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# Hello All

Welcome to Sept's edition which is the first one in print since March. We will still keep the online version available on our website www.hagleyvillage.org and a dedicated Facebook page.

Alison Akers. Editor

Front cover photo courtesy of Anonymous

#### **Hagley Library Healthy Walking Group**

Our walks have been cancelled until further notice, but we hope our walkers are still managing to get outside for some fresh air and exercise and to enjoy the sights and sounds of nature (always obeying the Government exercise and social distancing rules, of course). We shall look forward to welcoming walkers, old and new, as soon as we are permitted to resume our walks.

# Evening Fellowship Outing

We are hoping that we will be able to start up again in October but will keep you posted. Best wishes to everyone. Stay safe! Liz

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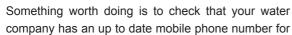
is disappointing, we hope you can understand the steps we are taking to help keep our speakers and members safe.

During this period, please see www.hhfs.org.uk for an interesting selection of resources, photographs and videos on the history of our local area.

Rachel Paget

# **Hagley Gardeners' Club**

August is the time of the year for holidays, relaxation and making the most of the great outdoors. The Gardeners' Club may be in suspense, unable to put on formal events for fear of a viral backlash, but its members are busy in their gardens and some are planning holidays abroad.





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Of course, some of us may experience the opposite of water shortages, but normal rain will not prevent plant containers from drying out and the compost in them from becoming exhausted. Our pots, troughs and hanging baskets are as reliant on us for water as our pets

Covid-19 is still very much with us as an influencer and malign presence, but other subjects are now squeezing into the headlines and conditions are better for enjoying the summer. Let's do that as joyfully as we can.

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# Village Ladies

Hi everyone, I hope you are all well and have enjoyed the summer. As you know September would have been our registration for the start of a new year. As I write this we are nearing the end of



July and I have to get the September copy into Alison at the Village News so I can only write what I am assuming will happen in September and final decisions to be made at a committee meeting in August.

As I write this I have just had an email from the Bookings Secretary at St. Saviours Hall saying the hall is reopening to groups who use the hall as a business but that decisions will be made about clubs and societies at a later date. There are stipulations involved when groups do meet and guidelines we would have to follow.

At this moment I feel that we WILL NOT be meeting until after Christmas. Please continue to check your emails as that is where I will give you the up to date position. The Committee member in your group will also be in touch. I am sorry I cannot be more positive but everyone is in the same position.

Regards Sue

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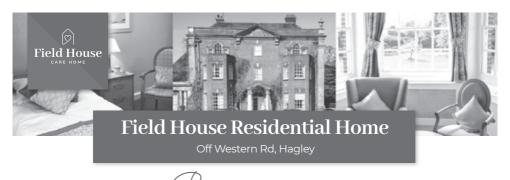
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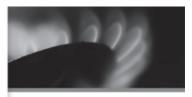
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# **Bromsgrove District Council Update**

There are a number of strategic issues which we have highlighted to the Chief Executive Office of Bromsgrove District Council which we want fully considered by BDC.

The first being aspects of the Shared Service that Bromsgrove has with Redditch Borough Council which we do not feel are working and we believe that they should be split once again. Secondly, land identified through the 'Call for Sites' for future development are currently been assessed by the planning department. We feel that this is inappropriate where there is land in Bromsgrove which has been given over to Redditch to meet its housing targets. However, Redditch has over estimated its housing needs and effectively no longer needs this land. Therefore we feel it is common sense to return this land to Bromsgrove needs and not to lose any unnecessary greenbelt land to further development.

Thirdly there is a Government white paper due on unitary authorities or super district councils; we welcome this review and would like to see how this would benefit Bromsgrove and Hagley.

Cllr Steve Colella (Hagley West) and Cllr Rachel Jenkins (Hagley East).

# **Hagley Neighbourhood Watch**

The main report this month is to reflect on the continued rise in Anti-Social Behaviour in Hagley during the summer. There have been some very unsavoury incidents which have meant the Police Team investigating and tackling a number of known culprits.

Just as a reminder that the CCTV surveillance system has been upgraded to a new digital system allowing the control staff to actively follow incidents as they happen and focus in on a lot more detail. I'm sure that the increase in the quality and dynamics of this system will not only deter such incidents it will give greater support to the Policing Team.

Joint co-ordinators Steve Colella and Roger Seabury.

# **Hagley Parish Council Update**

At the time of writing we're expecting that the changing room and meeting room works will have started in earnest. This will be the re-start of what is planned to be a works programme that will be extend into April/May 2021.

This will be the works which have had to be held-back until final funding had been approved. As you can imagine this has been a significant task and I would like to thank fellow councillors and the Parish Clerks for their fantastic support and tenacity. I will keep you updated on progress over the coming months.

You will also have seen a return of Severn Trent to works on the playing fields with the initial area which was excavated re-fenced off whilst the works continue. The contractor has sprayed the field to kill off the vegetation before the top soil is rotated and additional top soil imported. These works will correct the issues with the drainage and uneven playing field surface.

Works will continue over the remainder of this year's growing season with further works continued next year to ensure that the field meets the standard required by July 2021. Every effort will be made to ensure that all the access points remain open and that the use of the remaining field isn't compromised. This also has been a difficult period for HPC and it has taken a lot of councillors time as well as the Clerk's time and effort.

I'm pleased that there remains positive news as regards the return of the community bus. Although the service won't be back fully until everything is absolutely safe. We will be working with the new bus operator to provide a service that will help and support our community.

Hagley Library has begun making plans for a light-touch reopening. As soon as government guidance can be met safely further details will be reported.

On behalf of everyone at HPC we ask that you continue to stay safe and well.

Cllr Steve Colella Chairman Hagley Parish Council

# **HAGLEY U3A**

Some members of Hagley U3A have continued to keep in touch via Zoom, WhatsApp or small groups meeting outside with social distancing.



Unfortunately we don't expect to have our normal monthly meetings, with a Speaker, for the foreseeable future but if anyone would like more details please contact our Membership Secretary Ian Powick: email ian.powick@gmail.com or phone 01562 883822.







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Having suspended our Monday Evening meetings In April, Rotarians continued to find opportunities for social contact, though be it through computers, handsets, and the occasional pigeon.

Suddenly "Zoom" no longer was a noise to be made when simulating flights to our favorite holiday destinations, instead it has become the rallying call for a Monday night of Rotarian banter and catch up.

Sheds, studies and garden backdrops were all used to enrich the pleasure of our good company and worthy discussion fulfilled by the good offices of Past President Julie Banks who continued to set up a virtual reality Rotary Meetings for the Hagley Rotarians and Re-Zoom (Forgive the pun) our bi-weekly meetings.

Now conversant with the technology and the discipline of only one speaker at a time, Rotarians have continued to serve as best we can, the interests of Hagley and surrounding areas.

Funds remain fruitful and Rotarian Janet's endeavors to sew scrubs and PPE all make us aware we are not alone and there is always a good cause or need to be found if you have the interest to look for it.

Sufficient to say a good time continues to be had by all and hopefully it won't be long before we'll meet again in person.

So if readers would like to have fun with a purpose, consider joining our club who will be meeting at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm on Monday evenings by visiting our website at

https://hagleyrotary.wixsite.com/website.

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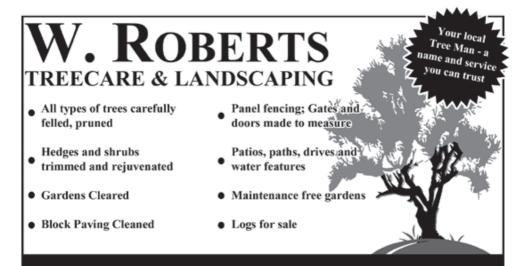
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# Local care company Home Instead is rated "Outstanding"

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Established in 2012 with an office in Hagley, Home Instead say they offer a different sort of service which is tailored to each individual person rather than the usual focus on fast visits and high volumes. Whilst Home Instead can offer personal care and specialises in dementia care, many clients just want some help around the house and with the same CAREGivers visiting each week, they seem more like part of the family who can visit simply for good company, to reignite old hobbies or to get out and about in the local area.

The inspection report explains "People received outstanding care. Without exception, people were extremely complimentary about the caring attitude of all the caregivers who supported them." One person said, "The carers are all very good and I cannot fault any of them. All wonderful to be honest, so caring and kind." Another person said, "I can't speak highly enough about any of them. They will do anything for me and are so nice and caring in the way they do things."



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I took over HSO when Joan died in 2013 and have continued the same policy. Thus we've been able

to enjoy works for flute and strings by Boccherini, Mozart, Quantz and Telemann, piano and strings by JS Bach, Andrew Downes and Gerald Finzi, an oboe and solo cello work by Zipolii and the wonderful Clarinet Quintet by Brahms. As soon as we can get back to rehearsing after this lockdown, we have the excitement of playing Tony Bridgewater's Concert Piece No. 2 for Piano and Strings which he has composed for us.

Having these friends visiting us is a great joy. If you know of anyone who would like to rehearse a concerto with string orchestra, please let us know. How about a soprano or tenor who sings Finzi's Dies Natalis – a very great favourite of mine!

Please have a chat with Haydn Thomas 01562 885 252; sanhay50@gmail.com and I would be happy to hear from you jeremy.patterson2013@yahoo.co.uk

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# **HAGLEY W.I.**

Hagley Community Centre



After a fun Beetle Drive and delicious cream tea (in March, in a previous life) we, like everyone, sadly had to cancel all our meetings – and we have so missed seeing each other.

Now, as I write this in July, we are busy planning – how we will be able to meet so that members feel safe and comfortable, doing our own Risk Assessment, waiting to hear when we will be able to use the Community Centre again and how we will celebrate our centenary in 2021.

Meanwhile we are keeping in contact with everyone – by phone, email, Zoom – and monthly newsletters from our WI and from the county. We have also been able to hear online talks on a variety of subjects that the county has organised as well as the virtual guided tours, crafts sessions and life-style courses put on by Denman College.

Maybe, by the time you read this, we will be able to meet face to face and if you are looking for something new – a friendly group of women, a wide range of interesting talks, courses, craft classes, then why not give the WI a go? When we meet again, it should be on the second Monday of the month at 2.00 in the Community Centre – but check with our Notice Board by the pharmacy – and FFI Mita Barnes - hagleypres@wfedwi.org.uk 01299 879996 or Rosie Wynne rwynne@wfedwi.org.uk 01384 371999.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone in person really soon.

Rosie Wynne



Although our classes which are normally held at the community centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays afternoons are still suspended we are hopeful that in the forthcoming weeks restrictions will continue to lift and we will be able

to resume – even if that is will more safety measures , less participants and more cleaning!!

At the time of writing, although outdoor class sizes have increased and gyms have been the ok to reopen shortly, we are still awaiting clarity on the restrictions for exercise in places like community and church halls and once we have this we will be looking to restart some classes as soon as we can. It will be great to get back to what we love to do and that's working with people to improve and maintain their health through exercise. We have missed you all and look forward to seeing you soon. We will be in touch as soon as we have some news!!

Angela & Kim



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13th		Pastor David Umbers	
20th		Rev. Dr. Phillip Rees	
27th	Harvest Festival	Rev. David Tennant	

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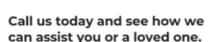
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From Sunday 13 September we will hold a said Holy Communion service in one of these three churches each Sunday at 9.30 am, followed by Worship on Zoom at 11.00 am. This will enable those who wish to come to church to do so, and those who don't wish to do so to continue worshipping on Zoom. This is a first step – and we will review everything as time goes on. The first Sunday of the month will alternate, the second Sunday will be in St Saviour's, the third Sunday in St John's, and the fourth Sunday in St Leonard's. Until then, we will continue on Zoom each Sunday at 10.30 am.

In church, we will be socially-distanced, we will need to wear face masks, to handsanitise on entry, and so on. Names will be taken for track and trace. We will work out a way of distributing Holy Communion (bread only) as safely as possible.

#### Sunday Worship 6 September

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#### Sunday Worship from 13 September

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Any other Poppy memorabilia can only be obtained online this year at poppyshop.org.uk

We will report next month on whether we will be able to run a Remembrance Sunday Service, but at the moment it looks likely that this will be on a much smaller scale than usual.

LEGION

Thank you for your support, and we hope that we will be able to revert back to normal in 2021 to celebrate the 100th Birthday of the Royal British Legion.

# Hagley Primary School PTA

Normally at this time of year we would be writing to tell you of all the fundraising events that have taken place, sadly many of these were cancelled. We have missed the buzz of the school life, raising funds for our school and making memories for our children.

However, before the arrival of Covid-19, the PTA did hold several events, some old and some new! The academic year began with the BBQ and Bounce, this was a great success and was a wonderful way for us to welcome new families to the school. Theo's Food provided the fabulous catering for this event and it was very well received by all. We then rolled into harvest and our school discos. This year we decided to open the Tuck Shop for the KS2 discos and this was very much appreciated by the children and also raised additional funds for the PTA. The Christmas Fayre was a fun filled day and the children seemed to particularly enjoy meeting the wonderful donkeys! Other events that have taken place are Bags 2 School, Uniform Sales and Tuck Shops – thank you to all those that have supported or helped with the running and organisation of these.

During the Lockdown period we have tried to run some events, to raise funds but most importantly, to keep families connected. These have included online quizzes, virtual book fairs and, to finish off the academic year, a remote sports day. The sports day had an excellent response and we thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the children having fun and taking part. Congratulations to the winning house - Elgar!

We wish you all a safe and happy summer break and we look forward to seeing many of you in September, when hopefully some of our much loved events can resume.

Emma Downes (Chair) and Charlotte McAuslan (Vice Chair)

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PROBUS CLUB: Alan Hess Arran House We	• .	07967 590219
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	art, Hagley Sports Centre, Brake Lane, Hagley D	
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#### **HAGLEY SURGERY UPDATES**

#### 01562 881700

Important information for Hagley Surgery patients:

#### **Telephone Appointments**

We continue to operate a telephone appointment system at the surgery and have found this to have some really successful outcomes for both the patients and the Doctors. Telephone appointments are booked for all enquiries initially with the Doctor making a clinical decision as to whether a face to face follow up will be required at the surgery.

All appointments (including telephone slots and selected nurse appointments for smears or blood tests for example) can all be booked online where you have online access to your medical record. It is really easy to do – to sign up for this either download the 'NHSapp' from the app store and follow the simple instructions or speak to reception to be set up with Patient Access. You can access appointment booking or order repeat prescriptions at anytime from anywhere so it really is worthwhile signing up.

#### Flu campaign

It is really important to make sure you are protected against the flu this winter season. We will be starting vaccinating those patients who are most vulnerable which include;

- adults 65 and over
- people with long term medical conditions including diabetes, heart and respiratory disease (including children in at-risk groups from 6 months of age)
- pregnant women
- children aged 2 and 3

The team will be offering appointments for flu jabs at the surgery from mid-September onwards for those patients who are eligible –please contact us or go online to book your flu jab appointment today!!