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Hello Hagley

And welcome to the February 2021 issue of the Hagley Village News. At the time of writing we have found ourselves in harsher measures as we try to combat Covid 19. Along with these restrictions our local businesses have once again been forced into extremely tough times for trading - and once again they are doing all they can to adapt and serve our community. We continue to support them all as much as possible. The same must also be said for our school children, sixth form/college students and teaching staff who are all trying their utmost to continue to learn and teach against a particularly turbulent backdrop.

This issue comes in the month of St Valentine so we are spreading the love in this edition by featuring plenty of hearts and roses throughout - we hope it cheers you all a little ♥ There are also plenty of interesting reports to read through and digest, amongst them being the updates from the local councils and an interview conducted by Steve Colella with Mita Barnes of Hagley WI (on page 12).

As we all work together to support each other we also remember those no longer with us. It is with great sadness that Joyce May Coley has passed, she was a much loved and valued member of the community and will be greatly missed by many. Richard Scarth has written a beautiful, very touching eulogy for her (on page 6). It details her work, family and the very many wonderful things she undertook and achieved throughout her lifetime - it really is a lovely piece to read.

As we move forward through this month we all hope for better times ahead, so continue to stay safe folks and keep an eye out for each other. And as always, we at the Village News will keep you updated with local reports from the community each month.

Alison Akers Editor

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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.



'Step Back In Time' features section

We only had a small one page feature last month.

So for February we are bringing you more from '64

We welcome any articles/press coverage of the Hagley Community Association and Centre from years gone by.

If you have any that you would like to submit please forward to

editor@hagleyvillage.org

Hagley Scout Hut Timetable

Classes are suspended until at least the beginning of March

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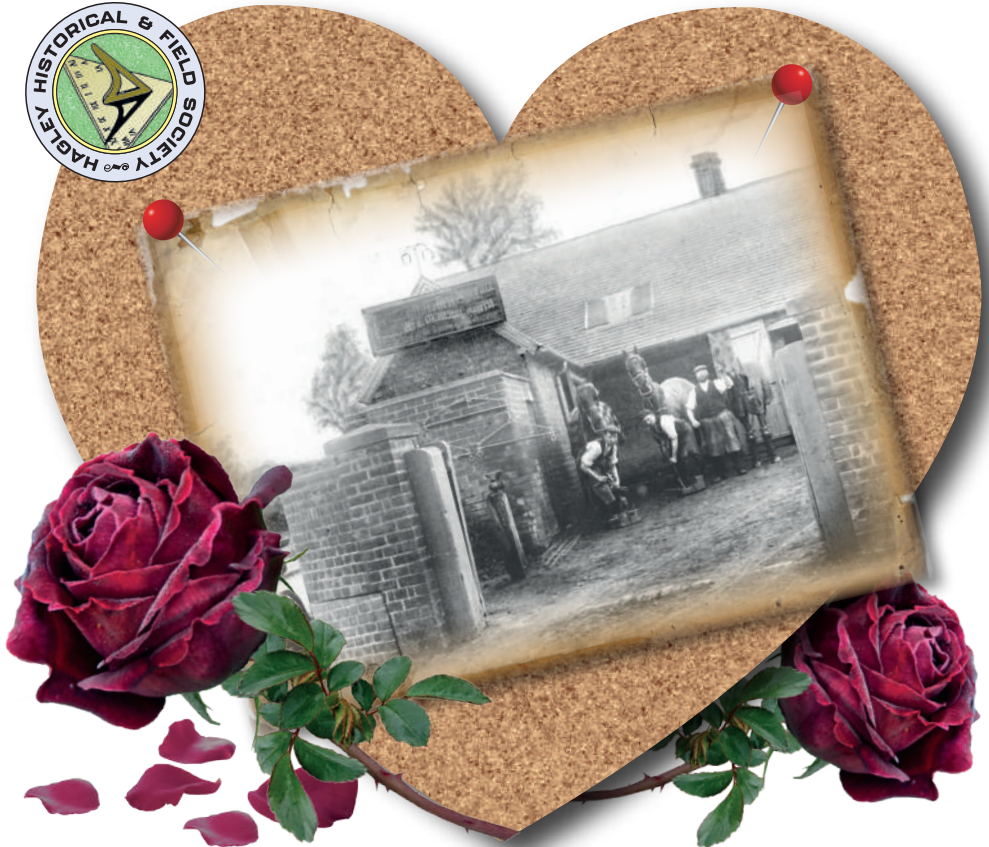
The Last Blacksmith in Hagley

On the right of this photograph is William Griffiths Wooldridge, the last blacksmith working in Hagley. He was still running the business in 1917. The forge was located at the junction of Bromsgrove Road and Kidderminster Road. Stourbridge Mazda now occupies that site.

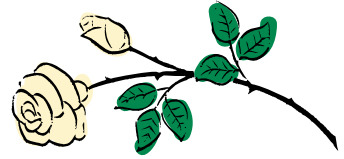
William was a farrier and shoeing smith, registered at the Company of Farriers, London. William was born in Lye in 1843

and married Fanny Davis in 1887. Fanny was headmistress at the Infants' School in Bromsgrove Road Hagley for 15 years and retired in 1899 due to ill health. It is possible that one of the young men in the photograph is their son, Charles, who was also listed in the 1891 and 1901 censuses as a blacksmith.

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



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Joyce May Coley 1932- 2020

Joyce & John Coley lived in Clent Drive, sadly John died in 2008 and Joyce recently on 25th November last year at the age of 88. They were both born & bred locals. Many of you reading this will have seen their influence & love through our community. In both their ways they were both remarkable. For instance, how many 1st violinists, harp playing classic car owners do you know? That was John.

Joyce was born in a cottage on the way to Wassell Grove, her father was a farm worker, she had a happy time with parents & Uncle Horace around farm animals. There was no money to spare. Miss Persil was her teacher at Hagley Infant school in Bromsgrove Road. She later moved to Blakedown school where she met many life-long friends. Whilst living in Lea St. Kidderminster her mother became ill, which prompted a move to Thicknall Cottage at the top of Western Rd, and to Hagley School in Park Rd., Headmaster Mr Baker a saintly man gave Joyce the life-long love of books. Her mother died in 1941 and she then stayed with Gillian Passey (née Reeves) and later with her cousin Dorothy Grove. Her dad moved to Kinlet with his job and she stayed with Aleen Sinclair a teacher at Stourbridge High school, until she married John Coley from Clent in 1955. They set up home in Chuch Avenue Clent, then later Holy Cross.

Her career started at H. Parkes Halesowen, Lloyds Bank Old Hill and postal work. She had always wanted to be a teacher and gained a Montessori Teaching certificate after studying in London. This continued at Bilston College teaching children with learning difficulties and thus to Open University for a B. A. Honours.

After a spell working in Stourport on Severn where she made a positive difference to children with learning difficulties involving them in the local community, Joyce was appointed head teacher of Blakebrook Special School in Kidderminster. Joyce worked tirelessly to raise awareness and funds to improve the clients' lives and outcomes. Under Joyce's direction Blakebrook Special School had a hive of friends including pupils from mainstream schools. Joyce was a very good listener and fund raiser.

When it became clear that provision for special school leavers was limited, Joyce and other inspired people helped to set up and fund a day centre for adults with special needs. This would become the Odell Centre in Park Street, Kidderminster. The Centre goes from strength to strength and now has 85 clients.

Joyce loved animals, and her cat Harry gave Joyce comfort and companionship in later years as she found life more and more frustrating. She continued to tackle every day in a determined and "can do" way.

Here in Hagley in later years she became involved in the Friends of St. John's. She was one of the persons in that team that helped preserve and restore the church building. Being the chair-person of the Friends for approximately 5 years. Her considerable energy went to motivate us all to raise money at the annual Christmas Fayre. The Christmas season was never complete until the 12th Night Party was held in St. Johns. Those that Joyce knew were motivated and sometimes coerced into some form of performance, at the party directed by Joyce. We all then joined in the buffet that miraculously appeared, by way of her and the efforts of others.

Joyce by her many talks on the topic raised the awareness of the local legend of "Bella in the Wyth Elm". To my knowledge I know of one young person who this year is studying Forensic Science at university and has written two books following on from Joyce's investigation of Bella's death.

On Joyce's 80th birthday an "Ode to Joyce" was written. This excerpt sums one of the most caring and generous persons we have been lucky enough to have in our community.

***The Lady from number 7 is so kind
The most caring in mankind
For she helps those with needs
By all her good deeds
A better friend you will never find***

This is but a small, recap of the life of Joyce and her influence and activities stretch much further afield than the space of this article allows.

A wonderful lady sadly missed:
A special friend.

Richard Scarth

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Nichola Trigg

Nichola Trigg has announced her decision to resign from the HCA committee after 22 years in office. During this time she has held a number of roles, notably Treasurer, Village News Editor and Bookings Officer, and has always worked tirelessly to support the Association and the local community. Nichola committed herself to securing the Association's financial position and was proactive in identifying and making bids for funds to supplement its income. She was also at the forefront of organising many fund raising events such as the Village Fete. She will be greatly missed but her retirement from the committee is well-earned and we wish her all the very best for the future.

Hagley Gardeners Club

"As many of you may already know, Chris Morrissey, who has provided the HVN with its monthly report about the Gardeners' Club and other matters died on Boxing Day last year and our sympathy, goes out to Jackie and their family. He will be sadly missed.

Members will have received a letter from me last year regarding the future of the club. I was delighted to receive a number of replies and a positive response. Not everyone could offer help but the consensus of opinion was that we should 'start again' as soon as we are able.

Up to now we have met one evening a month at St.Saviour's Church Hall. Our meetings normally last about two hours and generally consist of a talk (often illustrated) about subjects relating to gardening and similar matters which the committee consider of interest. We have also previously had two social events and a number of coach trips to places of interest each year. Visitors are always welcome to join us.

Several members have commented that they are no longer comfortable with driving to the meetings in the evening. The committee will look at possibly meeting in the afternoon instead.

We need new members to join and if the Club is to continue we need a new chairperson following the resignation of our past chairman. If you would like additional details and possibly want to join the Club then please contact me on **01562 883568** or by email at **tillyeye@aol.com**.

Tony Iliff – Hon. Treasurer"



Hagley Country Dancers

At last, the evenings are getting lighter after a long dark winter and we can start looking forward to Spring. And, with vaccinations under way, we are surely getting closer to our next Monday afternoon of dancing. In the meantime, stay safe, keep in touch and keep the WhatsApp gems coming.

Step Back In Time...for more from '64

Building the Centre

By W. Nicholls

The Centre is to be erected on the village playing field immediately behind the library. The area of the site is approximately 2,100 square yards measuring 10 yards from the west wall of the library by 85 yards from the northern boundary of the field. Access will be from Worcester Road via the car park and the entrance drive, included in the total area of the site, is adjacent to the entrance gates to the library.

The complete building proposal occupies most of the site area available. There will, however, be a small forecourt in front of the main entrance for parking cars and for a service road to the hall, kitchen and stores.

The Centre has been planned to enable building operations to take place in phases as finance becomes available. The accommodation proposed in the immediate phase is considered to be the minimum required to ensure that all members whatever their interests, can be adequately catered for in the best possible way.

In this context, room spaces have been carefully juxtapositioned so that three or more activities can take place at the same time — yet without disturbance to each other. Each space has, in addition, direct access from the kitchen for serving of refreshments.

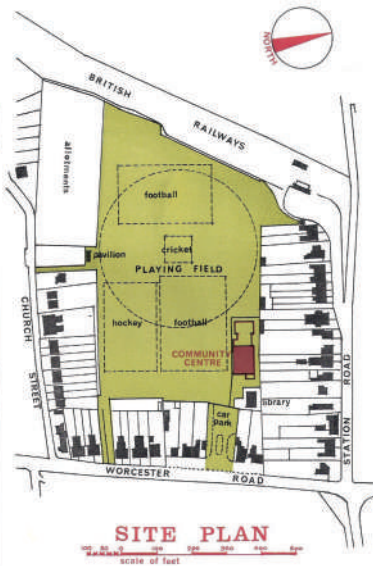
Some rooms are designed for dual purpose use. For example the large Committee room can be divided by sliding folding doors with each space having a separate access. The Hall, designed to accommodate nearly 250 people, can also be enlarged by using the Coffee Lounge, sliding doors being provided to separate these two spaces at other times.

The site and shape of each room in the Centre has been regulated to the dimensional disciplines of a simple building structure so that maximum value for money can be obtained. In this respect the recommendations of the European Productivity Agency and the International Standards Organisation for a modular planning building have been adopted.

Manufacturers of modular buildings not only supply the component parts but carry out the necessary foundation, drainage and site works and erect the structure complete. Guarantees on quality of materials and workmanship and compliance with British Standard Specifications and Codes of Practice for buildings are usually given.

The basic cost of the immediate building proposal will be in the region of £15,000, varying according to standard of structure, type of heating installation and specification of finishes chosen. An additional sum will be required for furnishing and special equipment and for a service road, paths and fencing.

A floor plan complete with a schedule of the accommodation provided and an impression of the Hall and Coffee Lounge is shown on the following pages.



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A Message

from F. J. Symonds, the Chairman of the National Federation of Community Associations

I am very grateful for the invitation to contribute to this brochure and for the opportunity it gives me of conveying to the Hagley Community Association the very best wishes of the National Federation.

Having been closely associated with the beginnings of the Association at Hagley and having attended its early meetings I have been impressed with the vision, vigour and enthusiasm of the small band of pioneers who were responsible for the birth of the idea and who have worked so hard to get it launched.

I do hope that everyone in Hagley will rally round in support. A Community Centre provides not only a focal point of catering for all ages and all tastes and will meet a very real need in a rapidly growing district like Hagley. If it is to fulfil its true purpose it is vitally important that it should win the support and maintain the interest of as many of the inhabitants as possible, either as individual residents or through the organisations to which many of them belong.

Since the first Community Association was formed some 30 years ago the movement has grown steadily until there are now well over 1,000 up and down the country. They are all tailored to suit their own particular districts but each and every one of them is helping to bring people together in the service of the community, providing a corporate voice and working in many ways to make their neighbourhoods a happier and more satisfying place in which to live.

It is because I know how much a Community Centre could mean to Hagley that I urge you to give it your whole-hearted support and wish the venture every success.

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Growth of the Association

By A. H. Chattin

Later in 1961 a group of four people, moved by the realization of use of their number, met and discussed the possibility of establishing a Community Association in Hagley.

This would not be just another organization, but a means whereby representatives of the Local Authorities and of all the groups and Societies in the district could join together with individuals in a common effort to improve the amenities of the village, to work together to provide in a Community Centre, a meeting place with facilities for all sorts of ward-wide functions, the centre itself would be a focal point for neighbourhood activities and services.

To assess the feeling of the people of the village a door to door approach was organized and resulted in more than a thousand signatures in support, well above 90 per cent of the persons visited.

A public meeting held in May of 1962 called for a small committee to be set up to obtain all the necessary information regarding the establishing of a Community Centre in Hagley.

During the next three months this steering committee as it was known, met almost every week, numerous visits were made to other Community Associations in the area, facts, figures and all relevant information was carefully compiled and a proposed Constitution was drawn up.

The Parish Council arranged a further public meeting on the 6th February, 1963 to accept the report of this committee: search plans of a Modular type building which could if desired, be built in three stages, were also submitted and it was estimated that this would cost about £30,000 to complete.

It was at this meeting that the Hagley Community Association was formed and the Constitution adopted.

The first Annual General Meeting was held in the following June, the Association was greatly honoured when Vincent Coburn, previously councillor to the Parish and Mr. W. E. C. Hunt, Chairman of the Parish Council accepted office as President. All the remaining officers and various committees were elected.

The Community now had two main aims: the fostering of a Community Spirit, and the other the task of raising funds for the building of the Centre.

In the few months since June of last year, more than £1,000 has been realized by a variety of functions and by donations received, in addition the Association has grown to more than 200 members and 56 Local Organisations are now represented on the Council. The Village News, the newspaper of the Association is now well established and will soon publish the newspaper of the Association in which news made towards reaching these targets.

Recently, the Parish Council, who have been most helpful throughout, agreed to make available a piece of land in the playing fields on which the Centre will be sited; and an application for outline planning permission has been made.

Application is also being made for the Government grant, which has recently been increased to 50 per cent of the cost with a maximum of £10,000. A substantial grant by every member of the Association and its supporters could well mean that the steps of the Centre could be commenced within the next year or so.



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Interview

Ten minutes in the company of ... Mita Barnes Hagley WI

Mita began by announcing that the 21st December 2021 will mark the 100 years of Hagley WI. Plans to celebrate this landmark have been disrupted until later this year when more is known about how the epidemic has been controlled.

“We have early records from 1926 but we understand that in June 1921 it was agreed that Hagley WI should be established; the first official meeting was on the 21st December 1921. We had started planning celebrations from this coming summer but now we need to wait to see what we can do. We want to take the opportunity increase the number of members at the same time as celebrating the date. We have seen an increase in enquiries from potential new members during lockdown and we want to encourage more members over the coming year. There is no upper age limit, and we would welcome anyone as long as they are over 18.”

I asked, “what affect has Covid-19 had on the group?” “We’ve only been able to have zoom meetings and obviously been unable to meet in person” replied Mita. “We have set up a ‘buddy system’ whereby we have a network of members that keep in touch with other group members.”

“We’ve missed the social contact with the wider group and are really looking forward to the day when we can get back to our usual monthly meetings. We miss having the meetings and being able to invite speakers and get involved in workshops and supporting our chosen charity.”

“We have regular speakers, and we vary them between serious matters and light-hearted subjects.” Mita was keen to stress that the WI is not about ‘jam and

Jerusalem’. “We’re more than that. We are proud of the variety of things that we get up to and remain active and a valuable way of bringing together woman as a community ‘support bubble’ and a means of keeping members active and involved in the community”.

“Nationally the WI is doing well with about 200,000 members but locally I want to raise the WI’s profile. I fear that people do not think that the Hagley WI still exists. We do, and we are still very active and keen to continue to be an important part of the community.”

“There are currently about 34 members which I would like to increase as much as possible and to support our chosen charity further.” I asked whether Mita was thinking about promoting Hagley WI in the same way as the Rylstone WI in Yorkshire (Calendar Girls)! “No, I don’t think we’ll go that far, replied Mita but we do want to do what we can.”

Mita has been President since May 2019 and is supported by a fantastic committee. “ I hope that 2021 brings back the very enjoyable times as safely and quickly as possible so that we can properly celebrate 100 WI years in Hagley.” Concluded Mita

Interview by **Steve Colella**

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February – and Spring is on the way. (Now, a week after the winter solstice, the mornings are getting – slightly - lighter). Our social meetings are online, very aware that not everyone can 'do' Zoom. We keep in touch by phone, Newsletters from our WI and the County and to make Christmas special every member received a virtual hug – a small gift bag of home-made and hand-made goodies.

2021 – Centenary year – a couple of extracts from the archives...

13 January 2003 "After tea, Mr JW gave an interesting talk on the work of the fire brigade. Mrs HB and Mrs LM ended his talk by dressing in fire persons' uniforms to the great amusement of members. LM's heels (3½") and tight skirt prevented her from wearing the trousers. HB was thrown over Mr W's shoulder experiencing a fireman's lift."

Very different - and an occasion some readers may remember...

8 September 1997 "Mrs L first thanked all those who had supported the Village Show

on 6 September. The decision as to whether the show should continue on the day of the Princess of Wales' funeral had been difficult, but it was felt that cancellation would have been wrong. The National Minute's Silence was kept, a Book of Condolence was available for signing and a donation was to be sent to the Memorial Fund."

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Rosie Wynne

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Hagley String Orchestra

In the January Issue I mentioned Corelli, Vivaldi and Tartini who were inspired by the superb string instruments hand-made at Cremona. These virtuoso violinists composed music for themselves and their pupils to play and established a 'big concerto' form known as Concerto Grosso.

The word 'concerto' was first used in 1587 for music composed for a combination of singers and players at St Mark's, Venice, and later adapted as purely instrumental music by Torelli (1658-1709). It was Corelli (1653-1713) who chose a solo string section (concertino) to contrast with a larger string group (ripieno), thus forming what we know today as Concerti Grossi which flourished in the 17th-18th centuries. The format varied, but usually comprised several short movements, some being dances, in the style of a Suite.

The high point of this form in the Baroque period came with the works of Handel (1685-1759) and JS Bach (1685-1750) with his highly original Brandenburg Concertos of

1721. The development of Sonata Form by Haydn and others in the subsequent Classical Era eclipsed the Concerto Grosso, although there are modern examples e.g., Vaughan Williams. These highly attractive works are the 'bedrock' repertoire for string orchestras.

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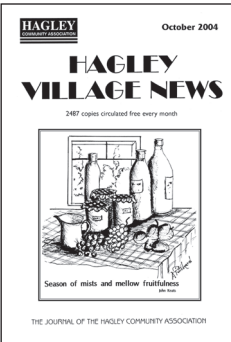
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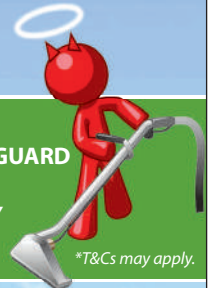
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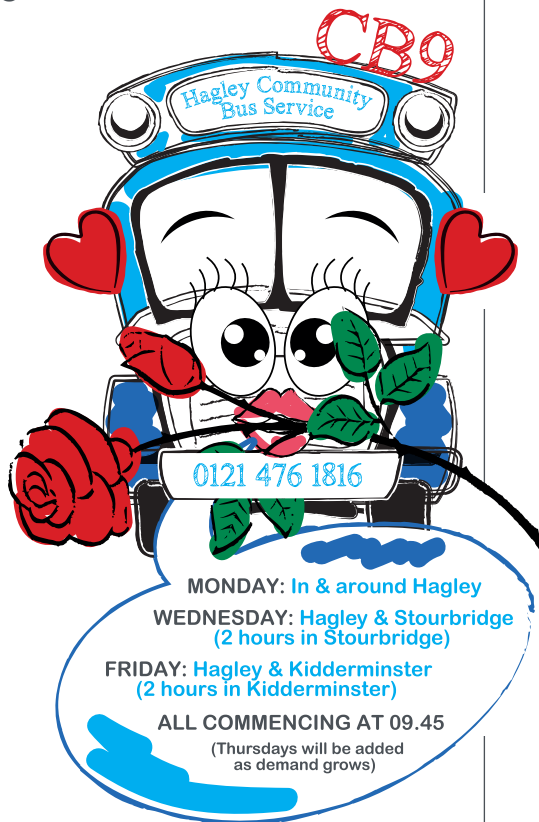
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Hagley Parish Council

2021 is here! You've been a long-time coming and I sincerely hope you'll be better than your predecessor!

Despite the Covid impact I take this opportunity as a reminder of the positives that we have in Hagley and of the role that HPC plays. I fear that the critics distort the work that HPC does in supporting its community. When one reflects on the work that the Clerks and the members (volunteers) do I am reminded what an amazing group they are in looking after the interests of Hagley, its people, its amenities and services.

HPC employs the services of grounds maintenance teams to keep the playing fields and cemetery tidy, a litter picker to pick up other people's mess around the playing fields and the main 'high street' and around the schools. HPC has financially contributed to the new Scout Hut, it supports the community 'dial-a-ride' bus, it makes a financial contribution to keeping the Library open and is undergoing an upgrade of street lighting.

It is a great supporter of the business community as well as when STW had a problem with the sewer system HPC supported them in resolving sewer flooding issues.

And of course, HPC has recognised the benefit of community groups who are active in Hagley, including the youth (boys and girls) football club. The Pavilion is well on the way to being completed and I urge anyone interested in using the amenity to contact the clerks for more information. We will listen to any enquiry.

Cllr Steve Colella
Chairman Hagley Parish Council



Hagley Neighbourhood Watch

Following the recent widespread attempts to gain access to motor vehicles in Hagley I raised this with the Policing teams and Safer Bromsgrove teams. I had the following responses.

"For your information in regard to the possibility of West Mercia Police commencing a Street Watch Scheme I can confirm that this is now being looked into by the Command Team and we will hopefully have some answers for you regarding your request about Street Watch soon."

"I have now looked through the logs and can see there were a number involving a lone person trying car doors". PCSO White has requested some footage from a Ring doorbell.

"The description of the offender, although vague is much the same so I believe all the cases will be linked."

"Where cars have been entered there has been no damage caused. This leads me to believe that the vehicles were unlocked." I'll put a briefing entry on for the night shifts to pay attention to Hagley. I'll also put something on Social media about vehicle security."

This is a very prompt response from the Policing Team who are trying their very best to tackle crime for which I'm eternally grateful.

Steve Colella and Roger Seabury
Joint Coordinators



Village Information



Bromsgrove District Council

Just as a reminder BDC Full council meeting can be viewed via the Council's YouTube channel visit <https://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/> for more information. If you can't see it 'live' public meetings are saved for a calendar month after any public meeting.

Good news that after widespread objections to the Government's review of the Planning system it has been revised changing the focus on developing greenbelt land to brown land sites in urban and City areas. Along with many the district's 'opposition' councillors I signed the petition started by CPRE and reflected a significant amount of Political pressure. We must not lose sight of the threat to Hagley's Greenbelt as Bromsgrove hasn't got any large amounts of Brownfield land and so we will continue to watch the pending greenbelt review closely.

Covid continues to dominate most of everyday life including Council services but with the vaccine being rolled out in the

Bromsgrove and Hagley region we must hold on to the hope that a safer new norm is not too far away.

Please keep safe and follow Government Guidance. These are very difficult times and we're conscious that it's having a very deep effect on everyone's lives. There is help available, should you require any help and support please do not hesitate to contact us on s.colella@bromsgrove.gov or r.jenkins@bromsgrove.gov

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I would like to start by wishing everyone a belated Happy New Year and I trust everyone is staying safe and well.

I hope by the time this newsletter reaches you, many of the vulnerable in our Community have received their Covid-19 vaccination and that we can see light at the end of the tunnel.

I understand what a difficult time this has been for everyone, however, I have been working hard to get things resolved regarding one of the biggest issues in the village, traffic management. Since my last update I have been engaged with the Highways team at Worcestershire County Council and the final plans for the junction improvements on the A456 /B4187 have been signed off. I will be able to announce the starting dates in the New Year.

I also tasked the Highways Team to look to introduce a speed reduction down to 50mph on the A491 just before the junction with Western Road. This has been accepted and they have also agreed an Access to Frontages proposal too as you enter from the dual carriageway; this should help to make the junction safer and deter drivers using this road as a cut through.

Please do all stay safe and well and please do contact me if I can help you with this or any other issues.

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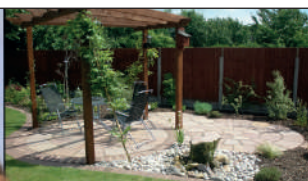
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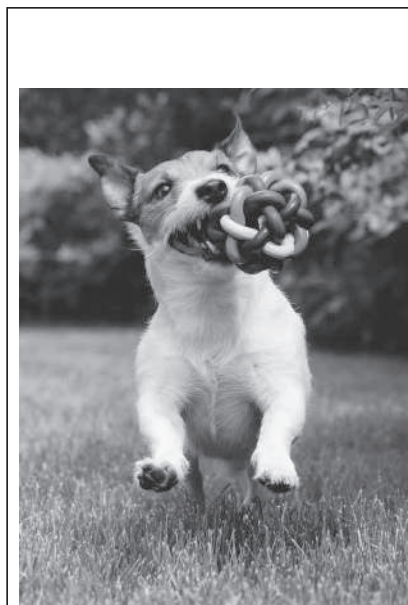
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Village Ladies

Now that January is out of the way, we are faced with February which can only mean one thing - we are a step closer to Spring. Hooray!! We can look forward to snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils and, more importantly, hopefully a bit more freedom. However, patience is still the key word but let's hope that it won't be too long before we can start putting some dates in our diaries. Until then, keep safe and keep well. **Ann Paget**

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Accurx Online: The Wyre Forest Health Partnership wants to make getting in touch with Hagley surgery as easy as possible and have introduced a new service to contact us online to replace 'Ask My GP'. As of Monday 16th November, you can contact us about a medical, administrative or prescription issue through the link on our website; you will need to answer a few short questions and we will then get back to you. The new platform doesn't require you to have any additional passwords and can be accessed throughout the day allowing many queries to be resolved quickly and efficiently. It's very easy to use. For more information, or the link to use this fantastic service visit our surgery website.

Appointments: We are continuing to operate a telephone appointment system at the surgery and have continued to find that this is well received. For those patients who need to, we are still carrying out face to face appointments at the surgery

and anyone that needs to come in and see the Doctor, Nurse or Physician's associate will be offered this option if it is clinically indicated. This will be explained and a time mutually agreed between the patient and the clinician during the initial telephone call. All appointments (including telephone slots and selected nurse appointments for smears or blood tests) continue to be available to book online where you have online access to your medical record. It is really easy to do - to sign up if you haven't already please speak to reception via telephone or via our online portal on the website. You can access appointment booking or order repeat prescriptions at anytime from anywhere so it really is worthwhile signing up.

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Rotary Club No 1328 District 1060

GODFREY PARTRIDGE PHF President & Public Relations Officer

5 Shelduck Grove, Kidderminster, Worcs DY10 4EF Tel: 01562 827225 : Email: qshare.qa@gmail.com

The Hagley Rotarians continue to maintain their Monday Evening meetings by Zoom as our evenings at the Lyttleton have been suspended during the Lock-Down. However Rotarians of Hagley are keeping up with matters local and international is the Rotarians prerogative and is well supported with interest from all quarters.

Rotarian David Santus was able to show our respects and consideration for the fallen on the 11th November with the customary placement of the Rotary Wreath on the Hagley Memorial.

In November Rotarians support the Foundation which is the name given to the non-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. Started in 1917, the charity has raised and distributed funds

throughout the world in emergency responses and humanitarian projects. This is something each club contributes to and can be rightly proud of.

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**

Rotary
Club of Hagley



Art Club

At this time of year, we usually have a whole year of activities planned and available for art lovers' diaries but unfortunately, we are still very much in a state of flux. We are trying to transfer as much as we can on to a virtual platform, but it is still in its infancy for us.

Due to the nature of the print media deadlines, we are in the position of talking about events that haven't taken place yet to viewers who will have missed them! But hopefully, if our next event, which is a live demonstration by Zoom of a portrait in oils by artist Peter Keegan, on Friday 20th January, works out we will be more confident about booking further ahead.

As it is, we successfully ran an appraisal evening in November by Zoom and our Christmas event evaluating the Online Annual Exhibition in December. The annual exhibition is up and running and as yet has no closing date so hopefully more people will get a chance to view it at hagleyartclub.co.uk. Members can vote for their favourite picture from the 89 pictures shown. and the winner

Members' Choice will be featured in March's edition of Village News. All being well the AGM will take place on Friday 13th March but again this may be a virtual meeting. For more information, please check the Facebook page or website nearer the time/

The exhibition was judged by local artist 'DJ' Johnson who commended the following:

'Reflecting' by Tony Osborne
'The Flamenco Club' by Mel Adams
'Light & Shade, Rhodes' by Graham Madders
'Fish for Supper' by Sheila Hill
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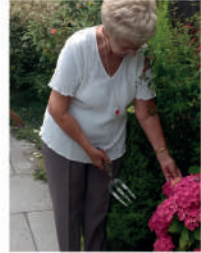
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Active Seniors

As I write this it is difficult to say when classes will resume at the community centre after the end of lockdown number 2 and as the further revised tier system comes into force at the end of December.

However be assured I will be keen to return and restart our popular timetable of classes just as soon as it is safe to do so and once the community centre give us the go ahead to restart our hire of the centre. In the meantime if you are keen to partake in a little more exercise this year then be sure to call and place your name on the waiting list and we can let you know as soon as we can resume.

Classes include strength and balance, Happy hearts (a circuit type class which is currently adapted to meet covid requirements) and Tai chi. We are in Hagley on Monday mornings and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Please call Angela on **07512 546480** to discuss.



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. Now into 2021 we are still uncertain of the future of the Fellowship. For us to continue to be viable in the future we need to be able to secure enough members and this we may not be able to guarantee. **Liz Tew**

Walton District Girlguiding

At the time of writing, we have been allowed once more to meet in a face to face way and some units took advantage of this in the run up to Christmas with 2nd Hagley Brownies walking around the village to take in the Christmas lights and 2nd Hagley Rainbows meeting Santa to receive their badges. Guides held Zoom Christmas parties and completed Christmas craft sessions via Zoom. Rangers upcycled old books into origami Christmas Trees and took part in a Murder Mystery via Zoom to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care. Blakedown Rainbows have been completing some Christmas challenges at home. We hope that by the time this issue is produced we

will be beginning to return to our meeting places in smaller numbers and with plenty of safety measures in place. Girlguiding is suffering from a loss of numbers across the country but I am thrilled that it remains strong across Walton District due to the fantastic commitment and enthusiasm of the leaders and the girls involved.



Very proud to announce that Elizabeth Sprason, Young Leader of 1st Hagley Girl Guides has been awarded the "County Commissioner's Special Award 2020" by Yvonne Eaton, Girlguiding Worcestershire County Commissioner. This Special Award has been made in recognition of Elizabeth's outstanding contribution to her community, for the amazing effort she has put in to supporting others and meeting her own personal challenges during these unprecedented times, showing her commitment and achievement to Guiding. Congratulations on achieving this Award.

Village Information



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**

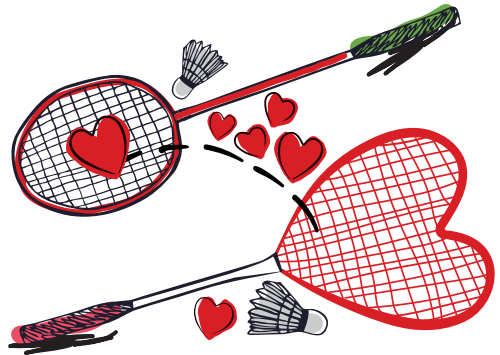
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HCK Badminton Club

Following the recent lockdown and the new tier system HCK badminton club is currently closed. We are monitoring the situation and checking Badminton England guidance to see when we can play in secure bubbles and will restart when it is safe to do so. Hopefully this won't be too far off!

Please feel free to get in contact with us via facebook- [facebook.com/HCKBadminton](https://www.facebook.com/HCKBadminton) or by email to our treasurer Greg O'Callaghan gregocallaghan@gmail.com.

We are very excited to see you there!



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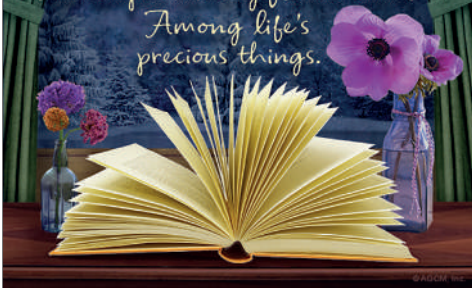


We at Lifecentral are meeting in person for our 10.00am service (please see our website for booking) and you can view our Sunday service online at <https://lifecentralchurch.org.uk> We continue to love being involved with the community of Hagley and have renovated the Jubilee Gardens, gone litter picking 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/>

February

Winter walks
and starlit nights,
Good books and cozy hours,
Time for friends,
and heartfelt sharing,
Dreams of springtime flowers...
Although it may be short on days,
Each February brings
The simple little gifts we count
Among life's
precious things.



Well here we are into the second month of 2021! We continue to go through these unsettling times, but we can see some light!

Our Church on line continues to grow, join us each week;

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Verse for the month.

"With man this is impossible
But with God, All things are possible"
Matthew 19v26

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Hagley Free Church

95 Worcester Road, Hagley DY9 0NG
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Hagley Free Church
Established 1905



Sunday Services February 2021

Date		Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
07th February 2021	Holy Communion	Rev. David Tennant	
14th February 2021		Pastor David Umbers	
21st February 2021		Mr Robert Foster	
28th February 2021		Rev. John Maile	

Who could have imagined one year ago we would have such a traumatic and devastating year. Certain words have come into everyday use: lockdown, circuit breaker, world leading, hospitality, furlough, track & trace, front line, herd immunity and Covid 19.

And into the bargain we've had Brexit with its words: taking control, sovereignty, freedom, deals, tariffs, and barriers. Language matters very much in an age of fake news and easy when truth is what you say it is. Who/what do you trust? But there are other words: neighbourliness, sacrifice, sharing, dedication, partnership, togetherness and, hope, peace, justice, love, faith are all important.

"Say what you mean and mean what you say" is good advice at any time.

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

Church Office

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Visit us at **www.hagley.freechurch.org.uk**

Church Mission Statement

Committed to Jesus Christ and all too which He calls us

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The Parish Of Hagley

St John the Baptist with St Saviour

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As we go to press, we are currently planning to continue to hold a said Holy Communion service in church every Sunday at 9.30 am, followed by Worship on Zoom at 11.00 am and a said Holy Communion service at 11.00 am on 2nd and 4th Thursdays in St Saviour's (11 and 25 February). Please see church notice boards if circumstances change.

In church, we are socially distanced, we wear face masks, hand-sanitise on entry, and so on. Names are taken for track and trace. We distribute Holy Communion (bread only) as safely as possible. Unfortunately, we cannot sing anything at the moment. If you wish to come to a Holy Communion service, please let our Parish Administrator Sue know well in advance – her contact details are above.



Lent: Ash Wednesday falls on Wednesday 17 February. At the moment our plans are to hold a Holy Communion service in St Leonard's at 11.00 am, and Ash Wednesday Worship on Zoom at 8.00 pm. We will hold a Lent course followed by Compline at 7.30 pm on Zoom on Wednesday evenings, beginning on Wednesday 24 February.

Sunday Worship for February 2021

Date	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Sunday Worship
07th February 2021	St Leonards, Clent	on Zoom
14th February 2021	St Saviour's, Hagley	on Zoom
21st February 2021	St John's, Hagley	on Zoom
28th February 2021	St Leonard's, Clent	on Zoom

If you would like to be sent a weekly Pewsheet by email which will contain up to date information and notices, please contact admin@hagleycofe.co.uk.

Also please contact the Parish Office if you would like to be sent the link to join on Zoom, either by computer or by phone.



Village Information



Local Churches

Due to the current situation, the following services are currently available at our churches:

Blakedown Church has reopened - please see their services at <https://cbbchurches.weebly.com>

Fairfield Church has reopened - please see their services at www.bfc-worcs.co.uk

Churchill Church is still closed.

Broome Church is still closed.

All the other churches will be open whenever the Government legislation allows. Some of the churches will be open for private prayer;

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So like Erica, pick up the phone or email me & “Let your fingers do the ringing”

**Richard Scarth - Tower Captain, St John's
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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. 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/](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.

**Richard Scarth
for the Friends of St. John's
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