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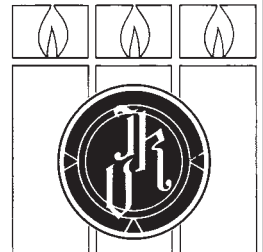


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Welcome to December edition of Hagley Village News.

"Christmas in Hagley" gets December off to a fabulous start when on Saturday 1st December the Parish Council has organised for the Christmas lights to be switched on and the Worcester Road will be closed from 4pm to 8pm. Many shops are opening late and Santa and his elves will also be there. Do go along and start your Christmas celebrations by supporting local businesses and groups who will also have stalls.

Don't forget Clent Rotary are supporting Santa on his tour of Hagley over several nights and thanks to Jonathan Abbiss for the excellent front cover. www.abbissart.com

Why not walk off the Christmas Lunch and try one of the walks documented by the Historical & Field Society (other walks are detailed on www.hagleyvillage.org)

The Hagley Community Association wish all residents and their families and friends a very restful and peaceful Christmas.

Nichola Trigg, Temporary Editor

HAGLEY HELPLINE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CLOSING

The Office will close at
12 noon on Friday 21st December and reopen at 10am
on Wednesday 2nd January 2019

Big Thank You

The Fashion Show promoted by Happy Families of Hagley, at the Community Centre on Monday 22 Oct. raised £835 for Mary Steven's Hospice. Gurdip would like to thank all those who supported this event

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Hagley Parish Council Update

Hopefully you'll be reading this before the 1st December and will be able to come to 'Christmas in Hagley'. We are planning to close the Worcester Rd between the Summervale Road junction and the Shoppers car park from 4pm to 8pm. This is for safety reasons and for the enjoyment of the public event. There will be diversion signs for anyone wishing to access or exit the roads affected by the closure. Further details of the evening's events will have been circulated and made readily available.

At the time of writing we are in negotiations with the contractor for the roofing and cladding works on the changing rooms, Severn Trent Water with regard to opening up the playing fields and preparing to open the Church Street access. In each case we are asking for these works to be completed as soon as possible. In the case of the Church Street access there may be times when it will need to be closed when there are deliveries or when there are works immediately next to the access itself.

Thank you to everyone that attended the Neighbourhood Plan meetings, we received some very interesting feedback.

Please note that the Parish offices will be closed on and from the 24th Dec and will re-open 7th January 2019.

On behalf of everyone at Hagley Parish Council we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councillor Steve Colella Chairman, Hagley Parish Council

Hagley Country Market

The Country Markets Christmas markets will be on the 7th and 14th December at Hagley Café between 10am and 12.30pm.

The market will be closed in January and will re-open on the 8th February 2019.

Hagley Neighbourhood Watch

Thank you to PC Marc Ginder and his PCSO team for attending the meeting on the 17th October and also welcome to new Inspector Chappell. There was a reasonable turnout and I hope that you found it informative and a valuable meeting.

Marc and his team responded to questions in respect of Police roles and responsibilities on parking, speeding as well as updating the meeting on the recent arrests of would-be burglars in Hagley. The successful arrest was made by the night patrol team using both marked and unmarked police vehicles.

Local parking and speeding issues were discussed as well as the trespass to the old shed (now demolished) rear of the Old Lloyds Bank building.

The meeting concluded with a presentation of 'Smart Water' and the practicalities of making it widely available in Hagley.

Just a reminder not to make it easy for would-be criminals - take valuables out of vehicles, leave a light or two on when out after dark, fit intruder alarms and let neighbours know if you're away for any length of time. It's also a good time of year to let your elderly neighbours know that you're thinking about them. Keeping an eye on each other's property has mutual benefits.

I'd like to wish you a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year remember that there are some that like to take advantage of people's Christmas generosity- don't leave presents out for all to see, keep them under lock and key.

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see how it compared.

We were delighted to hear that after 12 weeks volunteers in the Tai Chi group had benefited from positive effects on their blood vessels, blood make up and heart rate. These were exactly the same benefits that would be expected from the same amount of exercise in an aerobic class of Zumba!

Not everyone would find Zumba suitable for them because of health or joint problems or may just not enjoy that type of class so it's great to know that Tai Chi is so good for not just strength and balance but also for our general heart health.

We have a few spaces left in our Tai Chi classes so if you fancy giving it a go then give us a ring on 07512 546480

Hagley Community Centre

Beginners class 4.40pm Thursday afternoons

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50 minutes class

Please note all Active Seniors Classes closed for Christmas and New Year weeks commencing 17th, 24th and 31st December.

Wishing all our customers a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Active 2019.

Hagley Library Healthy Walking Group

The Hagley Library Healthy Walking Group is an initiative organised by Worcestershire County Council to promote healthy walking especially for those who are new to walking or who are recovering from an episode of ill health or mobility problems

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Hagley Country Dancers

Another successful year for the Hagley Country Dancers ends on December 17th, when we are planning to finish with a festive occasion and an extended session. Favourite dances are to be requested and all callers will be available.

Hagley Village News has helped us to attract a number of new dancers this term and we hope that this continues into the New Year.

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Behind all the elements of the great Christmas festival of family, feasting and fun as we celebrate it today, is a history that stretches back through the Victorians, the Tudors and the Romans all the way to our most remote pagan ancestors.

Mary Bodfish makes a welcome return to our society. The world of the past has always fascinated her and she has been able to share her love of local history as a founder member of the Smethwick Local History Society. In keeping with her theme we will be maintaining another tradition of serving Christmas cake with our refreshments.

Visitors are most welcome at all our events – see hhfs.org.uk for details and contacts.

Jeff Cope

HAGLEY U3A

U3A (University of the Third Age) is a National Organisation with local groups of retired or semi-retired people who meet to continue educational, social and creative interests in a friendly and informal environment.



Hagley U3A meets in the afternoon of the 1st Wednesday of the month (except August) at St Saviour's church hall. Doors open about 1.15 and the meeting starts at 1.45. We usually have a speaker for an hour and then time for tea and a chat.

There are also around 30 special interest groups. The groups are of varying number and meet at different venues including the Free Church hall and group leaders' own homes. Please see our website for a full list.

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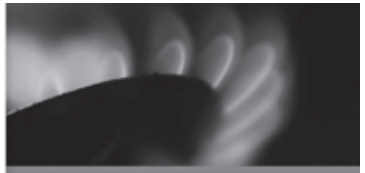
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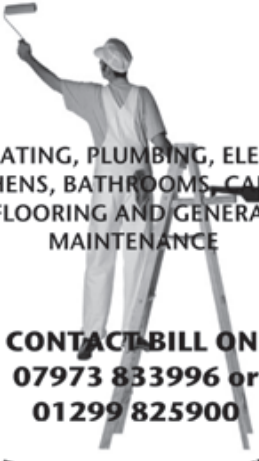


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WHAT'S ON IN HAGLEY? - DECEMBER 2018

MONDAY

Dial a ride	Hagley - Stourbridge		Every Mon
Hagley Playgroup	Community Centre	8:45am -11:45am	Every Mon
Hagley WI, Xmas party- with Andrew Crabtree	Community Centre	2pm	December 10th
Hagley Country Dancers	Free Church Hall	2pm	Every Mon (except 25/31 Dec)
Hagley Probus			Last Monday
Hagley Rotary	Hogarths Stone Manor	7pm for 7.30pm	Every Mon

TUESDAY

Hagley Playgroup	Community Centre	8:45am -11:45am	Every Tues (term time only)
String Orchestra	Free Church Hall	10-12 noon	Every Tues (term ends 4 Dec)
Active Seniors	Community centre	1:45pm & 3pm	Every Tues (not w/c 17/24/31 Dec)
Tuesday Tea Club	Free Church Hall	2:30pm-4pm	December 4th and 18th
Active Seniors - Tai Chi	Community Centre	4:30pm –5:20pm	Every Tues (not w/c 17/24/31 Dec)
Historical & Field Society, Mary Bodfish - Xmas Past to Xmas Present	St Saviours Church	8pm	December 4th
Ladies Afternoon Fellowship Xmas Celebration	Hagley Free Church	2:30pm	December 11th
Village Ladies Xmas Service- Bring & Share Supper	St Saviours Hall	8pm	December 11th

WEDNESDAY

Dial a Ride	Hagley – Merry Hill or Longbridge		Every Wed
Hagley Playgroup	Community Centre	8:45am -11:45am	Every Wed (term-time only)
Mothers & Toddlers group	Free Church Hall	10am-11:30am	Every Wed
Little Kickers	Community Centre	Various ages between 2pm -5.50pm	Every Wed
St John's Bellringers	St Johns Church	6:45pm	Every Wed
Western Badminton	Haybridge Sports Centre	8-10pm	Every Wed
U3A	St Saviours Hall	1.45pm	December 5th
Gardener's Club	St Saviours Hall	7:30pm	No meeting in December

THURSDAY

Story time	Hagley Library	10:30am-11am	Every Thurs
Hand of Friendship	Free Church Hall	11am – 1:15pm	Every Thurs
Active Seniors	Community Centre	1:45pm: less challenging class 3:15pm: Slightly challenging	Every Thurs, (not w/c 17/24/31 Dec)
Taekwondo	Community Centre	6pm-9pm	Every Thurs
Hagley Community Orchestra Rehearsals Rehearsal & Concert	St Saviours Hall St Saviours Church	5.30pm to 7pm 4pm	December 6th/13/20th Sunday December 23rd
Hagley Evening Fellowship Vintage Class Singers	Free Church Hall	8pm	December 13th

FRIDAY

Dial a Ride	Hagley – Kidderminster		Every Fri
Hagley Playgroup	Community Centre	8:45am -11:45am	Every Fri (term time only)
Country Market	Outside Hagley Café	10am -12.30pm	December 7th & December 14th
HCK Badminton	Hagley RC School	7pm-8pm Beginners 8pm-10pm Members	Every Fri
Art Club - John Maule Finch -Watercolours	Community Centre	7:30pm	December 14th

SATURDAY

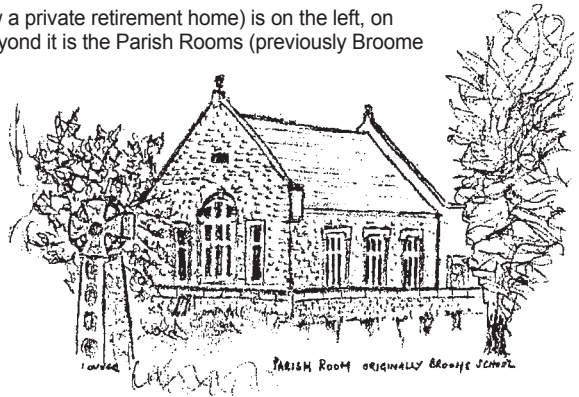
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VILLAGE INFORMATION

WALKS AROUND HAGLEY-BROOME

DISTANCE 3 AND A HALF MILES. TIME ABOUT 2 HOURS. PARK EITHER AT THE SIDE OF THICKNALL LANE OR NEARBY (O.S. MAP GRID REF. 903793) Notes nettles in high Summer and large dogs will have to be lifted over the first three stiles.

1. The walk begins at the lane opposite Thicknall Farm. There is proof of a dwelling here from the 14th. century, William de Thickenol was mentioned in 1327 and Henry Thykenol in 1400. Ticken means young goats (perhaps also lambs) so the farm was possibly the residence of the shepherd who grazed the animals on the adjacent Clent Heath. Walk along this lane and turn left at the T-junction, in a few yards cross the stile on the right and follow the footpath, with the fence on your left, to the two stiles. Cross these so that the hedge is now on your right.
2. There are views of the Clent Hills as you walk to the next stile, onto a track where you turn right.
3. Before you take the next turn right stop and view Red Hall Farm. The present house was built in the late 17th. or early 18th. century using some materials from previous houses on the site. The evidence leads to the assumption that there was a part sandstone and timber-framed building on the site. The name Red Hall means Red Spring and the site has been occupied since 1373, when it belonged to Black Ladies Priory, Brewood and was tenanted by John de Dunclent and his wife Alice.
4. Turn right passing the millstone in the bank. Along this lane on your left is Old Well Cottage, formerly Broome Farm. It is the black and white cottage with a cider press in the side/back garden.
5. At the junction stop. Broome House (now a private retirement home) is on the left, on the right is the Old School House and beyond it is the Parish Rooms (previously Broome School built in 1889 and closed 1933).
6. Go straight ahead and through the Church yard. The present Church of St. Peter was built in 1780 with 1861 additions, it replaced a medieval church. One of the Rectors was Thomas Dolman, who married Mary Penn from Harborough Hall in 1726, her sister Anne was the mother of William Shenstone the poet and landscape gardener famous for his grounds at the Leasowes, Halesowen. Rejoin the lane.
7. Notice the bargeboards on Rose Cottage by the Junction. On the left nearest the junction is Dower Cottage, partly timber framed, which was the temporary Rectory between 1921 and 1924 whilst the new Rectory was built.

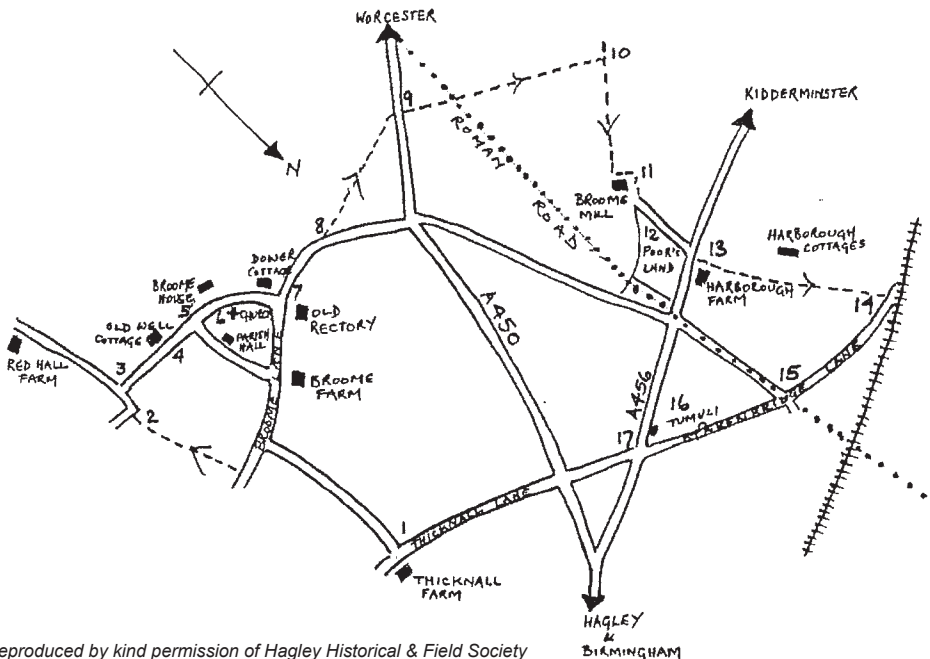
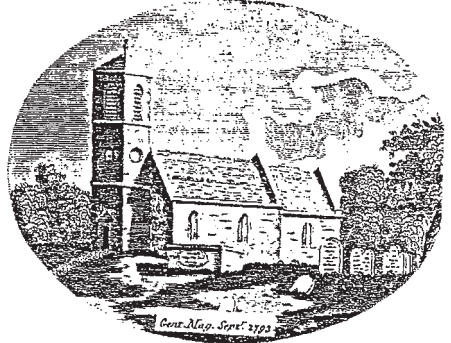


Optional Diversion. Turn right to view Broome Farm on the left, note the road sign! Either retrace your steps or circle the centre of Broome.

8. At Dower Cottage take the road to Churchill. Note the boundary wall of the Old Rectory. Look for Lords and Ladies in the hedge opposite (in season.) At Hundredacres Farm take the footpath over the ditch and stile, diagonally across the field to the next stile on the A450, which cuts a corner
9. Cross the road to the footpath opposite. Just before the path crosses the end of the first field you are passing over the route of the Roman road between Droitwich, Greensforge and Watling Street. Pause at the gap in the hedge for lovely views of Romsley, Walton, Clent and Wychbury. The Hall, Church spire and the Monument at Hagley can. also be seen.

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10. Continue to the T junction at the foot of the steep bank through the wood. Turn right on the far side of the hedge and follow the path to Broome Mill.
11. One pool faces you, but is fenced off, turn right, on your right is Broome Mill, now a modernised house. When on the tarmaced drive the raised bank on the right is the dam of the pool which supplied the water for the mill.
12. Follow the drive to the A456. The 5 acre field on the right, known as "Poor's Land" raised money for the poor by rent or crops until 1949.
13. Cross the A456 to the footpath by Harborough Farm. Built between 1832 and 1838. but recently extensively altered. The two cottages on the hill to the left are older.
14. At Stakenbridge Lane turn right. The Post Box outside Yarnold Cottages shows which one was once a Post Office. Railway Cottage is one of three built c. 1852 for railway employees. Bay Tree House now stands where cottages for the poor were built in 1805, but sold in 1836 when the poor were sent to Bromsgrove Workhouse. Not a change for the better!
15. Dammas House recalls the fact that Dammas Hall was situated on that corner.
16. The raised bank on the right of the road, just before the houses begin, is the remains of a tumulus, one of a group excavated by Bishop Lyttelton in the 18th. Century.
17. On reaching the A456, on your right is Daisy Cottage. In 1838 this cottage & shop belonged to William Price. Cross the road carefully, into Thicknall Lane, then cross the A450 and return to your car.



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VILLAGE INFORMATION

HAGLEY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

We are now busy rehearsing for the **St Saviour's Christmas Carol Service** which will happen on **December 23rd at 6.30pm.**

As always we will be accompanying the carols and we are preparing to play **Bach's Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring, Winter from Vivaldi's 4 Seasons** and **Andrew Downes' arrangement of Veni Emmanuel.** We are very grateful to Rev Richard Newton for agreeing to play organ in the Andrew Downes piece, in order to free up our regular organist, Paul Evans, to play the important viola part in the work.

If you would like to play in the orchestra, please contact me, Cynthia Downes, Musical Director, on 07564 276 404 or 01562 886625. Our December preliminary rehearsals will take place on 6th, 13th and 20th December in St Saviour's from 5.30-7pm. On the day of the Carol Service, our rehearsal starts at 4pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Hagley String Orchestra

On 4th December we completed the 13 rehearsals for this Autumn Term, having thoroughly enjoyed a delightfully mixed bag of repertoire. Our greatest challenge this term has been Dvořák's Quintet for first and second violins, viola, cello, and, unusually, a double bass.

Antonin Dvořák (1841-1904) was a Czech composer, whose father, an innkeeper and butcher, regularly played in a folk band. Learning the violin as well as organ and piano, Dvořák joined his father's band playing Bohemian and Moravian folk music. Whilst studying in Prague, he continued to play both violin and viola in orchestras, and became influenced by Smetana's music. Dvořák wrote a 5-movement String 5tet when he was 34, dedicating it 'To My Nation' and entering it for a competition; he got First Prize and 5 ducats! Twelve years later, in 1887, he removed one movement and published it as his Opus 77; it is a strongly nationalistic work influenced by his experience of folk music. Although technically challenging, we have loved its memorable tunes, dance rhythms, and sheer emotional exuberance.

Please consider joining us for our Spring Term 2019 which runs from Tuesday 8th January to 2nd April, omitting 26 February for Half Term. For more information, contact Haydn Thomas (01562 885 252; sanhay50@gmail.com)

Jeremy Patterson, Conductor



Hagley Theatre Group

The Youth Section's production of 'Half a Sixpence,' performed at the Community Centre 10-13 October, was a great success. This musical was not well known amongst our young performers but they took to the story and the show's songs and gave a stirring rendition. Not all musicals have dialogue between songs but this one does which provides the opportunity for character development and straight acting and this was achieved with some memorable comic performances and some fine cockney accents tuned to perfection. A little break has ensued and discussions are now taking place on next year's show.

If you would like to join contact us on 07907 457217 or e-mail hagleytheatregroup@gmail.com

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Tony Forrest



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Hagley Gardeners' Club

The Club does not meet in December so the headline event following the November meeting (see below) will be a social at St Saviour's Hall, 7.15 for 7.30 pm on Wednesday 23rd January 2019. There will be a hot carved roast buffet, dessert and wine, tea or coffee plus entertainment - Paul Thatcher performing songs and stories of Jake Thackray. Tickets (£19 each) will be available at the November meeting and by phone from Judy Iliff 01562 883568.

On 28th November garden photographer Adrian James spoke about seasonal changes at Bodenham Arboretum - a lovely oasis of calm in a protected valley near Wolverley. Lakes and pools set off the extensive mature woodland, which has special charms in the autumn.

The committee is working up an attractive programme of talks and visits for next year. The 2019 AGM will be on 27th February and followed by a short talk about developments and plans at Clent Nursery.

Monthly meetings are at St Saviour's Hall, normally on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Visitors are very welcome at all our events and are encouraged to think about becoming members.

Chris Morrissey



Village Ladies

We had a splendid evening with Raj and her team of Avon cosmetics, with an array of products on show and an opportunity to order from their catalogue, It was well supported and a relaxing evening.

In December we have only one meeting, being a month where everyone is rushing around attending parties or shopping for Christmas. We will have our Annual Christmas Service at St Saviour's church on December 11th at 8 pm. This will be followed by a Bring and Share supper in the hall. We have chosen the colour scheme of green and red and we are sure the room will look very festive indeed. The service is one of carols and readings and everyone is welcome to join us. It certainly starts the Christmas season well, meeting with friends.

Looking forward to January, our first meeting will be a Quiz on January 8th; time to dust off our brains. It will be light hearted and fun and has been a very popular meeting in past years, so do come along to take part.

The second meeting on 22nd January is an evening of antiques. Steve Bruce gives humorous view of the auction business and you can bring along one of your 'treasures' to be valued.

Looking forward to 12th February we will be welcoming George Hook the Pearl Man - the last of the shell workers in the Midlands. He will bring items of jewellery to buy. Another very different evening for us to enjoy. All these talks take place at St Saviour's Hall starting promptly at 8pm.

Toni Allison



HAGLEY ART CLUB

ART CLUB

At our Meeting on Friday 14th December, John Maule Finch, visiting Artist, is coming to demonstrate Watercolour Painting. This is a change from our normal Social Evening in December, but there will be some Christmas refreshments for the Break.

We hope you enjoyed our Annual Exhibition in November and the results of the voting for the Best Liked Pictures will be announced in the January Village News.

Looking ahead to the New Year, our Chairman, Pascale Bigot, is going to demonstrate "Figurative Work" for us. Her work is well known and popular, and the Evening should be very interesting and informative.

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Our ringing skills have continued to improve throughout the year. We have been so grateful for the help we have received from the Worcestershire and District Change Ringing Association. Without their help during the last 5 years, bell-ringing would have ceased at St. John's. We are about to commence a monthly second night of bell ringing practice to perfect the "plain bob doubles" method. Normally, when new ringers join an experienced tower bell-ringing band, it is relatively easy to fit a new ringer into the group and for them to pick up the skill. With our relatively inexperienced band this has been so difficult, but great fun.

With Mike Lashford from Halesowen Hand-Bell ringers continues to give support to our Hand Bell ringers on a weekly basis and at the rallies across the country.

A recent recruit Dee is just about to join us for service ringing. She was one of over 1400 new bell ringers who have taken up the pastime as part of the "Ringing Remembers" campaign symbolically replacing the ringers who were killed in action in the First World War. Dee will also be joining us for the Christmas Eve Mass service commencing at 11:30 pm on 24th December 2018.

Richard Scarth 07768 273545 ringers@hagleycofe.co.uk



HAGLEY ROTARY CLUB



Auctioneer come metal detector

Auctioneer Mark Hannam from Fielding's Auctioneers provided a brilliant presentation recently to which we were invited to bring articles to be assessed and valued.

Mark had equipped himself with metal detectors as well as many of the ancient coins and artifacts he had recovered from the sites he had visited.

Duties and permissions to search grounds were emphasized throughout the presentation, which was brilliantly punctuated with advice and demonstrations on how best to discover our past wealth and heritage.

International Affairs

In addition to the Shelter Box approved in September, the Rotary Club of Hagley agreed to fund an additional Shelter Box for emergency relief from the society's funds.

This will provide bedding, shelter and 3000 gallons of clear water to the areas in distress and the needy inhabitants of disaster struck areas including Indonesia and Ethiopia.

We meet routinely at 7.00pm for 7.30pm on Monday evenings at Hogarth's Stone Manor Hotel Bromsgrove Rd, Kidderminster DY10 4PJ and welcome new guests and prospective members.

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St. John's Christmas Music Events

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<http://excathedra.co.uk/christmas-hagley/>

The 12th Night party on Sunday 6th January 2019; 7:30pm at St. John's by Hagley Hall. It is a free event open to everyone and there is loads of parking. It's great way to finish off the Christmas season. If you have any suggestions of music, poems, recitations amusing anecdotes or some family member is just busting to show off their talents to a wider public, send details to us at admin@hagleycofe.co.uk It may be their first step on the ladder to a talented success! A glass of wine and refreshment are provided.

Also preparations are well underway for the Hagley Music Festival for 2019. The biannual event gathers some of the finest international musicians for weeks of music-making at various venues across Hagley. As a charity organisation, we aim to bring the best of classical and popular music to the people, whilst simultaneously raising money and awareness for the charities we support. Hagley Music Festival is generously sponsored by Lord Cobham. For up to-date information search Hagley Music Festival on your web browser or go to

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BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATE

It has long since been our view that until the last 3 or 4 years Hagley received very little investment as opposed to elsewhere across the district.

We are delighted to be able to report that with the support of Hagley Parish Council and community groups investment in this area has now topped £800,000. This follows many hours over many years of continued lobbying and pressure being applied through the planning process and the District Council's grant scheme to gain this investment.

We have supported some £92,000 of New Homes Bonus money and a £100,000 grant towards the new Scout Hut. The remainder of the funding total is made up of planning obligations including £75,000 for the skate park, £60,000 for outdoor facilities in the playing fields and the outdoor gym; over £14,500 for car parking in the village centre, some £134,000 for improving the Community Centre, proposed £38,400 for community transport and over £287,000 for wider transport infrastructure across the County.

This direct investment is enhanced with significant 7 figure sums invested in the schools, doctor's surgery building, roads as well as new public footpath alongside the primary school to improve local access and amenity.

Thank you to the village organisations and individuals who have helped us obtain this much needed money to continue to improve Hagley now and in the future.

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HAGLEY W.I.

We thought we knew about Suffragettes and Suffragists – but we learned much more about 'Women and the First World War' from Caroline Hall at our October meeting. Women from all over the country and all walks of life actively took on a huge variety of jobs, all very different from their normal role of caring for 'home and family'. And then we heard how it was for them after the war when life had changed forever in some ways – but not in others.

At the county Annual Meeting the speaker was Erin Boag of 'Strictly' who brought two of her amazing costumes and we entered the Competition in Photography, Crafts, Preserves (Highly Commended) and Art.

We have enjoyed other WI activities – our local 'Group' meeting with the hugely amusing 'clean Black Country comedian' Doug Parker; a Fish and Chip Lunch; two WI birthday parties; a WI lunch at the Chateau Impney – a delicious meal and a hilarious talk by Rev Kate Bottley of BBC radio and GoogleBox fame ending with a 'flash mob' dance led by Kate!

Like all Worcestershire WIs we have made a Christmas bauble for our Tree, part of the wonderful Christmas Tree Festival in the cloisters of Worcester Cathedral – from 8 December to 3 January. Well worth a visit!

Our next meeting is on Monday 10 December – a Christmas Party and Musical Afternoon with Andrew Crabtree and we start the New Year with a talk about 'Beautiful Trees' by John Oakes on Monday 14 January.

We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2.00 pm in the Community Centre. In the WI you can hear interesting talks, learn new skills and make new friends – we are always happy to welcome visitors and new members. Why not give WI a try?!

Rosie Wynne

HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



In November came thoughts of Remembrance with this Centenary year of the ceasefire of World War One in 1918. Haybridge students marked this significant date with a series of assemblies in school but this year there was an additional element of artistic endeavour to support the assemblies and raise the visual profile of the commemoration.

Miss Haycock, one of our talented Trainee Teachers, ran a Year 7 after school club in which students produced one hundred poppies and a range of beautiful artworks on canvas and in wood and plaster.

Students' work was also included in a special commemorative poppy wreath that is now in Ypres, France, the scene of terrible loss of life. We are proud to remember and to work in all the ways we can as a school community to create the conditions for peaceful resolution of difference.

We are busily collecting for The Basement project, a main school charity for 2018/19. This amazing organisation supports homeless young people in many ways and we are happy to help keep them supplied with dried food stuffs and toiletries to help tide people over through difficult times.

Students are marking the 16 Days of Action to Eliminate Violence against Women and Girls with a series of assemblies and discussion sessions. The campaign runs from 25th November to 10th December each year and is marked nationwide by the wearing of a simple White Ribbon.

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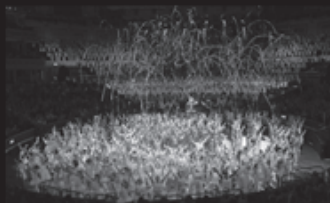
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16th		Rev. David Tennant	(4pm)Christingle Rev. David Tennant
23rd		No Service	(4pm)CarolService Rev.David Tennant
25th	Christmas Day	Rev. David Tennant	
30th	Readings and Carols	Mr.Martin Heathcock	No Evening Service

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Tuesday 11 Dec: Ex Cathedra Concert – St John's 7.30 pm – tickets from Mary on 01562 884216.

Thursday 13 Dec: Mothers' Union Advent Service - St Saviour's 2.30 pm with seasonal refreshments.

Thursday 13 Dec: Haybridge Christmas Concert – St John's 7.30 pm.

Date	Mornings at St John's	Mornings at St Saviour's	Evenings
2 December Advent 1	10.30 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Morning Praise	6.30 pm Advent Carol Service St John's
9 December Advent 2	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Morning Prayer	10.45 am Holy Communion	
16 December Advent 3		10.45 am Parish Communion	
23 December Advent 4	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Nine Lessons and Carols		6.30 pm Readings and Carols for Christmas St Saviour's
24 December Christmas Eve		5.00 pm Crib Service St Saviour's	11.30 pm Midnight Service St John's
25 December Christmas Day		10.30 am Parish Communion	
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December is full of feel good cinema, from the new blockbuster **The Nutcracker and the Four Realms** on 7, 10, 21 & 28 Dec to Christmas classic **It's A Wonderful Life** on 14 Dec and screenings of Sing-A-Long **Mamma Mia!** and **Beauty & The Beast** over the Christmas holiday.

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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

Hagley Dial-a-Ride Bus Service

(collects you from your house)



The Hagley dial-a-ride service is available to all in Hagley, specifically:

- the elderly
- residents who do not have access to other transport
- those who do not drive
- those who live too far away to comfortably walk to bus stops
- those who find it difficult to walk and carry anything
- parents/carers with young children and who do not drive

Please call 0121 453 9682 to register.

Reserve seat no later than 2pm the day before travel.

Timetable

Monday – Stourbridge

Wednesday – Merry Hill or Longbridge (retail park by M&S)

Thursday - Hagley

Friday – Kidderminster

Pick up 1 at 9:45am and return at 12:15pm

Pick up 2 (if demand) at 10:45am and return at 13:15pm

Cost is £2.60 return with a bus pass and £5.20 return without a bus pass.

Please note that depending on demand the service may change the destination and times.