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March 2021



Hello Again Folks

As we bring to you this March edition of the Village News we hope that you are all keeping well and coping as best you can through these ongoing tough times. With this being the month of Mothers's Day we have included lots of spring blooms throughout this issue and dressed up our community bus in the same spirit. We hope that our little flowery doodles make you smile.

We have a very special young man in our community who I'm sure is making his lovely mum smile. Sam Gascoyne is fundraising for Myeloma UK - a blood cancer which his mum Deb is fighting her own battle with. If you wish to support Sam please see details on page 4 of what he aims to achieve and how you can help. We at the Village News would like to say "Good on you Sam, go for it".

We bring good tidings with regards to the Community Centre. Plans for extensions and refurbishment have been submitted to Bromsgrove District Council and although not available on their portal yet we have included them in this issue. Take a look at pages 6&7. We're very excited!

You've probably noticed that on the back cover of each issue (space permitting) we like to include a short poem appropriate to the time of year. This month we have used a very famous poem by William Wordsworth - The Daffodils. We think its particularly poignant as it speaks about walks in the countryside and observing nature, both of which many of you have been doing during these most unsettling of times. It does also of course make mention of daffodils of which we have a beautiful image featured on our front cover - the area where the photograph was taken has become well renowned for these lovely flowers in recent years.

On a final note - we thought it might be nice to include some community written poems on our back cover. So if we have any budding poets out there who would like to submit a poem that they have written then, please do submit it to the editor via email.

Stay safe, take pleasure in the countryside, observe nature and enjoy the daffodils!

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.



HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

We have some
exciting news for
the community

Plans have been
submitted to Bromsgrove
for the extensions and
refurbishment of the
community centre

Take a look at
pages 6&7 in this issue
for a sneak preview

A Message From Sam

Hi, my name is Sam Gascoyne and I live in Hagley. I am 14 and trying to raise money for a charity called Myeloma UK by doing 15 challenges before I turn 15 in August. I am doing this Fundraising to support my mum who has Myeloma, a blood cancer. She is trying to raise 50,000 pounds before she turns 50, and all the money I raise goes towards that. I have a just giving site used to collect all donations: [justgiving.com/15b415](https://www.justgiving.com/15b415)

I am writing this as I need some help with some of my challenges and I think you could help me. Any of the following things would be appreciated greatly:

- £15 donation on behalf of a business.
- A prize for a raffle.
- An item I can auction (which hopefully will run throughout March 21)
- Anything signed by someone famous
- If you know anyone famous ask them to get in touch with me
- Buying a piece of merchandise from Myeloma UK (key rings, car stickers, tshirts, etc....)

Anything of that list would be amazing, if you can do anything just get in touch with me via my email 15B415sam@gmail.com



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Hagley Historical and Field Society

The Grazebrook Drinking Fountain

The Grazebrook drinking fountain is the tall stone structure on the right of this photograph taken in the 1920s, at what today is the A456/A491 traffic light controlled junction. Birmingham is to our left and Stourbridge is behind the photographer. This drinking fountain was erected by neighbours and friends to celebrate the diamond wedding in 1915 of Mr and Mrs John P Grazebrook. John Grazebrook, an ironmaster, lived at The Court, which was located to the right of the camera. The drinking fountain was later moved to Park

Road, near Lyttelton Place, and close to the A456/A491 traffic island. This move was necessary when road widening was done at the junction of Stourbridge Road and Birmingham Road depicted above.

In the left distance is Hagley Cattle Market and the offices of auctioneers Chapel & Foster. The houses in Market Way now occupy the site of the cattle market.

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



HCC...Plans



FLOOR PLAN
HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE EXTENSIONS / REFURBISHMENT

The Community Centre was built during 1969 and opened in September of that year. Serving the community for over 50 years and prior to the pandemic it has been continuously well used by a broad spectrum of the community in Hagley. It is now showing its age and the building

itself lacking in flexibility for different uses - it can only be let out for single usage at any one time.

Various options have been considered over the years and a refurbishment and extension has been decided upon as the best way forward.



The proposals are -

Retain part of the existing building - Hall, Stage and Toilets for renovation and refurbishment with new roofs, upgraded thermal insulation and external cladding.

Additional storage to be added at the north side and stage end of the Hall.

Demolish the remainder and rebuild an extended area to form new Studio, Kitchen and small Meeting Room. A wide concourse between this and the Hall can be used as exhibition space. The Main Entrance will be located from the car park. A secondary entrance will be from the path at the side of the playing field.

Village Information



Village Ladies

Hello Village Ladies, here we are in March already – this year is threatening to whizz by as quickly as last year did but let's hope that 2021 will be a lot more enjoyable. The good news is that many of us have had our first jabs but, as you know, there is still need for patience and caution. Because of this Sue and the committee have decided to cancel all meetings until at least September. The hope is that we can then re-open with two registration and social meetings and begin our speakers again from October. Fingers and toes crossed that this plan will happen.

We should hopefully be getting some better weather now so we can get outside and enjoy our gardens. Or how about making yourself a nice cup of tea or coffee and spending an hour in a comfy chair reading Sue's Village Ladies Newsletter. Perfect!!

Spring is a lovely time of the year when shrubs and trees are beginning to sprout and bulbs are pushing their way through the soil giving us hope of better things to come. It can't come soon enough!! Keep safe and virtual hugs to you all.

Ann Paget

Hagley Gardeners Club

This month I am delighted to pass on some tips from John Oakes one of our past chairmen.

March is a wonderful time to get out into the garden. The days are getting longer, the bird song is louder and there are lots of things to do. The garden is coming alive – even the slugs –Ahh! Whilst we can't have our club meeting yet awhile, we can enjoy the colour from the spring bulbs, crocus, daffodils, fritillaries' and cyclamen.

Prune roses, remove all deadwood and weak side shoots and prune to an outward facing strong bud. Feed with 'growmore' and mulch 5cm thick. If not already done, prune buddleia hard and low down. They are very vigorous and will recover well. Prune cornus, sedums and grasses to the base, and prune hydrangeas to a strong bud. The first week in March is when I sow my sweet peas, two seeds to a 7.5cm pot of new compost, slightly damp and keep indoors until germinated, then outside in a cold frame. Do not chit or cut the outer skin of the seeds or soak them overnight,

they may rot when planted. After two pairs of leaves pinch out the tops and they will grow very strong side shoots. Sow long pod varieties of broad beans either direct or in 7.5cm pots. Lawns can have their first cut. Choose a dry day and set blades higher than usual. Put in plant supports ready for a growth spurt for tall perennials.

Clean and treat the garden furniture and enjoy a well earned cup of tea or coffee in the sunshine which will truly appear.

Oh! Keep weeding.

Tony Iliff – Hon. Treasurer
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Interview

Ten minutes in the company of ... Andrew Hipkiss, Public Relations Marketing Officer and volunteer of Severn Area Rescue Association (SARA)

I began by asking Andrew how he first got involved and to explain what SARA is.

SARA is also part of Mountain Rescue. “I (Andrew) first got involved over 4 years ago when I was looking for a local charity to get involved with and support. I looked at SARA and was blown away with the team’s commitment and dedication to saving lives and that everyone in the charity is a volunteer, not a penny is taken, not even for food and snacks when the team is on duty. Every penny goes on search and rescue lifesaving equipment. I was amazed at the amount of people that did not know about SARA and I wanted to raise awareness at the amazing work that they do.

SARA’s local station is based in Kidderminster Fire station. We cover areas on and around the River Severn, including Clent Hills, Clee Hills and will go into areas wherever there is a threat to life. Generally, we support all 999 emergency services, especially where our skills and emergency equipment can get into difficult areas, such as river searches, missing persons, floods and if people get stranded on hills. Our members are multi-skilled and highly trained in a wide range of emergencies. We always have a team on standby 24/7 with a fast response to emergency calls.” Andrew explained.

The group will celebrate its 50th year in 2023 and so will be looking at ways to promote what they do, raise money and to encourage more volunteers to join. “We currently have 18 operational crew, around 20 supporters as well as people who are responsible for the administration. We would like more volunteers of course and each volunteer has the opportunity to train

on either specific skills or general support activities. Our volunteers come from all walks of life; with multiple careers.

“We have had great support in Hagley and the surrounding areas, most recently from the Station Inn, along with public donations and contributions from when SARA marshalled the Hagley Christmas events. We are always looking for donations to keep our equipment up to date and working. For example, our emergency vehicle and rescue boat will need to be replaced very soon. These are likely to cost tens of thousands of pounds.” Added Andrew.

I asked the inevitable question “What impact has Covid had on SARA. “Andrew replied that during lockdowns, people’s movements have been restricted so we’ve not been called out as often as we would be normally. However, we are still ready when called upon despite this. No doubt when the lockdowns are relaxed a bit SARA will be needed again, we are ready to go when called”. Concluded Andrew.

Andrew added “2023 and SARA’s 50th year celebration will include open days and fund-raising events. This will be a really exciting time for us, and I can’t wait to start preparing for the celebrations.”

Interview by **Steve Colella**

The logo for SARA (Severn Area Rescue Association) features the word "SARA" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. A stylized green wave graphic is positioned behind the letters "A" and "R", extending from the right side of the "A" and curving under the "R".

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Hagley W.I.

March – it's definitely Spring with bulbs pushing through the soil and the snow, and the thrill of the first flowers and blossom. Still in lockdown, we're meeting socially online and keeping in contact by phone and through our WI and County newsletters.

In our Centenary year, more from the archives – Summer-Autumn 1999

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A wall hanging is to be produced to celebrate our village in the year 2000. It will consist of panels each decorated by a different organisation in the village. It is hoped that everyone in the village will be represented.

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'It is hoped that the completed wall hanging will be placed in the re-designed Community Centre Foyer.' (Where it is still displayed.)

When we can meet it is on the second Monday of the month at 2.00 pm in the Community Centre. Meanwhile, you can visit us on Facebook or contact **Mita Barnes on 01299 879996** or contact **hagleypres@wfedwi.org.uk**

Rosie Wynne



Hagley String Orchestra

An increasing number of us are now getting protection from covid with vaccination, and I'm hoping that by the Summer Term we can start rehearsing once again. A great incentive to do so will be playing a new composition for piano solo and strings by Tony Bridgewater.

Tony studied composition and piano at Cambridge University and the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, and he's the current Chair of the Conservatoire's Association of friends and supporters. Many readers will know Tony as a previous Head of Music at Ridgewood High School and Old Swinford Hospital School. He's now retired from school teaching to concentrate on his work as a professional composer, pianist and conductor.

We've played his delightful Humoresque for String Orchestra twice in 2016 and '18, which he has dedicated to HSO. This piece is splendidly written for string players giving all sections important parts to enjoy, most of it being written in 5 beats per bar which some of us found a bit tricky! Tony's new work,

Concert Piece No. 2 for Piano and Strings, has a meditative opening before launching into a thrilling jazzy Allegro with a very demanding solo piano part and a thrilling conclusion. We're going to love it!

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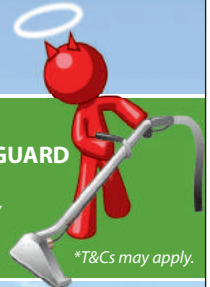
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Over the recent winter months, a number of reports have reached us as regards trees (primarily on WCC land) causing some concern.

Further lobbying of WCC has shown us that there has been little or no tree maintenance over several years leaving quite a number to require some sensitive and well-planned pollarding (not removal). In order to maintain a strong and safe tree regular pollarding is required to keep the tree canopy 'tight' and reduce the impact of high winds in particular. We all prefer to see tree lined roads and appreciate the natural environmental well-being that trees bring to our lives. It is very sad where large mature trees are brought down by high winds caused by a lack of maintenance and more so where the fallen trees are not replaced.

Further investigations have demonstrated that there are number of services that have had budget cuts reducing investment

and reducing some key services. We will continue to lobby WCC where we see the impacts affecting any services in Hagley where we see them having an adverse effect.

As a reminder BDC will continue to collect the Garden Waste Bins (Brown) in February 2021. In previous years, the service is suspended over the winter months and recommences in Spring. If you wish to join the scheme visit Bromsgrove District Council for further information.

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



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Hagley Parish Council

As I write the March update, we are still a few weeks from Government reviewing the current Lockdown guidance. We have had to suspend the Dial-A-Ride community bus for the time being but as soon as we are advised that it is safe to do so we will reopen the service ASAP.

I think that this February has been a particularly tough month for everyone as we all do what we need to do to stop the spread of Covid-19. The vaccination rollout has gone very well from the reports received and everyone has been eternally grateful for the excellent work that is being done by our front-line NHS and essential worker teams. With every vaccine it gets us closer to its eradication and as the rollout continues after the top four priority groups the next cohorts will be contacted.

As a Parish Council we will continue to hold virtual monthly meetings and over the next couple of months we might be able to plan for when we can get back to some further normality. The office will remain closed, but we continue to be contactable via the office phone number or e-mails. Along with everyone at Hagley Parish Council I look forward to being able to hold public meetings once again and to be able to get out and about whenever its safe to do so.

Cllr Steve Colella
Chairman Hagley Parish Council



Village Information



Worcestershire County Council

Many of you have been affected in these most difficult of times and my thoughts are with all who have been touched by the pandemic, family, relatives, friends and business. There seems at least be real hope though with the speedy roll out of the vaccine and I was delighted to see the Artrix in Bromsgrove District designated as one of the main centres for vaccination in Worcestershire. I do hope that this vaccination programme will help to keep you all safe and well in these most difficult times.

Business has continued remotely at Worcestershire County Council and we are focussed on ensuring support is available for all so we can quickly rebuild our economy and businesses. We also continue to deliver key services including Here2Help which has been focussed on supporting those in greatest need.

We realise the financial challenges that many of our residents' face currently; particularly with around 5,000 of our working population in Bromsgrove District currently furloughed due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Accordingly and contrary to many councils throughout

the UK, our proposal is to increase the base budget by only 1.5% to provide further support for the delivery of outcomes in line with the Corporate Plan 'Shaping Worcestershire's Future' and the priorities identified by our residents and the business community. We are adding a small 1% Adult Social Care Precept ring-fenced for Adult Social Care Services in order to contribute to the existing cost pressures due to Worcestershire's ageing population. This total increase of 2.5% will still place Worcestershire County Council in the lowest 25% of all County Councils; with our aim to minimise the Council Tax but still endeavour to protect the most vulnerable in our communities.

Please do all stay safe and well. If there are any issues, I can help with then please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Hagley Neighbourhood Watch

I am pleased to report that thirty-five police and crime commissioners (PCCs) are to receive Government funding from a £25 million scheme to crack down on burglary and theft in crime hotspots.

The Government's Safer Streets Fund aims to stop offences that blight communities and cause misery to victims from happening in the first place. Grants of up to £550,000 will be provided to PCCs in England and Wales for projects to improve security in areas particularly affected by acquisitive crimes such as burglary, vehicle theft and robbery.

The money will go towards measures proven to cut crime. These include simple changes to the design of streets such as locked gates around alleyways, increased street-lighting and the installation of CCTV. The funding will also be used to train

community wardens, deliver local crime prevention advice to residents and establish Neighbourhood Watch schemes.

Being a strong lobbyist in pressing the West Mercia PCC to provide funding and community support for Hagley I welcome this announcement and look forward to working with the local Policing. It is imperative that the Local Policing Team engage directly with the Hagley community.

Steve Colella and Roger Seabury
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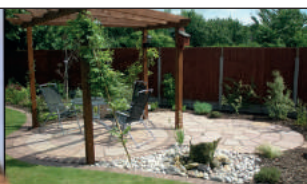
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Art Club

January saw the club's first demonstration by Zoom and this was really successful. We had 28 participants, more if you include couples and afterward had a considerable number of positive responses. I think members quite liked not having to leave their living rooms on a cold dark night (or get out of their PJs in my case) The main benefit was being able to have an artist from outside of our traditional 50-mile radius limit and so we were able to benefit from a fantastic demonstration by Peter Keegan, a renowned portrait artist who painted in oils, explaining that acrylics uses the same technique (www.peterkeegan.com) He made it look so easy!

Obviously at the moment we don't know how long we will still be in lockdown but at least we know that the Zoom platform is available to us should it continue for a while. However, the uncertainty means that our forward going programme is still in a state of flux for the time being; more up-to-date information can be found on our Facebook page and/or website at www.hagleyartclub.co.uk

Voting for the members' vote for best picture will have ended on the 28th February and the results will be announced at the AGM which will be held on Friday 12th March on the Zoom platform. However, the club is considering slotting in another demonstration in March if possible, details will appear in the usual places. The AGM will be relatively short but will give members an opportunity to hear the Chairman's and Treasurers' reports and also give input into the club's future activities if they wish, or just chat about art!

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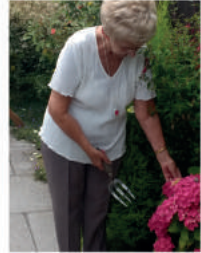
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Active Seniors

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

The leaders of the Girlguiding units in Hagley continue to provide fantastic activities for the girls in Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers. As we are still unable to meet face to face most meetings are taking place using Zoom as our platform. 2nd Hagley Rainbows have been performing a new campfire song together and been doing activities to learn about the 5 guiding World Centres. 1st Hagley Rainbows and 3rd Hagley Brownies are working on the Blackmore Badge to support the Worcestershire Girlguiding campsite in Malvern, they are also making a Museum of their Imagination with every girl choosing an object for the museum. 1st Hagley Guides have embraced the Big Garden Bird Watch and had some bird themed meetings making bird feeders to encourage birds to their gardens they have also been making flapjacks with a twist. 2nd Hagley Guides have done an escape room, made chocolate bark which looked really yummy and had an online visit by a forensics expert. 1st Hagley Brownies

have now all completed the Harry Potter challenge badge and are now working on their World Challenge badge trying henna hand art and are set to have a visit from a Reptile animal man. 2nd Hagley Brownies have made pizzas in mug, had a virtual visit from the Cats Protection League and are having a puppet workshop. 1st Hagley Rangers have had much laughter playing Zoom Charades, two truths and one lie and are perfecting their scone making techniques. Clearly the commitment of the leaders and the resilience of the girls who have adapted to their new style of Guiding is to be applauded.

Rachel Coton



Village Information



Hagley U3A

I'm hoping that Spring is now evident and that plenty of people have received their vaccinations.

Some members of Hagley U3A have continued to keep in touch via Zoom and WhatsApp. Unfortunately we don't expect to have our normal monthly meetings, with Speaker, for the foreseeable future but if anyone would like more details about our group please contact our

Membership Secretary Ian Powick : email ian.powick@gmail.com or phone **01562 883822**

Carolyn Buckle

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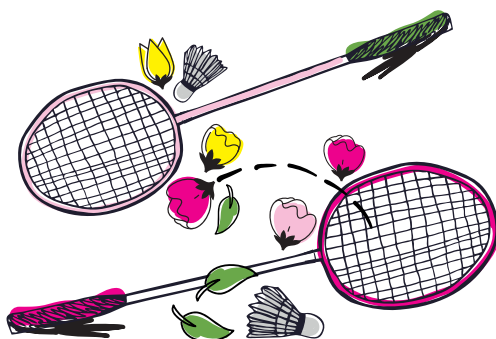
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HCK Badminton Club

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!



Little Kickers

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

We've been running sessions at Hagley Community Centre on Wednesday afternoons for several years now. Whether you've a child who would benefit from playing organised sport with their peers, a budding footballer who you'd like to introduce to the game or simply get moving to burn off some excess energy, then Little Kickers is the place for them!

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can be found at www.littlekickers.co.uk (Go to 'Find A Class') and you can enrol here too subject to availability.

And as a reader of this magazine we are happy to invite you and your child along for a free, none obligation taster to enable you to see what all the fun is about!

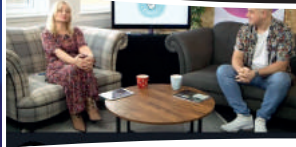
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Hello our Hagley friends!



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/>

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Also, check out our Online Resources for kids and our Online Sunday Services. Find us on YouTube and Facebook as LifecentralChurchUK

March can come in like a Lion and go out like a Lamb - Let's hope so ! The last month has been very busy. Our online Life Central service sees over 2000 people joins us.

Join us at 10.00 am every Sunday on Facebook or You tube. We would be so pleased to Connect with you.

- Mental Health Support
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It's now 12 months since the pandemic hit us and we're still coming to terms with it. The vaccines are a sign of hope. But we're halfway through Lent which means Easter is on the way. That's also a sign of hope. Lent has been forgotten by many, but it gives time for thought and reflection, and self-examination, so that Easter does not come upon us too quickly. It has been said that Lent is Easter in disguise.

"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

Monday, Thursday, Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Contact 07922 508014 or

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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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Worship during Lockdown 3. Due to the latest restrictions announced by the government, and the call for people to stay at home, we have decided not to hold services in church in either Hagley or Clent until the restrictions are eased. We are therefore holding worship just on Zoom each Sunday at 10.30 am (- at the time of writing, which is the end of January). We all wish it were otherwise but have decided this is the safest and most responsible way forward for the time being. Please see the Church notice boards or website for any changes to these arrangements.

Lent Groups and Compline on Zoom.

We will be holding a Lent Discussion Group for five Wednesday evenings on Zoom at 7.30 pm, which will conclude with Compline. The Group will look at the Sunday Gospel reading for each week and will meet on the following dates: 24 February, 3 March, 10 March, 17 March and 24 March. If you want to join in, please let the Parish Office know and you will be sent a link.

Holy Week and Easter. Palm Sunday falls on Sunday 28 March. It is too early, at the time of writing, to be able to know what we will be able to do for Holy Week and Easter. Please see our website and Pewsheet for details nearer the time.

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;

Please contact church office on 01562 730777 if you have any queries

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By spring/summer it is hoped we'll be back to our normal practice night at St. John's adjacent Hagley Hall in top Hagley past the Lyttelton Arms.

So join us now & let your fingers do the ringing on your computer. It is so simple, Erica a recruit from December is already joining in. By the time we get to give tutorials on rope handling she will understand the jargon behind the theory.

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

**Richard Scarth - Tower Captain, St John's
hagleyringers@gmail.com
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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. 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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The Daffodils :

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed-and gazed-but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought.

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

By William Wordsworth

This is one of Wordsworth's most famous short poems. In it he remembers that he once saw a beautiful scene, a lake and the daffodils beside it. He spent a great amount of time on walks in the countryside and used his keen sense of observation to take note of all that he saw around him. It is clearly evident in his poetry that he got much joy out of nature and felt there was something much deeper than what was visible only on the surface. He looks on nature with his inward eye and the glory of it enters into his heart and soul.