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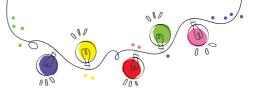
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Seasons Greetings Folks

2020 has been a tough year for all and heartbreaking for many in our own community and beyond. We want to keep us together as much as possible with updates of local facilities, services and businesses in the hope that we can all help each other during these uncertain times and also going forwards. We welcome you to the new look Hagley Village News - and hope you like it! We have Nic from Dudley Print for printing, finshing and collating and also Tina from WildOrange for our graphic design and compilation.

Enjoy reading and hope you all have a safe Christmas - we'll catch up again in 2021.

Alison Akers Editor

Front cover photo courtesy of Jonathan Fox

Hagley Library

The County Council has worked closely with local library volunteers throughout the phased re-opening of libraries and it is thanks to their help and support that Hagley has reopened. Library customers at all re-opened libraries will be able to:

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As we are sure you are aware the helpline is unable to operate at the moment due to the Covid-19 virus restrictions.

As soon as social distancing advice is changed so that it is no longer necessary then we hope to return, however this is unlikely to be before early 2021.

We will keep you informed via future editions of the Village News. In the meantime, we hope you all continue to stay safe and keep well.

Hagley Scout Hut Timetable

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Yasmin -Harriet -Harriet -Harriet -Yasmin -PILATES STRENGTHEN INDOOR CIRCUITS MUMMY & ME 9.45-11.45am & TONE BOOTCAMP 9.15-10am **PILATES/FIT** from Jan 2021 9.00-10.00am 9.45-11.30am 6.30-7.30pm Rachael -Wendy -**ONE FIT MAMA** YOGA 11.00-1.00pm 11.00-12noon Ruth -Jenny -**ENERGISE YOGA** RHYTHM TIME 1.45-2.45pm 12.45-2.15pm Yasmin -Nicola -Harriet -PILATES HALESOWEN INDOOR FEMALE FIT DANCE ACADEMY BOOTCAMP 4.45-9.00pm 6-9pm 6.30-7.30pm various

We have a NEW

'Step Back In Time' features section

This month's issue brings you snippets from the 1969

HCA Souvenir Programme

We welcome any articles/ press coverage of the Hagley

Community Association and

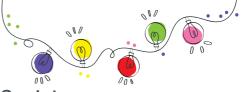
Centre from years gone by.

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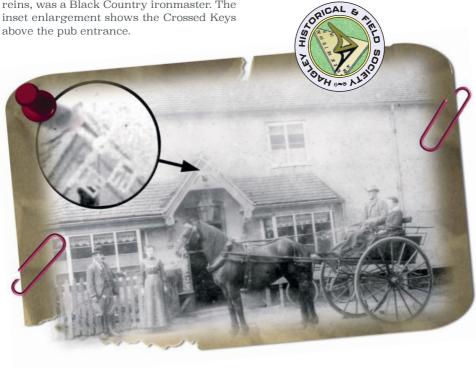
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The Cross Keys Public House

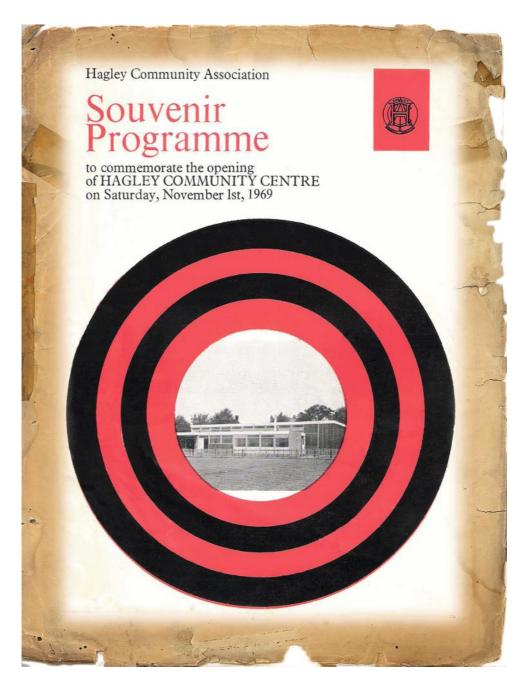
Hagley has a long history of popular drinking establishments, one of which was located at the junction of the Worcester Road and Kidderminster Road South, opposite the Shell filling station. There had been a boot sales/repair shop and private house there since before 1838. By 1855 alcoholic drinks were sold and the building became known as the Cross Keys Public House.

The photograph shows Mrs. Harriet Grazebrook in a gig (a light carriage pulled by a horse). Her husband John Philips Grazebrook, who is probably holding the reins, was a Black Country ironmaster. The inset enlargement shows the Crossed Keys above the pub entrance. They lived at The Court which was located approximately where Kinver Drive meets the Kidderminster Road. Their sixtieth wedding anniversary was commemorated by their friends with the presentation of a drinking fountain; it now stands on Park Road, overlooking the large roundabout. The pub was converted to private housing in 1994.

Rachel Paget - Secretary See hhfs.org.uk for details & contacts



Step Back In Time.....to 1969



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1969

Hagley's £22,000 Community **Centre** opens

COMPLETION of Hagley Community Centre was described as " a great act of faith" by Lord Cobham when he opened it on Saturday.

"I hope that this centre will see the comenting of old friendships and the forging of new ones," he said

The tape across the main entrance being cut at the opening ceremony. In the plcture are (from right to left) Dr. Naomi Turner (presi-dent), Mr. A. H. Chattin (chaltman), Lord Cobham, Mr. F. Ratherham (vice-chairman) and Lady Cobham (No. 691101).

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Association chairman Mr. A. H. Chattin said: "In the past eight years much work has been done by many people to this end. We have created Hagley Community Centre, embracing the majority of people and organisations in Hag-tey.

. "The best possible reward would be to see the centre fully used (the indications are that it will be) and fostering the com-munity spirit and fellowship which we must never lose sight of."

DONATIONS

Thanks were due to the Parish Council and chairman, Mr. W. E. C. Stuart, for making the land available and for the recent donation of £250

donation of 1230 Donations had also been made from the Rural District and Coun-ty councils and from the Ministry of Education and Science, who had matched the 110,000 raised by the village.

The f22,000 centre comprises a main nall with a large stage, a committee room which can be divided into two, and catering facilities.

BUSY WEEK

A vote of thanks to the Bishop and to Lord Cobbam was proposed by the association president, Dr. Mrs. N. Turner.

The Bishop of Worcester, the Rt. Rev. Mervyn Charles-Edwards, blessed the building

Mr. Chattin presented bou-quets to Lady Cobham. to the Bishop in the absence of Mrs. Charles-Edwards, and to Mrs.

A dinner-dance was held in the evening

Evening Evening Danned for the week were: Monday, film show by A. H. Chattin; Tueday, choral and con-cert evening weak, Wednesday, open-vited to look visitors were in-vited to look visitors were in-vited to look visitors were in-vited to look and the centre. Thursday, Let Young A. Play Club pageant; Friday, Tee II whist drive, Saturday, H.C.A. dance

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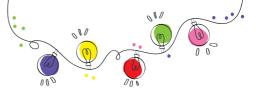


Art Club

"Hagley Art Club is no longer able to use St Saviours Church Hall for meetings due to Covid regulations, therefore all public meetings are suspended for the time being.

We are hoping to move our Annual Exhibition on to an online platform but as yet have not finalised the arrangements

Details of that and other updates on Club activities can be found on our Facebook page



and website **www.hagleyartclub.co.uk** or through our Chairman Sue Merrill **07831 487648**



Hagley Country Dancers

As the year draws to a close, not many will be sorry to see the end of 2020. We can hope for better times in the New Year. Meanwhile, to quote two of our dances, we can "Drive the Cold Winter Away", perhaps with the help of some "Juice of Barley"

Have a good Christmas, and stay safe.

Hagley Gardeners Club

Something that attracts new residents to Hagley is the number of social clubs and shared interest groups one sees mentioned in the admirable village magazine. One of the liveliest was the Gardeners' Club, which until last Spring filled St Saviour's Hall with its excellent monthly speakers, and intermittently sent bus-loads of its members on gorgeous garden visits over a wide area.

When coronavirus arrived, to be followed in late March by a general lockdown, the Club had no option but to suspend all its normal activities. While everything remained up in the air there was little incentive for planning ahead (though many garden centres and horticultural businesses accepted the challenge and made a good fist of it). Electing a new chair was one of the things that fell between the cracks.

But the mood is constantly changing as politicians battle scientists and city mayors over coping strategies, funding models and the rest. You don't have to be besotted by optimism to believe that there are some good things hiding just below the horizon. Happy Christmas and New Year to and from Hagley's gardeners.

Chris Morrissey



Village Ladies

Now it is getting darker earlier it may be time to get out the knitting needles, paint brushes, recipe books, watch an hour of trash on TV or we have the Village Ladies Newsletter, edited by Sue and produced every month, which is well worth a read. Any of these can help to fill in the times when we're feeling a bit bored or fed up.

Sadly, we will not be able to have our usual Christmas get-together this year but we will be wishing each other a very Happy Christmas in spirit. The air above and surrounding Hagley will be full of our greetings and best wishes.



Until our next update take care and keep safe. **Regards Sue**



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 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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Little Kickers football sessions are the perfect introduction to football and sport for children aged 18 months to 7th birthday.

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COVID continues to present challenges in terms of activities that can safely take place and much has moved online, requiring innovation and flexibility. One example is Haybridge Has Got Talent! Students submitted filmed audition clips to a judging panel who selected the strongest acts for a



livestream on 27th November. There is so much talent – as ever – and where there is a will there is a way! Winners' details will be shared in the next issue. Also online was the Lord Mayor of Birmingham's Sixth Form Quiz, in which we were represented by a six-strong team from Year 12. They gave a creditable performance in the quiz which raises funds for the Lord Mayor's Charity and attracts 40+ school teams from the region.

We are pleased to have made our first bulk donation to The Basement Project foodbank and continue to raise funds for the Guide Dogs.

Thank you to all staff who are working so hard to keep our school community a vibrant and safe place to learn.



Hagley Primary School PTA

A huge thank you to all of our parents, carers, local community and sponsors for your overwhelming support for our inaugural Virtual Prizes and Promises Auction to raise money for our PTA.

It's unfortunately too early (at the time of going to print) to say how much we've raised but your generosity in the run up to the auction has been absolutely incredible.

The auction page (Facebook.com/ HagleyPrimaryPTA) will remain open and will be rebranded in early December to become the public face of the PTA. We will continue to share events, which are open

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to everyone in our fantastic community and provide updates on our fundraising efforts.

To support our virtual fundraising, please contact Natalie Price, priceless-business@ outlook.com.

Charlotte McAuslan







Interview

Welcome to the latest 'in the company of' feature in the Village News whereby I interview people that make Hagley tick and make the community what it is.

Ten minutes in the company of ... Alan Hess (Probus Club)

Alan is Birmingham born, moving into Hagley via Pedmore in 1969. Raising a family of three with wife Sue, Alan has been an active member of the Probus Club since he retired 12 years ago after a lifetime as a Chartered Accountant.

Probus Clubs are for retired or semi-retired business or professional people from all walks of life. The movement operates worldwide. Meeting new people, making new friends, discovering new interests are just some of the advantages of being a member.

Alan is also involved with the Hagley Community Association as its Treasurer as well as being a former member of Clent Parish Council.

I asked Alan to start by giving me some background into the Probus Club in Hagley and what it stood for. "The name stands for 'Professional Business.' Formed in Hagley in 1981, it is made up of retired people who get together once a month for lunch at The Granary, near Kidderminster, and enjoy a variety of after dinner speakers" said Alan.

Alan went on to give more details of the Club "Probus Clubs can be found internationally where each club is autonomous and has its own committee made up of chairman, treasurer and secretary etc. This enables each club to be flexible and remain separate."

"There were 45 members when I first joined but, unfortunately, it's now down to about 35. Originally, membership was restricted to people from Hagley but now we've spread further and have members from other local areas." I asked Alan about the speakers and activities. "In addition to speakers on a wide range of subjects we go on trips to local National Trust Homes and places of interest as well as going further afield. We also enjoy, theatre visits and an annual 3-night break both in the UK and abroad. The trips are good, enjoyable social affairs for members and partners."

I asked the inevitable question of how Covid has affected the Club "We've not met since March. Being optimistic, I'd like to think that we can meet again in January for our AGM, but of course we'll have to see".

How do you see the future of the Club I asked? "Like most of these types of clubs we're seeing less and less younger members coming through. We need people to join us to keep the interest high and varied. The annual membership fee is £25 to cover admin and other costs and it's a great way of keeping active and involved with something on a regular basis. Everyone works hard to keep things going but having more on board would really help".





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Hagley Parish Council Update

I cannot believe that we are here in December again and on behalf of everyone at Hagley Parish Council I am wishing you a very Happy Christmas and most of all a very happy and safe 2021.

I do not think anyone will be sad to see the back of 2020 and all the sadness that this particular year has brought with it. At the time of writing government guidance on celebrating Christmas and the New Year has not been announced. However, whatever that guidance is we must follow it willingly but probably reluctantly so that collectively we can protect our loved ones and each other and break the spread of the virus.

It has been a very difficult year, but I would urge everyone to remain complicit with the rules. We must keep each other safe and as well as can be expected. There are support mechanisms out there and I would urge you to seek help if required. I am delighted to report that a group of young Hagley residents have volunteered to do litter picks. Sincere thanks to this group; we are all proud of you. The CCTV surveillance system identified the group of youths responsible for pushing down the fencing and the images are with the Policing Team.

Watch out for links to 'Christmas in Hagley 2020 – Virtually the same'. This is the online You Tube Christmas programme to replace the Christmas in Hagley event.

Cllr Steve Colella Chairman Hagley Parish Council



Hagley Neighbourhood Watch

Since my last update in November the Policing Team have attended two 'drop-in sessions' in Hagley but unfortunately there were very few residents that turned out to speak to them. In one way it is encouraging that there appears to be nothing to raise but my inbox tells me something different and that there are local issues that are causing residents concerns. I would urge residents to take advantage of these drop-in sessions and at least take the time to get to know your local policing team.

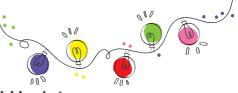
General restrictions on movements does continue to have had a positive impact on crime but there are opportunist thieves taking advantage of the situation as they arrive.

Recent reports are theft of post from letter boxes, theft of vehicle registration plates, vehicle theft and theft from vehicles. Please continue to be vigilant now that the long dark nights are here and remember to keep Christmas gifts out of sight. Take the opportunity just to call your neighbour and check their wellbeing and ensure that everyone remains safe and well.

I wish you a very merry Christmas and special wishes for a safe and normal, uneventful 2021.

Steve Colella and Roger Seabury Joint Coordinators





Bromsgrove District Council Update

At the time of writing Bromsgrove and Worcestershire generally are on the edge of being moved into the next tier. This obviously means Hagley could be faced with further restrictions. We would urge that all new restrictions are observed, and every effort is made to restrict the spread of the virus.

We would like to take this opportunity to continue to thank officers at Bromsgrove District Council despite working in some very challenging times and particularly the people of Hagley for following the rules and helping to keep the district in the lowest tier. Continued focus and vigilance needs to be maintained as surrounding areas are in higher tiers than we are; we must continue to take steps to ensure the virus is not brought into Hagley.

Previous concerns in this update have been raised in respect the Government's White Paper on Planning reform; we continue to feel that the government's aspiration to build c320,000 new houses nationally could have a disproportionate affect on Hagley and the District as a whole. Along with a motion asking BDC to pause its Greenbelt review until the outcome of the White Paper and the housing needs of neighbouring conurbations is known we remain against over development. Unfortunately, my motion was defeated but we remain committed to the protection of the greenbelt and will continue to watch the outcome of the greenbelt review and white paper with interest.

Bromsgrove District Councillors Steve Colella (Hagley West) Rachel Jenkins (Hagley East)



HCK Badminton Club

Badminton is back! Following recent Badminton England guidance we are pleased to announce that HCK Badminton Club is returning to operation on Fridays between 8pm and 10pm at Hagley Roman Catholic School. We are all a bit rusty following the lockdown break. So if you are looking to shed those lockdown pounds with a new hobby it is a great time to join.

We will be operating in a Covid secure environment with bubbles of maximum six people per court and hand sanitiser provided. Sessions are open to newcomers provided they inform us before the preceding Wednesday 9pm so we can organise our bubbles effectively. Please feel free to get in contact with us via facebook- **facebook.com/HCKBadminton** or by email to our treasurer Greg O'Callaghan **gregocallaghan@ymail.com.**

We are very excited to see you there!





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Hagley String Orchestra

I do wish I could give positive news on HSO restarting rehearsals, but, at the date of writing, this is not yet possible. However, we keep in touch with each other and I try to encourage the players with suggestions of tempting music.

Last month, I mentioned the name of the Reverend Richard Mudge (1718-1763). Born in Bideford, Devon, he graduated from Pembroke College, Oxford, with an MA degree. Living mainly through the reign of King George II, Mudge became chaplain to the Earls of Aylesford who continue to live at Packington Hall near Meriden off the A45 Coventry Road.

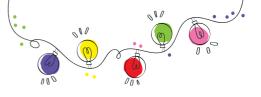
Apart from his religious duties, he was an accomplished musician, both as player and composer. The most famous musician of the time in England was Handel (1685-1759) who was 33 years Mudge's senior. Handel became blind in 1752, and there is a story of him entering a room where Mudge was playing one of his works on the harpsichord, and exclaiming "that must be Mudge for no other man could play my pieces so!" His career took him from Little Packington to a church

HAGLEY W.I.

December – and planning for Christmas. Writing this in mid-October, we don't know what restrictions will be in place then – only that there will be dear family, friends and festivities that we will be missing and that everything will be different.

At present we are in the middle of a Postal Annual Meeting – a challenge to organise but every member has been involved even though none of us met face to face. Once the business is completed we can concentrate on our Centenary next year which will involve a total re-think of the events we had planned and creative working with what is feasible.

With no monthly meetings, the social Zoom meetings are fun and the regular walks have meant that being outside, in groups of no more than 6 and keeping socially distanced, we can meet and talk – and enjoy our local countryside. The members continue to donate essentials for the local



in Birmingham and finally Bedworth where he died aged 45 and is buried.

From an obituary poem: 'Gone is the Joy intelligent, which springs/From the full Energy of Mudge's Strings.' HSO looks forward to enjoying Mudge's Concerto No. 1 in D major.

Jeremy Patterson - Conductor



women's refuge and, like last Christmas, we will collect things they specially request and deliver them in good time.

We've no idea when we will next meet – only that we're looking forward to it. We are a friendly group enjoying a wide range of talks, demonstrations, courses and meet on the second Monday of the month at 2.00pm in the Community Centre – please check our notice board by the pharmacy – and visitors and new members are always welcome.

Rosie Wynne

the women



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The good work of Rotary International continues despite our Rotary Club of Hagley Monday Evening meetings being suspended in April in line with the requirements and guidelines for assemblies during the pandemic.

We have continued to find opportunities for social contact, and our fortnightly "Zoom" meetings have all been well attended. Keeping up with matters local and international is the Rotarians prerogative and is well supported with interest from all quarters.

In September all Rotarians are encouraged to consider Basic Learning and Literacy, with special concern for some countries who are deprived of schooling and basic education.

It has long been the mission of Rotary Clubs to sponsor such initiative in the less fortunate communities and areas of the world.

Sufficient to say Rotarians education continues to develop and our meetings continue to be enriched with our customary good humor and Rotary camaraderie so we look forward to Zooming in the coming Autumn months.

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**.

Should anybody require help or assistance or just a friendly phone call during the period of confinement just phone:

Martin Freckelton on 01562 700 391 or Dave Santus on 01562 886 529

They will be delighted to tell you more about our club



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Hagley Community Association will be held on Friday 15th January 2021. Please note that if the current meeting restrictions remain in place the meeting will be held via Zoom. Details of how to join the meeting will be announced nearer the time.

All Members are invited to attend the AGM.

Copies of the Minutes of the AGM held on Friday 10th January 2020 will be available at the meeting. Copies of the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2020 will be available at the meeting. If you wish to raise any matter under Any Other Business please notify the Secretary in writing beforehand –

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Hagley Free Church Evening Fellowship

The committee made the difficult decision to cancel the planned programme for 2020-2021 even though most of the speakers had been booked due to uncertainty and the vulnerability of many of our members.

I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the amazing work that Mary Freakley (Heathcock) has contributed to the smooth running of Fellowship over a long period of time. We are indebted to her for providing and serving refreshments for every meeting and organising and working so hard for the Christmas parties. She will be missed in so many ways.

Thank you to Anne and Bob Green and Elaine Golding for their help and support on the committee.

The future of Fellowship is currently uncertain as we may not be able to generate sufficient numbers to be viable in the future.

Liz Tew

Ella Rosemary Turner

It is with great sadness that we hear that Ella Turner died on 8th September 2020, aged 86 years, after a short illness.

Born in Dudley she and Arthur bought their first house in Wall Heath, when they married in 1958, before moving to Hagley in 1966. When she retired Ella took a part time job as Dinner Lady at Haybridge High School where she thoroughly enjoyed being with the young people.

Ella and Arthur enjoyed village life and joined the Historical Society where they served as Committee members and Ella took on the role of outings Secretary for 13 years. Widowed in 2005, Ella became active in the Women's Institute and enjoyed walking her dog. Later she joined Gardening Club, Free Church Fellowship, Hand of Friendship, Halesowen Over 50s, Wyre Forest National Trust and Jolly Dollies Widows. She very much enjoyed eating out and attending rock and pop concerts.

Holidays were important and Ella enjoyed many exotic trips including a cruise up the Amazon and a trip to Cuba last year. On the day she died she was booked to embark on a visit to Jordan and Petra. Ella really did enjoy life to the full.

The Family wish to thank everyone who donated to The Dogs Trust in Ella's memory.





Active Seniors

September brought the return of some classes to the Community Centre – it was great to see everyone after a long summer without any classes and it has also been great to welcome some new faces into classes. Everyone has settled into the new timetable of classes and the new rules that we have to follow to remain 'covid secure' which means that everyone stays as safe as possible.

The current term runs up to the week commencing 7th December with the last class of the year on the 10th December. Classes then shut for the Christmas and New Year period and restart on Monday 4th January. Obviously all dates are subject to change relating to covid restrictions.

There are just a few spaces available in the classes (Monday morning/ Tuesday and Thursday afternoons) but all places need to pre booked so ring to discuss and don't just turn up please. The safety of class member

is our highest priority and 'the rules' are taken very seriously so that everyone can exercise regularly.

If you would like more details on what classes (and vacancies) are available please ring Angela on 07512 546480.

Active Seniors wishes everyone a safe and peaceful Christmas and hopefully a brighter 2021!



Walton District Girlguiding

At the time of writing some of our units are beginning to think about face to face Guiding and some units have continued to meet on Zoom. I am so grateful for the hard work that the team of leaders in Walton District have put into ensuring that Guiding continued for the Rangers, Guides, Brownies and Bainbows in our District. We have welcomed Natalie Plimmer as the new leader of Blakedown Rainbows and look forward to working with her. We are always looking for new leaders. So if your New Year's resolution for 2021 is to volunteer in an organisation where you can make a difference offering our young members exceptional experiences and feel valued as a volunteer then please visit www.girlguiding.org to register your interest. I would like to congratulate Lauren Akers for completing Rainbows, Brownies,

Guides and Rangers. We are glad that she has continued to stay in the district as a Rainbow leader and a helper at Rangers. I would also like to congratulate Rosie Davis for completing her Young Leadership Award with 3rd Hagley Brownies. Several girls in the District received County 2020 badges for their commitment to Girlguiding or to Fundraising during 2020.

Merry Christmas from Walton District.



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Lifecentral Church



We at Lifecentral are meeting in person for our 10.00am service (please see our website for booking) and you can view our Sunday service online at **https://lifecentralchurch.org.uk** We continue to love being involved with the community at Hagley and have renovated the Jubilee Gardens, gone litter picking in the park and are connecting with our Little Treasures families. Please see our Hagley Facebook page for more details of the life of our church in the community of Hagley **https://www.facebook.com/LifecentralChurchHagley**/

What a year 2020 has been!

We have all coped with such a difficult and uncertain year and I'm sure many of us are looking forward to coming out of 202 and moving on with the hope of a new year!

However, the pandemic has also given us new ways to serve the folks of Hagley and our volunteers were thrilled to be awarded a royal thank you after the Hagley Parish Council recommended our volunteer work in lockdown.

Although we have not been able to meet up as normal we have still been able to get out and about and hold different socially distanced events in Hagley;

We have not been able to hold our popular Stay and Play morning at Little Treasures on a Thursday morning but we were able to hold a drive thru at the beginning of half term to give out activity packs for the children. It was so lovely to connect with our lovely parents again and the children!

We have been able to look after the Jubilee Garden opposite Spa and have re-planted it so it should start to look good again next year!

We have been out litter picking in the park every month in the autumn term to keep litter at bay! For Christmas you will have seen a Christmas video with the Hagley Parish Council - to bring some hope and Christmas cheer in this season.

We've also partnered with you guys to support our Christmas campaigns of "Operation Santa" and the "Christmas Lunchbox" project - so thank you for all your support in these projects to help families who need that extra help.

In 2021 we are planning to continue with our litter picking and will be looking to meet again as Little Treasures as soon as the restrictions are lifted!



Hagley Free Church

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Sunday Services December 2020

Date		Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
6th December 2020	Holy Communion	Rev. David Tennant	
13th December 2020		Pastor David Umbers	
20th December 2020	Carols & Readings	Rev. David Tennant	
25th December 2020	Christmas Day	TBA	
27th December 2020	Readings	TBA	

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

It will be a very different Christmas this year, they say. And yet it will be the same old story and message. The festivities and celebrations may not happen as in the past especially in families but the story will be retold again and again The message remains: "..... he shall be called Emmanuel" said the angel to Joseph, "a name which means God is with us." Across the world everywhere that will be affirmed at this time A joyous and peaceful Christmas to everyone and a good hope-filled new year.

Rev. David Tennant

Evening Services at Hagley Free Church

Due to the restrictions imposed by the government on church buildings and activities, evening services have been suspended until further notice - the situation will be reviewed. Morning services continue in the Church on Sundays at 10.30am.

Mothers and Toddlers

Just a message to say that we are still here and intend to re-open **as soon as it is safe to do so.** Watch this space - we will keep in touch! We are missing you all. **Marjorie and her team**

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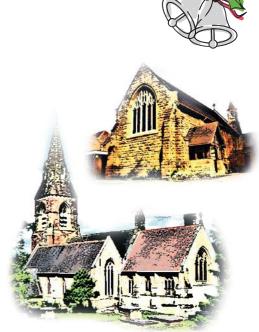
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Sunday Worship for December



Date	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Sunday Worship
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13th December 2020	St Saviour's, Hagley	on Zoom
20th December 2020	St John's, Hagley	on Zoom
27th December 2020	-	on Zoom
3rd January 2021	St John's Hagley	on Zoom

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Christmas Eve	Holy Communion*	6.00pm	St Johns
Christmas Day	Holy Communion*	9.30am	St Saviours
Christmas Day	Christmas Worship	11.00am	on Zoom

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St John's Bellringing

It's been 12 months since there has been any news about the Tower or Hand Bell rings here. The handbell ringers normally meet in a group bigger than 6 so the COVID-19 social distancing rules means that is not possible to ring at least well into 2021.

The Tower ringers have continued with their weekly practice night on "Zoom" and us an app. "RingingRoom" that allows us to practice call changes in exactly the same way we would in the tower. With Zoom we have kept up to date socially with members of the band of Ringers.

"RingingRoom" enables us to have a bit of fun making attempts at unusual things like ringing two bells at once. The only skill required is being able to listen. It can even sound better if you hide your bell or close your eyes and just listen and count until it is time to press the space bar on the computer to sound your bell. It even works



from a tablet computer or smart phone. It really is dead simple. Look at https:// ringingroom.com and get in in touch if you to have ago.

Since late September church services have recommenced so as the rules allow, we will be ringing prior to church services, unfortunately with only just four ringers. St. John's ringing room is quite small, but be we do have very good ventilation, being able to open the windows and ring as long as we follow the Church of England's rules.

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Friends of St Johns

All activities within the church & Wychbury Room (adjacent to St. John's church at Hagley Hall) have been on hold over the summer. Each time the church is used CofE rules require thorough cleaning and (as of late Sept) a three-day gap before being used again. The church cleaning is a very onerous task for the church wardens.

The cancelled summer 2020 Wednesday morning talks in the church are being rebooked for 2021. Due to the uncertain rules that will be in place over Christmas, we cannot plan our normal 12th Night party for 6th Jan 2021. We will take the lead from how the church facilities are being used and take guidance from the incumbent Rev. Richard Newton. The Mothers Union have started to use the Wychbury Room for their group. A risk assessment for church affiliated groups such as theirs must be followed.

For third party groups advice on how to book the room is here.

https://www.hagleycofe.co.uk/ community-facilities-building/ Although extra precautions must also be defined by submitting a COVID-19 risk assessment for approval, prior to any bookings being confirmed.

All proceeds from hiring the room go to Hagley PCC. During the summer we are very grateful for the regular cleaning carried out by Hagley Cricket Club. Derek & Kate Aldridge have been keeping a keen eye and helping to maintain and clean the Wychbury Room & toilets to keep the facilities in good condition for us all. Thank you.

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HELLO CHILDREN

Santa's very sad he won't be able to come on his usual street collection this Christmas but he still wants you to enjoy the fun and carols as usual.

He intends to send his sleigh, with all the lights and music, to your road between 14th and 19th December, in the evening, not too late, so you should be able to stay up to see it.

Look out for the sleigh and give a great big wave and a cheer.

The really good news is that **Christmas is never cancelled** and Santa will still be delivering presents to all good children on Christmas Eve.

Although we'll not be able to collect on our rounds, we will still really welcome any donations, all of which are for local charities and which can be sent to:

Roger Vines (Treasurer), 50 Bridle Road, Wollaston, Stourbridge, DY8 4QE

Or by direct transfer to: Clent Hills Rotary - Reg Charity 1048343 Sort code 20-27-17 - A/C No 80626597 (tick as business account)

season greetings and good will you all

Ho Ho

Thank you Rotary

merry christmas