
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We will have refreshments and bacon butties as well as Hagley Sports Massage and Jayne Sheldon providing the warmup and general advice.

Entry is £15 for adults and £10 for children and can be pre booked via our website <http://www.hagleyramblers.com/>. Admission will be more expensive on the day.

The run will be chip timed and all runners will receive a free medal, water and a snack.

The money raised will go towards the rebuilding of the Scout hut, which is due to start this summer and will be available for the community to use. The rebuild was planned for next year but due to unforeseen circumstances we had to shut it in Jan this year so are having to find alternative accommodation in the village for 150 children!

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As a school we strive to be as well-informed about our students' needs and experiences as we can. To this end we have spent a considerable amount of time this year consulting with students on a range of topics by means of online surveys. Firstly, we have been conducting an extensive 'Student Wellbeing Survey', which has had a fantastic response – almost 800 responses at the time of writing. Our 'Social Media Usage Survey' has had 400 responses from students across the year groups and provided us with over 50 pages of student-eye-level insights and experiences of their lives online – the positive and the negative. We are listening carefully to what we are being told by both surveys in order to plan how best to advise and support our young people – and how to take the great advice they themselves are offering to us.

Sixth Form students who took part in the annual 'Lessons from Auschwitz' educational programme, including a one day visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau in March returned deeply impressed and moved by their experiences and are full of ideas on how to work with their peers to share their insights.

This academic year we have substantially increased the number of students going to Parliament for guided tours and interactive workshops with the Parliamentary Education Service. By the end of May over 100 students will have spent the day in Westminster getting acquainted with the work of MPs, debates and law-making. The better informed they are the better able to be active citizens.



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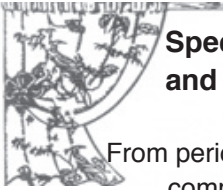
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# VILLAGE INFORMATION

## HAGLEY W.I.



We were amazed and inspired at our March meeting by Helene Hancox, one of our members. She talked and showed slides of the beautiful garden she has created from a former pony paddock. There is colour all year round and such a variety of plants, both familiar and unusual. And we were very grateful to her for answering our questions and solving some of our garden problems!

Also in March, there may have been snow outside the Community Centre, but inside it was warm and the sun shone on members as they enjoyed a Fish and Chip lunch – and good company.

Monday 14 May is our Annual Meeting where we will discuss the Resolution for the National Annual Meeting in June. This year it has been submitted from Worcestershire – Mental Health is as important and Physical Health.

Rosemary Prosser will be the speaker on 'Farmyard Tales' on Monday 11 June; and on Monday 9 July, Richard Kendrick's talk is entitled 'Behind the Scenes with a TV Caterer' - which sounds interesting.

The Craft Group meets monthly with members doing their own crafts or making items for the local hospital, for local homes and charities. There is also a monthly Friday lunch when members enjoy a social meal at local-ish pubs and restaurants.

If you are new to Hagley, wanting to meet other ladies or the programme sounds interesting, we hope you'll come along to our meetings - 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 welcome visitors and new members - we look forward to seeing you!

Rosie Wynne



HAGLEY W.I. CLUB

## ART CLUB

At our Meeting on Friday, 11th May, Richard Heywood-Coyle, visiting Artist, will be giving a demonstration "Watercolour Landscapes".

I reported last month that Sue Merrill, who has been the Club's Chairman for 10 years, would be standing down at our AGM in March. At the AGM she was warmly thanked for all her hard work, which at various times during the 10 years had been combined with other duties having not been able to appoint a Secretary. We are so pleased she is remaining a member of the Club.

Pascale Bigot has now taken over the role as Chairman. Pascale has been a member of the Club for a very long time. She has been on the Committee in the past when she was Programme Secretary. Pascale is not only a very accomplished Artist, she designs and produces jewellery, and various crafts, which are always on display and for sale at our Annual Exhibition in November. She also runs classes in Art. We wish her well in her new role.

In March a number of members donated pictures, crafts and cards, for a Charity Day held in Kinver for the Chernobyl Children's Lifeline. This was very successful and £842 was raised for the Charity. The cards were particularly popular and did exceptionally well. These too are always on display at our Annual Exhibition.

Having mentioned our Annual Exhibition twice now, please make a note in your diaries that the date in November is going to be earlier in the month from this year. Friday, 9th November will be the Opening Evening, Saturday and Sunday, 10th and 11th November during the day. Full details nearer the time.

Looking ahead to our Meeting on Friday, 8th June, Di Cope, visiting Artist, is coming to demonstrate "Collage/Mixed Media".

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# WHAT'S ON IN HAGLEY? - MAY 2018

## MONDAY

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 May 14th (Not on 28th)
Hagley WI <i>Annual Meeting</i>	Community Centre	2pm	May 14th
Wyre forest talk <i>"BENEATH the DARK CANOPY."</i> - <i>Michael Leach.</i>	Community Centre	8pm	May 14th

## TUESDAY

Hagley Playgroup	Community Centre	9-12 noon	Every Tues
String Orchestra	Free Church Hall	10-12 noon	Every Tues
Active Seniors	Community centre	1:45 & 3pm	Every Tues
Ladies Afternoon fellowship	Free Church Hall	2:30pm	May 22nd
Active Seniors- Tai Chi	Community Centre	4:30 -5:20pm	Every Tues
Village Ladies - <i>*Mike and Pat Ledbury: musical journey in costume</i> <i>*Janice Bell: The Art of Bread Making</i>	St Saviours Church	7:30pm	May 8th May 22nd
Historical & Field society Annual Social Evening	St Saviours Church	8pm	May 1st

## 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
Coffee Morning	St John's	10:30am	May 9th
Gardener's Club - <i>Nigel Hopes - A whole year in the gardens</i>	St Saviours Hall	7:30pm	May 23rd

## 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	May 11th, 25th
Art Club - <i>Richard Heywood-Coyle: Watercolour landscapes</i>	St Saviours Church	7:30pm	May 11th
Messy Church	St Saviour's Hall	3:15 - 4:45pm	May 4th

## SATURDAY

Taekwondo	Haybridge Sports Centre	10-1pm	Every Sat
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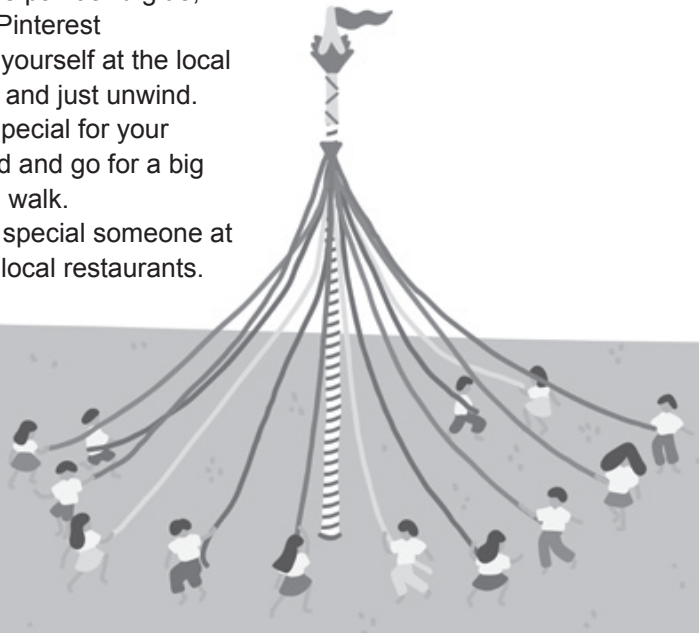
## SUNDAY

Hagley Tennis	Hagley RC School	10am	Every Sun
Stag Run	Hagley Hall	11am	May 13th

# 10 IDEAS FOR A MEMORABLE MAY DAY

May day this year falls on the 7th of May. It's a traditional Pagan Anglo-Saxon custom, which marks the beginning of summer. May day is a celebration of things coming to life, with maypole dancing being a popular tradition. Maypole dancing is a way of saying farewell to winter.

1. Visit events in your local village or town for a memorable weekend.
2. Explore the local garden centres and fill your car with spring plants and flowers.
3. Prepare a picnic for the whole family; we're talking bread, wine and cheese.
4. Visit the local parks for a family fun day.
5. Enjoy the local attractions; Safari Park, Harvington Hall, Dudley Zoo etc.
6. Spend the day baking wonderful cakes and biscuits.
7. Get crafty with the paint and glue, grab ideas from Pinterest
8. Relax and enjoy yourself at the local spa, take a book and just unwind.
9. Make May Day special for your four-legged friend and go for a big refreshing spring walk.
10. Wine and dine a special someone at one of the many local restaurants.





# Kerala backwaters

I'm leaning over the bamboo balcony on a crisp Thursday morning, enjoying the moment of serenity. It's the wet season, but the air feels dry and the sun beats down on my exposed shoulders. I fixate my stare down to the backwaters hearing nothing but the cooks preparing our breakfast. The shirtless men on the wooden canoe like boats paddle on the backwaters. This is Kerala, the southern most point of India considered the most peaceful part of the country. As I open the double door French windows on to the world I enjoy the moment of true peace and blank space.

I'm staying in an eco resort in Kerala, which seems a million miles away from the true Indian atmosphere. Les Three Elephants is where we are, owned and ran by a French couple. This little slice of serene is exactly what I need. Just a five-minute walk from Les three elephants and you're at the beach, a very secluded and an almost abandoned beach. However every weekend the coastline becomes swarmed with coaches full of Indian tourists seeking refuge from the cities to this paradise. I sit and watch the beautiful Indian women in their colourful saris become consumed by the waves, laughing together despite their unusual bathing attire. They smile, they tease and they are all so full of seawater. A few hours pass and they get back on the coaches and begin their journey back to the cities.

Like most Eco resorts this one is alcohol free, a somewhat nightmare to the modern everyday man. However the feeling of being stripped from modern day indulges is refreshing and unique. I embrace this change, although there is a seafront bar not too far for that moment of relapse. In the evenings I spend my time in the small library, shielded from the mosquitos in my Indian silk shawl.

The restaurant is lit by candlelight as we enjoy the homemade curries. The taste of the spices inhabits my tongue and the tangy aroma fills my nostrils. I sit silently, appreciating the feeling of nothingness as I watch the men canoe back down the backwaters.



## VILLAGE INFORMATION



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So far this year up to the end of March, 152 Ringers have rung at St. John's so, it's a popular place to come and ring.

Church bells across the UK remained restricted throughout WW1 and only rang freely once Armistice was declared. On this day 11th of November 1918, the ringing of church bells erupted spontaneously across the country, as an outpouring of relief that 4 years of war had come to an end.

The Campaign will keep this traditional British art alive in memory of the 1,400 who lost their lives – linking together past, present and future.

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Our next meeting at St Saviour's Church Hall is on Tuesday 1st May 2018 at 8.00pm. It is our annual Social Evening. There will be the usual refreshments followed by a 'gentle' quiz. Visitors are most welcome at all our events but on this occasion tickets must be purchased in advance – see hhfs.org.uk for details and contacts.

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We were delighted to see in a recent edition of The Telegraph an article endorsing exercise for older adults with the headline “you are never too old to benefit from exercise even if you’ve never done it”. Here at Active Seniors we love to get people started on a pathway to being more active and we are keen to find a few more people to fill the last few spaces in our classes for the more active person at Hagley on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

The newspaper quoted the statistic that “less than 5% of over 65 year olds are doing the recommended two and a half hours of moderate exercise weekly” – does this sound like you??

A senior physiotherapist of a major London Hospital quoted in the same article “most people want be able to continue what they enjoy and to be active in their old age – in order to keep that independence, muscle strength is important as we lose muscle mass with age.....its important to keep up resistance training be that through body resistance training, the gym or with resistance bands”.

Well we don’t have the gym but we think group exercise at the community centre in Hagley is more fun! We have plenty of different resistance band and body weight exercises (with a variety of leg weight ones too!) to make you stronger. Other important components mentioned in the article are aerobic exercise for cardiovascular health and balance and flexibility exercise and those are also included in our classes.

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The school of music was part of Birmingham Polytechnic, then later part of the University of Central England, and is now the Birmingham Conservatoire being part of the University of Central England. A long way from the current building hole at Paradise Circus, to the wonderful facilities at Millennium Point in the new East End of Birmingham.

His career has included time in Moseley, Stourbridge, Kinver, Pedmore Hagley and elsewhere as a freelance pianist and organist.

He has many amusing tales to entertain us with including a link to Dorothy Howell who was an English composer and pianist who is buried close to Edward Elgar.

In 2010 at St. Peters Wolverhampton, Michael met another well-known musician to listen to an anthem for a famous local sports team.

Michael has connections to many local people and events even our own Eva Corlett, when he played at Eva's mother's funeral.

An entertaining morning is assured. See you there!

Richard Scarth for the [friendsofstjohns@hagleycofe.co.uk](mailto:friendsofstjohns@hagleycofe.co.uk)

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## Hagley Gardeners' Club

Our March meeting brought us close up to bugs, moths, butterflies, insects, frogs and many more creatures of the day and night that might be found in the average garden. A dragonflies head or the face of a spider filled the large screen in the hall; all brought to us by Jim Preston and his garden in Stourport. Superb slides.

The AGM of February was carried over to this meeting where a new chairperson and treasurer were elected. The programme for the year ahead was announced.

**May 23rd:** Many of us have spent a day or afternoon at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens in Edgbaston, and enjoyed what it has to offer. Tonight, Nigel Hopes will bring us highlights of a whole year in the gardens.

**June 27th:** A subject on many people lips is, where have all the butterflies gone and what are we missing from those times of yesteryear? We welcome a return visit from Roger Umpelby whose glorious slides will show us.

May is my favourite month. It arrives in spring and ends in summer with growing anticipation. OK. You start the lawn-mowing routine, but it's the planting out at the end of the month. The enjoyment of flowering climbers and shrubs and the gardens to visit. The best of which is Chelsea Flower Show 22-26 May.

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We began our Summer Term on Tuesday 17th of April, finishing on the 10th of July (omitting Half Term on 29th of May) which gives us 12 rehearsals playing works by Andrew Downes, Prokofiev, Puccini, Telemann and 16th century Thomas Tomkins – quite a variety!

We're enjoying playing a little known work by Ignaz Pleyel (1757-1831). I guess that, if you've heard of Pleyel, it will be with Pleyel pianos which he began manufacturing in Paris in 1807 when he was 50. Chopin loved these pianos and both performed and composed using them.

However, before that Pleyel was famous in Europe as a composer. He was the 24th child out of a total of 38, which I find exhausting! He was a favourite pupil of Haydn, and Gluck, hearing one of his early compositions said "*Young friend, now that you have learnt how to put notes on paper, all you need to learn is how to erase some of them again.*" Sensible advice!

Another interesting suggestion is that the theme for Brahms' *Variations on a Theme by Haydn*, was probably composed by Pleyel, and not by Haydn – well, well!

Please find out more about HSO from Haydn Thomas (01562 885 252) [sanhay50@gmail.com](mailto:sanhay50@gmail.com)

**Jeremy Patterson**  
**Conductor**

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# Hagley Country Dancers

The First of May has been celebrated in dance for centuries and much has been written about the origins of this custom. It is still the traditional day for maypole dancing and is the day when Morris rings around the country are up with the larks to dance the day in at dawn. We wish the dancers and supporters cloudless skies and a beautiful sunrise.

Hagley Country Dancers will be starting the month in a more sedate fashion and will not be meeting until May 14th as the 7th is a Bank Holiday. We will not meet on the 28th May Bank Holiday either, but then will dance on every Monday until we finish for the summer.

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# Village Ladies

We are very pleased to see so many of our members and visitors at the meetings. Bev Pegg on March 27th was particularly well supported and we enjoyed his banter and his music. It was nice to have had a local celebrity in our midst.



Our meetings continue and on **May 8th** we will have Mike and Pat Ledbury giving us a musical journey in costume with Traditional Tunes of the British Isles.

This will be followed by a talk and demonstration of The Art of Bread Making by Janice Bell on **May 22nd**. Both these events are in St Saviour's Church Hall and begin at 8.00pm.

We have arranged an outing to the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas near Lichfield on **June 12th** and booking for this will take place soon.

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Toni Allison

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## Ladies of Hagley Shield.

After many weeks of enquiries and communication with County Hall I can now report that the replacement Police Shield and its explanatory plaque detailing why the Ladies of Hagley were awarded it in 1998 has been reinstalled at Hagley Library.

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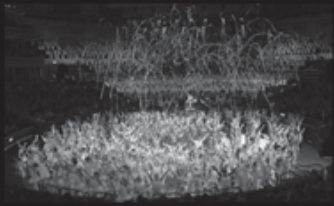
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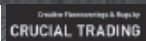
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Comedy during May includes **One Woman Sex And The City** on 10th May, **Eleanor Conway** on 12th May and **Shazia Mirza** returns on 26th May.

Artrix welcomes families and young people this month with shows including **Disorder**, a young people's mental health arts festival on 22nd and 23rd May and **Old Macdonald and The Three Pigs Plus** during half term on 29th May.

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*A huge thank you to everyone who has attended- can you come to the next ones as well? If you have not yet been able to come to any, then please try. We have great fun and raise money for a good cause –The Royal British Legion.*

As we are the Blakedown and Hagley Branch we try to involve the communities in both areas -

In March, we had Breakfast in the Village at The Cafe in Hagley. The food was delicious and people commented that the change of time to early morning was better for some. The April Pub Quiz Event, at The Old House At Home in Blakedown proved to be both fun and informative - look out for our next one in December.

**Wednesday 23rd May: Social Open Meeting** - Meet the Committee, ask any questions, become members or just as an excuse for an almost spring night out- King Arthur Community Room 7.15pm.

**Saturday 30th June: Armed Forces Day** - Free daytime events in Hagley Village with military vehicles and various stalls and activities and an Evening Concert with a Fish and Chip Supper at Hagley Community Centre-entertainment by Blackwell Concert Band and as vocalist, the Director of Show Call Performing Arts Academy. Tickets for the evening event are £15.

### Future Events

It has been requested that we give a brief synopsis of our future events so that people can plan their diaries well in advance. Tickets are available from committee members, from the number at the back of the magazine or from other sources, which will be advertised on posters and in the bi monthly magazine reports.

**Sunday 22nd July: Legion Sponsored Walk** – a 3 mile sponsored walk along the footpaths and fields surrounding Hagley. Bring the family and the dog (on a lead please) How many laps can you do? Details regarding our Web funding page and sponsor forms will be available on posters from this month onwards.

**Saturday 18th August: Garden Party at Blakedown Signal Box** - WW1 and Suffragettes meet the Railway children. Travel back in time to try on costumes, learn skills and sample food from the early 1900s. (That is... food made from recipes of that time not actually authentic 1900's food)

**Saturday 22nd September: 100 Years On** – Be enthralled by WW1 facts with Speaker Gentleman Jim (Simon Jarman MBE) and enjoy a set meal at Hagley Golf and Country Club. Tickets are £30.00.

**Wednesday 17th October: The History Of The Hagley War Memorial** - Mr D Freeth will explain the stories of the memorial and the soldiers whose names are recorded. Also, **Where Does Your Poppy Money Go?** - How the RBL spends the money you donate. King Arthur Community Room 7.15pm Tickets are £3.00

**27st Oct - 10th November: Poppy Collections** in both Hagley and Blakedown.  
If you are able to spare an hour or so to collect please let us know.

**Sunday 11th November:-Remembrance Parade Hagley Memorial:** Parade and service.

**Wednesday 28th November: Blakedown and Hagley Branch AGM** at The Old House at Home Blakedown. Please try to attend and bring along some ideas for next year's activities. What would you like us to do next? How do you think we can inspire people to become involved?

**Wednesday 19th December: Christmas Pub Quiz** –  
Old House At Home, Blakedown.

Kind regards,  
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**Wednesday 9 May: Coffee Morning in St John's.** 10.30 Half an hour of music, played by Michael Jones. 11.00 Talk by Michael Jones, a professional musician, on “A Lifetime in Music”.

**Thursday 10 May to Sunday 20 May: “Thy Kingdom Come”** – ten days of prayer promoted by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and by the church nationally. For events in Worcester Diocese, please visit the diocesan website: [www.cofe-worcester.org.uk](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk)

**Thursday 17 May: Mothers' Union Meeting St Saviour's Hall 2.30 pm.** “Old Fashioned Games”

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May 6 Easter 2	10.30 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Morning Praise	6.00 pm Shared Evening Worship – Free Church
May 13 Ascension Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Morning Prayer	10.45 am Holy Communion	6.00 pm HADAC Christian Aid Service Free Church
May 20 Pentecost	10.30 am Parish Family Communion		6.30 pm Evening Praise for Pentecost St John's
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