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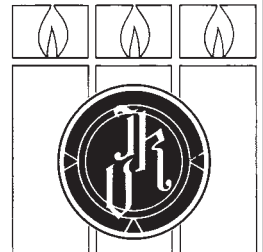


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Are you looking to volunteer more? Hagley Helpline is looking for someone to volunteer in their offices. We are also still looking for an Editor of the Hagley Village News, express your interest by emailing editor@hagleyvillage.org

For those that are off abroad this summer, have a lovely holiday and for those at home enjoy the sunshine.

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Both ward councillors will be speaking against its revocation and calling for greater monitoring as well active measures to improve the general air quality along its route. The vast amount of traffic and design of the highway network should be enough evidence for the authority to withdraw the proposal to remove the AQMA status until there are tangible positive actions taken.

The threat from development in surrounding conurbations presents further pressures upon the A456 and A491 in Hagley. We continue to apply pressure upon WCC Highways in particular to recognise these pressures and support our calls for re-investment in the most constrained road junctions.

We are pleased to have supported a number of successful bids from the New Homes Bonus schemes over the past three years. The current bids are being considered and we wish the applicants all the very best luck.

We continue to keep a careful watch on the threat to our Greenbelt from eager developers and landowners. We expect to see more activity from BDC planners over the coming months as they consider the housing needs of both Bromsgrove and the West Midlands Combined Authority.

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

Hagley Parish Council Update

The long awaited summer weather is well and truly with us and as I write we are coming into the main summer holiday period. Please be aware that the office will be open subject to annual leave although the telephone and emails will generally be covered when the office isn't open.

A few reminders which you may be interested in; firstly there are two remaining vacancies for Parish Councillors. We are looking for particular skills to support the council in ICT or Web development, would be great but are not absolutely necessary. There are also some allotment spaces available. In both cases if you're interested please contact the clerks for more details.

Furthermore just a reminder that the Library continues to be supported by the Parish Council and during the summer holidays there are a number of activities for younger children, please drop by and ask the librarians for further details.

The dial a ride community bus is a further initiative we support and as a reminder is open to Hagley residents. The service has been well received and is an excellent way of keeping active and getting out and about. There are certain requirements, but to find out more please contact 0121 453 9682. The more that use it the longer the service will continue.

This time of year we receive complaints about hedges and shrubs overhanging pavements. We would ask that property owners ensure that these are maintained and kept within the boundary of their property.

Steve Colella – Chairman Hagley Parish Council

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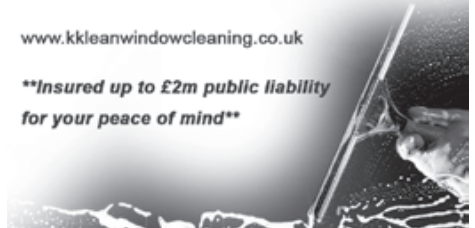
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2. **Get creative:** Make a scrapbook with old photos, make cards and pictures to send to relatives or painting by numbers will keep them entertained.
3. **Get baking:** Time to make some sweet treats; cookies, cakes or muffins always go down a treat.
4. **Make an assault course:** For the kids that can't keep still. Set out an assault course in the garden with cardboard boxes, bikes, garden chairs and perhaps a waterslide?
5. **Plant some seeds:** Whether it be a garden patch, a herb patch or maybe just potting some plants. It's a great way to get the kids outside and immersed in the nature.
6. **Write a story or a summer diary:** Get their imagination running wild by asking them to create a story or to keep a diary of their summer holidays.
7. **Make a map and host a scavenger hunt:** Why not ask your kids to make you a scavenger hunt where they have to make the map and the clues for you. Or perhaps make one for them.
8. **Pick your own fruit and veg:** There is nothing more exciting than picking your own fruit and veg with the youngsters.
9. **Head to the local library for a summer read:** Get them into reading by choosing their summer read at the local library, look out for events hosted here too.
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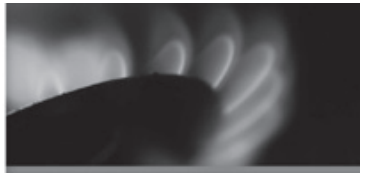
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Hagley Gardeners' Club

June brought a long spell of dry weather that made regular watering a high priority.

Butterflies native to Britain was the theme of a superbly-illustrated talk by Roger Umpleby at our June meeting. The Wyre Forest is a national hotspot for certain rare species. In July we planned to visit a private garden in Wythall as previously announced

There will be a club outing on **Saturday 4th August**, going first to Evesham Country Park then on to Offenham Open Gardens. The coach will leave Hagley at 9.30 a.m. and set out back from Offenham at about 5 p.m. Tickets (£18 excluding lunch) from Gerry Bird 01384 372839. Visitors very welcome.

For a talk about conservatories and house plants we shall welcome to our meeting on **22nd August** Philip Aubury, former director of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Philip will give us helpful tips about growing house plants and protecting them from pests.

Tickets for our annual Harvest/Ploughman's supper on **26th September** will be on sale at the July and August meetings at £7.50 per head. Contact Judy Iliff on 01562 883568

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WHAT'S ON IN HAGLEY? - AUGUST 2018

MONDAY

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Dial a ride | Hagley - Stourbridge | | Every Mon |
| Hagley Playgroup | Community Centre | 9-12 noon | Every Mon |
| Hagley WI A summer tea party | Community Centre | 2pm | August 13th |

TUESDAY

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| 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 Tues (shut for late summer break Tuesday 28th August) |
| Tuesday Tea Club | | 2:30pm-4pm | August 7th & 21s |
| Active Seniors- Tai Chi | Community Centre | 4:30 -5:20pm | Every Tues (shut for late summer break Tuesday 28th August) |
| Historical & Field society | St Saviours Church | 8pm | No Meeting |
| Ladies Afternoon fellowship Speaker: Martin Heathcock | Hagley Free Church | 2:30pm | August 28th |

WEDNESDAY

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| 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 | August 8th |
| Walking for health group | Hagley Library | 10:15am | August 8th, 22nd |
| Gardener's Club - Philip Aubury: A talk on conservatories and house plants | St Saviours Hall | 7:15pm | August 22nd |

THURSDAY

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| 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 (shut for late summer break Thursday 30th August) |
| Taekwondo | Community Centre | 6-9pm | Every Thurs (shut for late summer break Thursday 30th August) |

FRIDAY

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| Dial a Ride | Hagley - Kidderminster or Halesowen | | Every Fri |
| Gardener's Club | A trip to Evesham Country Park and Offenham Open Gardens. Visitors very welcome | 9:30am | August 4th |
| Hagley Playgroup | Community Centre | 9 - 12noon | Every Fri |
| HCK Badminton | Hagley RC School | 7-8pm Beginners 8-10pm Members | Every Fri |
| Hagley Country Market | Hagley Cafe | 10 - 12:30pm | August 10th |
| Art Club - Terry Grazebrook - Talk "Designers you've never heard of but affect your everyday life". | St Saviours Church | 7:30pm | August 10th |

SATURDAY

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| Taekwondo | Haybridge Sports Centre | 10-1pm | Every Sat |
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THE TRAVELLER

travel section

A Taste of Milan



The bubbles from the Prosecco Rustico, tickle my tongue and the suds gurgle towards my nose. This dry crisp Prosecco derives from the Nino Franco winery located in a town on the slopes of Prealps in the Vento region. Our guide relaxes opposite with a glass of water, attentively checking on our drinks. The weather has cleared up and we have opted for a seat outside, people watching on the main street of Milan Centre. As part of our tour a visit to this champagne bar is necessary, a stylish bar called Signorvino. This is the third establishment on our tour list.

The day began a few hours earlier, where we huddled outside a bakery in Milan, waiting for our tour guide to appear with a clipboard. Under her dark rimmed glasses, she greets us with a smile and begins her walking food tour of Milano. The first stop is Giovanni Cova & C, a little bakery just a short walk from the Metro Station. As we stroll through the doors, we're greeted by rows of croissants, krapfen farcito (stuffed doughnuts) and Treccia sciroppo d'acero (pastry that has been suffocated in maple syrup). The golden glaze from the pastries catches my attention, and the smell of baking bread heightens my appetite. We sit down to a Cappuccino, an Italian Cream Puff and a

large slice of famous Pandolce Cake. The walls are dressed in a symmetrical royal blue pattern and a colourful mural of people eating bread covers the back wall.

The sweet cream with a hint of almond flavour inhabits my palate, as I tuck into the first bite of the Italian Cream Puff. A small cake that is filled with fresh cream that oozes out with just the first bite. Next, I try to tackle the large slice of Pandolce Cake, which is a famous Italian cake that is widely served during Christmas time. The texture is both dry and moist with several pieces of fruit mixed inside. Traditionally, young people would save a small olive twig cooked in the center and preserve it for luck. Two slices of the cake were saved for Christmas; one was given to a stranger passing by and the other eaten in honour of Saint Biagio on the 3rd of February. He was a protector of the throat and associated ailments.

Whilst battling with the typical Italian breakfasts, our guide delves into her life in Milano. She is a substitute history teacher as well as a tour guide; she talks about her struggles in being a teacher in Italy. As we are about to leave, I look up at see a large grid above my head that is covered in loaves of bread hanging from the ceiling. The lights dangle between the rolls, each one perfectly aligned. As we finish up our sweet treats, the waiter at the bar passes our guide a bright bubblegum bag, we move on to the next place.

Our guide takes us down the back streets of Milano, through quirky lanes and quaint rest spots. Passing through market stalls, fine dining, and shopping malls. Our next stop is the Pinacoteca di Brera, a gallery for public paintings, although we don't enter the rooms, we walk to the main square of the museum. Greeting us in the courtyard is an exposed bronze copy of a Napoleon statue. Antonio Canova created this monumental sized statue representing Napoleon as Mars the Peacemaker. However, Napoleon didn't like the statue, as he felt that it didn't represent





the fifth is a creamy Stracciatella cheese. The different flavours of cheese are intense, each accompanied by a glass of prosecco and fresh bread.

The varying differences of the tastes are partly due to the various processing methods that have evolved over centuries. It also differs due to the difference in soil composition in different areas, which produce the grass that the buffalo herd eats. The Stracciatella cheese is created with a spun paste method creating a sweeter flavour and a creamier consistency.

I offer our guide a glass of prosecco and some cheese, she politely refuses and reveals the news that she is pregnant. "I bet your family is pleased", I ask. A gravelled toned voice replied, "They are delighted. In Italian culture, it used to be the norm to have lots of children and big families. But nowadays the Italian's worry that our population will die out with couples having fewer children. A lot of women are more career driven and big families aren't something that they want any more". After gulping down the last drop of prosecco, I start to feel slightly light headed. We start the journey to the main shopping district of Milan, to the bar Signorvino.

Inside, the bar is crowded with shelves of wine from all over the region, huddled next to each other waiting to be chosen. The bar is lined with barrels as tables and attentive waiters, waiting to be asked about the wine specials. The cigarette smoke floats in my direction, and the smell of tapas heighten the senses. Today is a bank holiday, the shopping district is lined with shoppers and the crowds of people blur the view of our next stop, the Cathedral.

As we bump past the tourists, the street sellers and the police we arrive at the cathedral in Milano Central Square. Security has been heightened as our bags are checked, just before we walk closer to get a better view. I notice a man trying to take his suitcase closer to the cathedral before the security asks him to open it up. The Cathedral is dedicated to St Mary and with its intricate details; it took almost six centuries to complete. The Cathedral is the tallest in Italy and is constructed using brick with Candoglia marble. The details of the architecture enhance the beauty of this Italian Gothic construction. Past the Cathedral is the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, which is famous for its designer outlets. I gaze in excitement through the windows of these clothing legends. The only seven-star hotel is also located in this building, it's priced at €1500 per night and upward. For this seven star status, the hotel has to be within an iconic structure that is of great value to the city and has to have more suites than rooms. We finish the tour in Italian tradition, with a traditional ice-cream whilst window shopping the hallways of Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II. Our guide leaves the bubblegum bag of heart shaped cookies in our hands and wonders on to the metro. My stomach is full of good food and my knowledge of this city has undoubtedly evolved, I can still savour the taste of Milan.

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himself, so the statue spent some of its life hidden away. The figure is meant to represent peace, with a tall muscular man holding a figure of Nike, the Greek goddess of victory, perched on an orb, firmly gripped in his left hand is his long staff. Mars, the Roman God of war is said to have brought peace, but unfortunately, the statue has no resemblance to the shorter Napoleon.

Before lunch, we pass through the Sforza Castle, a castle that was built in the 15th century on the remains of the 14th-century fortress. It was later renovated and enlarged in the 16th and 17th century. Originally the structure was built as a defensive castle, it has since been knocked down and built back up again, it now hosts galleries and museums within.

We wander a few lanes down from the castle and are introduced to a mozzarella bar called Obicà – Brera. The bar is empty and the three of us quietly walk inside. I position myself on a metal barstool at an industrial-inspired table with wheels. The waitress brings over five balls of mozzarella, on a bed of green leaves and tomatoes. The first mozzarella ball has an intense taste, the second has a delicate flavour, the third is smoked naturally over straw embers, the fourth is a Ricotta Buffalo cheese and



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Escape to the sunshine with a screening of **Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again**, the sequel to the smash hit film, packed with Abba's greatest hits on Friday 3rd to Saturday 11th August. Younger audiences should get their magnifying glasses at the ready, for screenings of **Sherlock Gnomes** from Thursday 26th July to Saturday 2nd August.

This August Bromsgrove audiences have the chance to see the vocal group, billed as 'Big, Sexy and Unpredictable'. **The Wild Tonics**, as seen on BBC One's talent show All Together Now will perform at Artrix on Friday 17th August.

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HAGLEY ARTS CLUB

ART CLUB

At our Meeting on Friday, 10th August, Terry Grazebrook is coming to give a Talk "Designers you've never heard of but affect your everyday life". Sounds intriguing and should be very interesting.

Starting at the end of August we are again having a display of framed pictures in the Tea Rooms at Harvington Hall. There will also be unframed pictures for sale in their Shop. The display will be there from 29th August until the 7th January.

Looking ahead to September our visiting Artist will be Oliver Jones demonstrating The Art of Pastels. Anne Garth, 07975824100



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Hagley Theatre Group

The Youth Section are on their summer break from rehearsing hard for their next show, the musical 'Half a Sixpence,' to be performed on the 10th-13th October 2018 at the Community Centre. This promises to be another wonderful show building on the successes of recent years including Les Miserables, Grease, Into the Woods and Sister Act. The original show of 'Half of Sixpence,' was first staged in London 1963, based on a novel by HG Wells, 'Kipps: the Story of Simple Soul'. David Heneker wrote the music and lyrics for the stage musical intended to showcase the talents of Tommy Steele who later starred in the 1967 film version. A revised version of the show was produced in 2016, with a new book by Downton Abbey script writer, Julian Fellowes, and new songs by George Stiles and Anthony Devere alongside revisions of Heneker's original songs. If you would like tickets for this show (£10 (£8.00 concessions)) contact us on 07907 457217 or e mail (hagleytheatregroup@gmail.com). We are also on Instagram and Facebook (both; @hagleytheatregroup).

Tony Forrest

Hagley String Orchestra

We ended our Summer Term on Tuesday 10 July playing the widely contrasting mixture of Telemann, Prokofiev, Tomkins, Puccini and Pleyel. The previous week we were brave enough to attempt Andrew Downes String Quartet No. 1 with the composer present. This is such a demanding and exciting jazzy work, and, as always, Andrew was most encouraging.

Over the last year, three violinists and two viola players have joined us which has been great. There is still plenty of room in Hagley Free Church Hall for a larger orchestra. An Academic Year having just finished, I wonder if there are string players who now find themselves free on Tuesday mornings 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 Noon. Our dates for the coming Autumn Term (we try to link with LEA dates) are Tuesday 04 September to 04 December, omitting Half Term on Tuesday 30 October.

As always, we've got an eclectic programme, including JS Bach's D minor Piano Concerto with soloist Tony Bridgewater, an unusual adaptation of Haydn's 'London' Symphony for flute and strings, works by Dvořák, Mozart and Sibelius, and a Serenade by William Lloyd Webber, father to Andrew and Julian. Enjoyment is promised; please join us.

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Village Ladies



I have now come to the end of my first year as Leader of the Village ladies group as we are having a summer break until the new year starts with Registration and social evening on Tuesday 11th September.

The advertising campaign for new members has resulted in us increasing our numbers by one third with 21 new members joining us and we are delighted to have them, we just hope they come back in September !!

Thank you for all the support I have received from the committee and the membership for making this year so successful and enjoyable, I am really looking forward to the New Year

Anyone who would like to join us come along on the 11th September 7.45 for 8pm at St.Saviours Church Hall when we sign up for the next year, a social evening with coffee and members' memories. All new members welcome.

We have an exciting new programme covering subjects to suit all together with our usual Christmas shopping trip in November and an outing in the summer yet to be decided.

For further details you can contact me on 885799

Sue Billington



Hagley Historical and Field Society

We have no meeting in August so our next meeting at St Saviour's Church Hall is on Tuesday 4th September at 8.00pm when we will have a presentation by Ned Williams entitled "The Earl of Dudley's Railway". Ned is the author of a book of the same title and has visited us on a number of previous occasions and always been very entertaining.

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Socialising + food is always popular and members have enjoyed a lunch at Barnt Green Cricket Club – delicious as always – and a lunch at the Holt Fleet where the speaker was Peter Nardone of Worcester Cathedral – countertenor, organist, choirmaster and composer.

We are having a Summer Tea Party on Monday 13 August and at the following meeting on Monday 10 September we will have a talk about the Worcestershire WI Collection of Crafts and see the beautiful and varied crafts. We also have optional monthly groups – a craft group and an informal lunch at local pubs and restaurants

We have a varied programme to cater to our members' interests and new members and visitors are always welcome at our meetings – the second Monday of the month at 2.00 pm in the Community Centre. We look forward to seeing you! And if you would like further information, do contact me – 01384 371999.

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The summer term has been very busy for all units making the best of the glorious weather and spending most evenings outside and going away on Camp and pack holidays,

1st Hagley Rainbows and 3rd Hagley Brownies have been working on the International Badge carrying out activities from different countries within the five regions, building the Eiffel Tower and leaning tower of Pisa out of spaghetti and marshmallows, poi dancing, creating Cherry Blossom pictures and Tree walks round Hagley Village and Hagley Hall. The Highlight of the badge was a Calypso band workshop and finishing the

term with a Brazilian Carnival.

1st Hagley and 2nd Hagley Rainbows both went on the Severn Valley Railway for the Rainbow County day which was a very tiring day, pond dipping, walks in the forest and crafts outside.

2nd Hagley Rainbow have been working on the roundabout get healthy Badge by looking at healthy eating, yoga, bluebell walk and scavenger hunt.

Several of the units have carried out World Cup Nights, Royal wedding nights decorating cakes and making wedding dresses and gained the vote 100 Badge talking about women's right to vote and the suffragettes movement.

2nd Hagley guides have been away on two camps Alton towers and Beaudesert and 1st Hagley Guides have been to Blackwell Court – the girls did a variety of activities including low ropes, high ropes, water games, patrol challenges and cooking, the Senior Section went on a hammock Camp.

3rd Hagley and 2nd Hagley went away to Astley Burf – the girls did archery, high ropes, climbing wall and team building. As the weather was so hot in the afternoon we had great fun doing water activities.

I must mention the seven guides from 2nd Hagley Guides and one from 1st who have achieved the Baden Powell award the highest award a Guide can achieve, I looked through their folders which were excellent, and I could see how much work had gone into them.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the leaders for everything they do and how we are looking forward to using the new programme in September.

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Fiona Drewett
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Breaking News...



Due to increased demand we are thinking of starting a new Tai Chi for Health beginners class on Thursday afternoons 4.40- 5.30pm at the Community Centre.



Our Tuesday afternoon class has proved to be very popular and it is because of this and the continued interest in the class that we have decided to see what interest there might be on Thursday afternoon.

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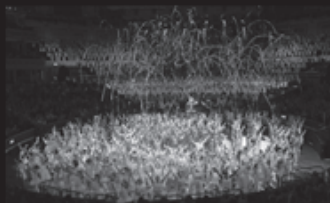
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Money raised

However, at the time of going this goes to print we can't announce if/how much money was raised for the Community Centre and our charity we pledge to support (Leslie's Care Packages) as we haven't closed the online silent auction yet – it's due to end on 8th July, so fingers crossed!

In the meantime I'd like to help local charity Leslie's Care Packages with a drive for provisions for homeless people. As a community centre it would be fantastic to help our wider local community as well as our own residents and support the amazing lady Vi Wood who runs it.

Vi goes out in all weathers to help our homeless people from all walks of life who have fallen on hard times and are experiencing real hardship. She spends a lot of time making up care packages with her team of helpers and distributing them to all kinds of people with housing problems who may be on the street due to domestic violence issues, mental health problems, austerity measures, problems finding work and affordable housing.

Helping the homeless

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Can you help?

For anyone interested there are pictures and videos on our website www.lovehagley.co.uk and the Kidderminster Town Hall Facebook page. I'll be stepping down from fundraising for HCA for a while at least to concentrate on other projects so if anyone else is helping out and spending dedicated time every week to supporting a local cause, do let me know via the Love Hagley Facebook group as soon as possible.

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| WESTERN BADMINTON CLUB – Neville Smart, Hagley Sports Centre, Brake Lane , Hagley DY8 2XS | 883433 |
| WESTGLEN CANINE CENTRE: Mark Collins, 113 Walter Nash Road West, Kidderminster | 01384 637085 |
| WYRE FOREST NATIONAL TRUST: Mrs M Fernihough 28 Milestone Drive, Hagley DY9 0LW | 883460 |
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| ST. JOHN'S & ST. SAVIOUR'S: Tony Battersby St Saviour's Church, 1 Park Road DY9 0NS | 886363 |
| ST JOHNS HAND & TOWER BELLRINGERS: Richard Scarth 1 Clent Drive, Hagley DY9 9LN | 07768 273545 |
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| DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FOR HAGLEY WEST: Steve Colella | 882996 |
| DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FOR HAGLEY EAST: Councillor Rachel Jenkins | 07974 257172 |
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| CRIME STOPPER LINE (CONFIDENTIAL) | Freephone 0800 555111 |
| HAGLEY LIBRARY: | 01905 822722 |
| DIAL A RIDE | 0121 453 9682 |
| HAGLEY MEDICAL PRACTICE: Fax Line 887185 | 881700 |

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TOP 6 SUMMER READS

THE WANDERING VINE

BY NINA CAPLAN

Nina Caplan follows the vine into the past, wandering from Champagne's ancient chalk to the mountains of Campania, via the crumbling Roman ruins that flank the river Rhône and the remote slopes of Priorat in Catalonia.

THE LIGHT WE LOST

JILL SANTOPOLO

Lucy and Gabe meet in New York on a day that will change their lives - and the world - forever. As the city burns behind them, they kiss for the very first time. Over the next thirteen years they are torn apart, then brought back together, time and time again.

PONTI

SHARLENE TEO

2003. Singapore. Friendless and fatherless, sixteen-year-old Szu lives in the shadow of her mother Amisa, once a beautiful actress and now a hack medium performing séances with her sister in a rusty house. When Szu meets the privileged, acid-tongued Circe, they develop an intense friendship which offers Szu an escape from her mother's alarming solitariness, and Circe a step closer to the fascinating, unknowable Amisa.

DARK PINES

WILL DEAN

An isolated Swedish town. A deaf reporter terrified of nature. A dense spruce forest overdue for harvest. A pair of eyeless hunters found murdered in the woods. It's week one of the Swedish elk hunt and the sound of gunfire is everywhere. When Tuva Moodyson investigates the story that could make her career she stumbles on a web of secrets that knit Gavrik town together.

THE NOTE

ZOË FOLBIGG

One very ordinary day, Maya Flowers sees a new commuter board her train to London, and suddenly the day isn't ordinary at all. Maya knows immediately and irrevocably, that he is The One. Eventually, though, inspired by a very wise friend, Maya plucks up the courage to give the stranger a note asking him out for a drink. After all, what's the worst that can happen?

PRETEND I'M DEAD

JEN BEAGIN

Mona—almost 24, cleaning houses to get by, emotionally adrift. Handing out clean needles to drug addicts, she falls for a recipient who proceeds to break her heart in unimaginable ways. Always just under the surface are her memories of growing up in a chaotic, destructive family from which she's trying to disentangle herself.