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Editor's Welcome

April 2021

Easter Greetings

A very warm welcome to April's edition of the Village News. We are now a year on from the first lockdown in the UK - and what a year it has been. We have experienced many changes that we could never have foreseen. Lifestyles have changed, work practices adapted to suit, challenges faced head on, lessons learned, losses endured and so much more - all this whilst always striving to continue moving onwards and upwards.

It is at this time of year as spring arrives and with Easter upon us that we look towards new beginnings and fresh hope for the future.

Along with this are the first tentative steps out of this latest lockdown and it seems that our younger generation are leading the way. As our school children and young people begin their long awaited return back to their schools, colleges and universities we wish them all the very best. They have adapted to this extraordinary time with a stoicism they should indeed be proud of. We would like to say this to them - "you have all been truly remarkable."

This issue brings you a "Step Back In Time" page featuring some delightful images of old Hagley - thank you Robert for submitting these to us. And continuing on with bygone days our interview this month is with Irene Oliver of the Hagley Historical and Field Society - conducted by Steve Colella. After reading this it's definitely worth heading over to their website to find out more about (as described by Steve) "the rich local history" in Hagley"

The quote on the back sums up perfectly the beautiful spring farming image running across the covers. It also echoes the way our everyday lives have slowed down to accommodate a new way of living, but ultimately our goals will be met - it just may take a little longer than usual.

Wishing you all the very best for a peaceful and happy Easter. Stay safe folks.

Alison Akers Editor

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Message of thanks to Hagley Community

My Mum, Pat Worrall, died in February last year. She was 90 years old and died peacefully at home after a short illness with cancer. I would just like to thank everyone in Hagley who knew and helped care for Mum both in her lifetime, and in her final years.

Mum had lived in Hagley village for nearly sixty years and she loved to help others. She had worked as a farm hand, a school teacher and a lollipop lady (when she finally retired) She really valued the friends she made around the village, many at the Hagley Free Church, the Historical Society and the Gardeners Club. She loved walking in the local countryside and was passionate about wildlife and was very concerned at its decline.

I never managed to thank everyone personally but have truly appreciated the help and the kindness given to Mum, from her many friends, from her carers and from all of the health professionals throughout her final years.

Thank you also to everyone who gave such generous donations to The Worcestershire Wildlife Fund and thank you all for the love, the care and support you gave to Mum when she needed it most. I can only apologise for my delay in sending this message given the hardships and difficulties experienced by many over the past year. Jane

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust



As you are aware the helpline has been unable to operate due to the Covid-19 virus restrictions.

However in May the Committee will be reviewing the situation regarding Covid and will let clients know when the Helpline Service hopes to restart.

In the meantime, we hope that you will all continue to stay safe and keep well.



Hagley Historical and Field Society

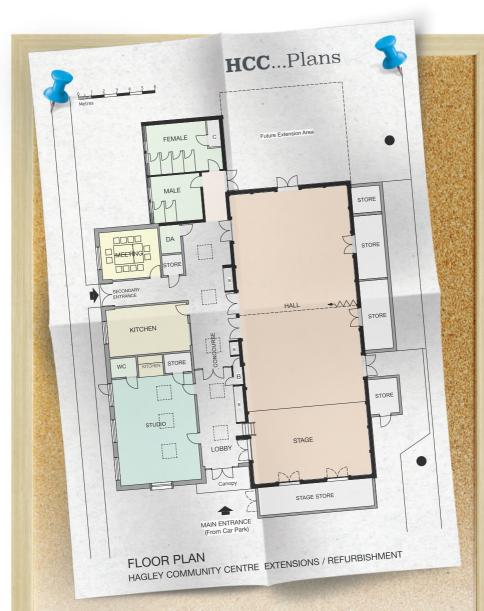
Lloyds Bank in the 1930s

There were once four banks in Hagley but over recent years changes in the banking sector have led to them all being closed. This photograph shows the first bank in Hagley, Lloyds in the 1930s, which was open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It was run by Mr Sidney Groom.

The bank used a room in the Mission Church building at the corner of Church Street and Worcester Road. That building was designed by Tom Grazebrook (son of John Philips Grazebrook of The Court, Hagley) and was opened on 18th December 1882 When St. Saviour's Church opened it replaced the function of the Mission Church, which was demolished in 1972 and replaced with shops. Before he retired, Sid Groom was manager at Lloyds Bank in Great Bridge which was then in Staffordshire but is now in West Midlands.

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





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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.

Step Back In Time.....to old Hagley







Many thanks to Robert Barrett for sending us these wonderful photographs of old Hagley. These images date back to 1928, when the houses in Kidderminster Road were just being built. At that time Kidderminster Road was a narrow lane, the main road to Kidderminster being via Park Road and Worcester Road.



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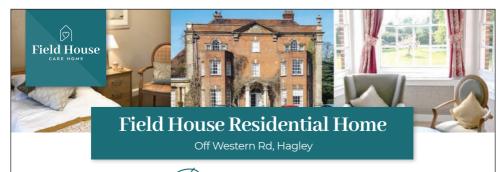
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Interview

Ten minutes in the Company of Irene Oliver, Hagley Historical and Field Society

Irene agreed to be interviewed on behalf of Hagley Historical and Field Society and began by saying that it was started in 1963 by Rev. G Cooke (curate of Hagley) and met at St. Saviours with Mr Hyde-Linaker chairing and Miss Bate as Secretary and Treasurer.

The Society took its name from the interest in the history in Hagley and the monthly walks that members took, in and around the local areas. This has continued ever since and proves to be very popular.

Today the Society has been behind several books on local history which can be found in Hagley Library. There is a very active research group led by Mr Tom Pagett. The very first book was written over 40 years ago on 'Water Mills' in the local area. The next book, due to published ASAP will be 'Hagley 1820 – 2020'. All proceeds from the book will go back into supporting the Society.

Irene and I discussed several local issues which were extremely interesting and just demonstrated the rich local history there is in Hagley. There is so much which I am sure most people are unaware of the background and the links to the Industrialists which were the early settlers.

For example, does anyone know the background to the old water fountain at the top of Park Rd? Or what was on the corner of Church Street where the Barbers is now, or even what the 'odd' block of bricks is from outside Spar?

Whilst the history is well documented it is important that changes are recorded for future generations, so photographic evidence is kept of changes to the local area and landscapes.

Of course, like all other groups no meetings have been held but as soon as it is safe to do so the Society are very keen to get back to normal as soon as possible. This includes getting back to having local organised walks starting from the village centre. These walks are generally a maximum of 2 hours gentle walk taking in local points of interest.

The membership is very strong and regularly fills the church hall to listen to talks on local matters and topics. It is a fantastic opportunity for people to meet and have an enjoyable, interesting evening amongst fellow residents. There is room for more members, and I would strongly encourage more people to join to learn what we have right on our doorstep.

I feel that we are very lucky to have such a society which has pulled together the changing face of Hagley from its very rural beginnings to todays busy community and wide-ranging village amenities. It is difficult to stop change but at least we can look back, with fondness, how things have changed and who were the people behind shaping Hagley.

Irene said that anyone can join, even now by going to the society's website. What a lovely thing to look forward to once the epidemic is under control and we are in more normal times.

Interview by Steve Colella



Downes Family Music Fundraiser

Has raised Over £3,000 For Stoke Mandeville Spinal Research

Cambridge lady, Paula Downes, along with her music-loving family, embarked on an ambitious fundraising project in 2020 to host a year of musical concerts in celebration of Andrew Downes (Paula's father), 70th birthday. The aim was to raise funds for Stoke Mandeville Spinal Research (SMSR), an Aylesbury-based cause which funds life changing research into spinal cord injury.

Andrew, of Hagley, Worcestershire, a British composer, who is wheelchair-bound, received care and support at the National Spinal Injuries Unit, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury in 2010 after breaking his back when his hip gave way due to his ankylosing spondylitis (arthritis of the spine).

Paula explained: "Dad broke his back and ended up being in Stoke Mandeville Hospital for nine months where they taught him how to live again using a wheelchair. It was absolutely amazing to see him being brought back to life."

So, in celebration of Andrew's big birthday and as a 'thank you' for his care and treatment, the Downes family made the decision to host a year of concerts to help raise funds.

"Initially we were going to hold live concerts, but then the pandemic struck, so we ended up moving the concerts online," explained Paula. "Before the first lockdown, we did manage to host two live concerts in January (2020) in Cambridge, with the Cambridgeshire Holiday Orchestra 7+ Choir and my all-female vocal group, The Cantabrigians. We then did one in February (2020) at Birmingham University with the Central England Ensemble, who performed as part of a reunion concert, organised with help from my sister Anna. It was a huge success, raising over £1,000 in donations.

"After a fourth live performance for Valentine's Day, we then had to move online. We started to do recordings of all the concerts, hosting these events through Facebook and creating podcasts, blogs and interviews which we shared with people online to reach as big an audience as possible.

Commenting on what she might say to someone to encourage them to get behind a small charity like Stoke Mandeville Spinal Research, Paula said: "A spinal cord injury can happen to anyone at any time, and it has a massive impact on your life and the lives of your family. My Dad suffers from one of the key areas funded by the Charity, neuropathic pain, and to have this constant pain is extremely difficult for him to deal with. I think that's why Dad composes every day, it's his escapism, his composition has been his healer. The arts have been so important to us as a family throughout the pandemic."

Paula would like to say a big thank you to all the musicians who have taken part in the concerts, to everyone who has contributed to interviews, podcasts and performances, to all those who have supported, watched and donated to the cause, and to Anthony Bradbury, sister Anna and Andrew and Cynthia Downes for their wonderful support and contribution.

SMSR Fundraising Manager, Charlotte Minoprio, said: "To have raised nearly £3,200 in such a difficult year just shows how moved people have been by Andrew's story and his music. We are so grateful for the family's support, and all the musicians who gave up their time, and thank them for their incredible efforts on our behalf."

For more information about the Andrew Downes fundraisers https://www.andrewdownes.com/ Andrew-Downes-At-70.html

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Active Seniors

The recent roadmap for lifting lockdown restrictions announced by the Government gave a date (still subject to change or delay if the criteria isn't met) of 17th May for group exercise to resume. This still seems a long way off but at least there is a plan and the suggested date will mean that hopefully every adult over 50 will have received at least their first vaccination before classes are able to re-commence.

I hope that as soon after this date as possible I will be able to resume Strength and Balance, Happy Hearts and Tai Chi classes at the Community Centre on Monday

mornings and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. If you are keen to get back to or start some exercise and don't already have your name on my list please give me a call. The classes are for reasonably mobile individuals but if in doubt ring to discuss on **07512 546480**



Hagley Gardeners Club

A seasonal note from former chairman John Oakes. "Oh, to be in England, now that April's there." ---- Robert Browning.

Perhaps he was referring to blossom time in Worcestershire, a county of flowers. The UK's only blossom trail is in the Vale of Evesham, white plum and damson followed by pear and pink apple, some 40 miles long. Visit AA website for route. Cherry blossom is now more of an ornamental. April fool's day on the 1st, maybe the first swallow on the 15th, and the cuckoo on the 21st. The 19th is Primrose day, named after Benjamin Disraeli and his love of the flower, and 23rd St. Georges

The middle of spring and you can almost smell summer. The garden is coming alive – look out for slugs and aphids on roses and other young leaves and wipe them off before they multiply. Tulips and magnolias are in full bloom. Blue Aubrietia and other rockery plants bring colour to our beds and walls.

As the soil warms up and everything starts growing in earnest, it is time to give the shrubs a feed. Sprinkle fertiliser such as Growmore, blood fish and bone and chicken manure pellets around the bases. Sow French beans, cucumbers, courgettes and sweetcorn in pots. Sow sunflowers in pots for transplanting later and have a competition with relatives or friends to grow the tallest. At end of the month, risk sowing runner beans direct in the soil and all annuals. Let us fill our front gardens with colour this year. My best wishes to you all for the spring.

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Village Ladies

Unusually, for the first time in some months, Sue has not had to alter her planned arrangements for reopening. Our Tuesday meetings will begin again in September with two registration/social evenings and speakers will start again in October. Dare we also hope for the return of coffee mornings, tea afternoons, lunches out and some nice weather to be able to enjoy our gardens and parks.

Over the last few months, the glue that has stuck us together has mostly been our newsletters and, although we all moan about the downsides of technology, it has been a godsend during this pandemic and has enabled Sue to send the newsletters to everyone. Sometimes you just have to say Hooray for Tech!! Because we have been able to keep in touch in this way, let's hope the bond that has formed will see us all back on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in September at St. Saviour's Hall enjoying our evenings together again. Until then, wishing you all a steady unlocking and a very Happy Easter.

Ann Pagett

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**

Hagley String Orchestra

I remember the wonderful BBC TV Arts Programme 'Monitor' in the 1950s/60s which was edited by Huw Weldon, one highlight being Ken Russell's film on Elgar. An unforgettable memory is the 'Monitor' Theme Music with its jaunty rhythms and singable tune, which comes from a String Serenade by Dag Wirén.

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His best known, popular work is his Serenade for String Orchestra Op. 11 which he composed in 1937 when he was 32. It is in 4 movements – a fast Preludium, a slow melody accompanied by rhythmic pizzicato chords, a rollicking Scherzo, and finally a boisterous March whose

second tune is the one used by the 'Monitor' Programme. The whole work is a delightful play for everyone. We last played it in 2014, and I trust we can rehearse this music again when covid restrictions are lifted. For more information, please contact

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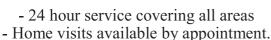
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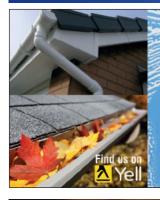


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Bromsgrove District Council

At the time of writing the A456/B4187 reversion works are due to commence this month. Whilst the works are underway over several weeks there will be need for some traffic diversions. This is unfortunately necessary so that the works can be completed safely and will no doubt cause some disruption. This will mark the end to what has been a very long campaign to lobby the Highway authority to correct changes made to the junction.

Once again, the Safer Roads Partnership has been contacted following another road traffic accident on the A456. The severity of these traffic accidents is a cause for concern and whilst there have been no fatalities unless something is done to tackle speed and dangerous road layouts it might only be a matter of time before a tragedy happens.

I am disappointed that a motion to have more trees planted around the district and Hagley was not supported. This does not mean that I will not continue with this ambition as I strongly believe that the pandemic

and lockdown has shown the value of the 'green environment' for aesthetics and gives positive health and wellbeing support particular in these times when many people struggled with mental health issues.

We urge BDC to spend Government Covid recovery Grants to get the district back on its feet. There remains c£1.2m unspent which we believe should be used to inject cash in supporting health and wellbeing, supporting the district's heritage, libraries, and tourism, and enhancing existing plans for sustainable transport.

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



Hagley Parish Council

It might not be long now that we can reintroduce the Dial-A-Ride bus over the next few weeks. Discussions are due to be held with the operator before the next steps of the lifting of national restrictions. We will take a pragmatic view as regards the safety issues and support passengers in every way possible.

There are clear signs that the playing field has responded well to works carried out last autumn. Final preparations are underway to ensure that it is in the best condition to be opened as soon as possible.

The Pavilion and community meeting room is also nearing completion after very good progress was made during the winter.

Since the beginning of the lockdown Hagley Parish Council has been meeting virtually once a month and will continue to do so until May when the expected review will be announced. Over the last year we have been continuing to operate as best as

possible. It is testament to the Clerks that the council has been able to do very well and discharge the usual business matters as well as manage large projects.

This year's Annual Parish meeting will be held virtually via zoom on the 12th April 2021. If you wish to join the meeting please contact the clerks for the joining instructions. Further reminders will be circulated closer to the meeting.

The AGM will be held on the 10th May 2021 format to be announced.

Cllr Steve Colella Chairman Hagley Parish Council



Worcestershire County Council

Linking our rural communities with the main transport hubs, like Hagley station, has been a key ambition for me. We have been fortunate to secure the support and funding from Worcestershire County Council (WCC) for Bromsgrove District to have a Demand Responsive Public Transport initiative. This involves the introduction of an App through which you will be able to book and call a shuttle bus whenever required. This will reduce congestion and improve air quality. Our aim is to role this out across the entire Bromsgrove District.

Residents and businesses in our area, have had success in establishing community projects that have accessed the Gigabit voucher schemes. The current scheme has recently come to an end. I have written to our MP, Sajid Javid regarding the role out of the next stage of the Gigabit capable broadband for our area. I am committed to ensuring that we build on the achievements to date. Sajid has agreed that he will take up this matter with the Secretary of State at

the Department for Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS). I am confident that a new scheme will be introduced soon.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure residents that where concerns have been raised regarding trees on WCC land, the trees have been inspected by Arboriculturists and no safety issues have been identified. In addition to this, I would like to make it clear that the budget for the County Council is growing not shrinking currently, and whilst social care demands do create financial pressures for WCC, there have been no cuts to the Highway spend of which tree maintenance forms a part.

If residents have any issues concerning trees or other matters, please do not hesitate to contact me. Stay safe and well

Cllr Karen May - Mobile: 07818 085140 Email: kmay@worcestershire.gov.uk



Hagley Neighbourhood Watch

Reported crime continues to fall, probably due to the impact of lockdown and the need for having a 'good reason' to travel. This does not mean that there has been zero crime as there have been reports that attempts have been made to break into vehicles late at night. No doubt as lockdown eases so crime will once again rise. I would urge good habits to protect against such crimes are adopted as second nature, even when there is a lower-than-normal crime rate. Make sure valuables are removed from vehicles when parked, house doors and windows are locked, and neighbours are kept informed when going away overnight.

During the pandemic I have been pressing to establish a community speed watch. There has been some recent good news in that this initiative has received some funding. I have contacted the relevant officer with a view to discussing how this might work in Hagley. As soon as something tangible is known I will report back.

I continue to receive reports of speeding vehicles and breaches of the Government social distancing guidance. Worcestershire Regulated Services is leading on providing inspections where these are reported, and I have been in close contact with the authority since Christmas.

I am disappointed that Bromsgrove District Council did not support my request for Government Covid recovery grants to be spent on more CCTV cameras at fly tipping hot spots as well as known crime or ASB areas.

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Art Club

The club was able to host another wonderful Zoom demonstration in February, this time by our favourite and very popular local artist David "DJ" Johnson who treated us to a brilliant piece of work showing how to depict people in a landscape using either oils or acrylics. It seems incredible to see such a fabulous winter scene created in just two hours and with the possibility of maybe, just maybe, being able to reproduce it yourself!

By the time this newsletter is printed we will have had another zoom presentation for our members, "Portraits in Watercolour" with the artist Catherine Beale on Thursday March 18th and yet another first, that is, our first Online AGM.

We now have the possibility of being able to open the club back up to non-members again on hearing the very welcome news that St Saviours Church Hall will be open to the public from May 18th. We do have a programme arranged but the change will be too late unfortunately for our booked April and May meetings which will probably continue as Zoom demonstrations for members only (details on the website www.hagleyartclub.co.uk)

However if the programme remains unchanged the next demonstration open to the public as well as members will be:

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Keith Turley Life portrait in Acrylics

Obviously, all our plans are subject to change should the government have to alter or postpone their plans but all changes and up-to-date information can be found on our Facebook page and/or website at www. hagleyartclub.co.uk

Remember new members are always welcome; now being a good time to join, with reduced subscriptions, tempting offers, extensive range of professional demonstrations and a new hobby to undertake without even stepping out of the door. Contact us on hagleyartclub583@gmail.com



Hagley Library

Following national lockdown, we are pleased to announce that all Worcestershire libraries will remain open to provide essential IT and digital services for residents who cannot get online at home.

Customers will not be able to enter library buildings to browse shelves but a replacement 'Reserve and Collect' service means books can still be borrowed.

Return dates for all existing loans will be extended until 28 February 2021.

The mobile library service has been temporarily suspended and study desks will be unavailable until further notice.

The Digital Library Hub will continue to be available 24/7 for a wealth of online library services, events and activities including remote access to Ancestry, which has been extended until March 2021.

For more information regarding current library service provision, how to book a computer or to reserve books to collect, visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries

Hagley Country Dancers

It has now been over a year since we met to dance on a Monday afternoon but at last there is some hope that we will be dancing again in the not too distant future. If everything goes to plan, we will be able to meet later in the summer and provisional arrangements have been made to restart. Meanwhile, stay safe and stay well. Thanks again for keeping in touch via Whatsapp and emails.

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Starting the New Year the Rotarians of Hagley continued with our Zoom meetings whilst we were all trying to outrun each other to the vaccine appointments.

Comparing pastimes our members scored trumps with interior decoration, jigsaw puzzling, sorting Jaz Cassettes and experimenting with Kitchen Appliances. I am pleased to report there were no accidents.

Preparing for 2021 resumption of our meetings at the Lyttelton Arms hopefully, in Late Spring, the Rotarians were keeping up with matters local and international with fundraisers for the local foodbanks.

The month of January is when Rotarians are charged to consider Vocational Training and initiatives. The founder of Rotary, Paul Harris once remarked: "Of the 101 ways in which men can make themselves useful to society, undoubtedly the most available and effective means comes from within their own occupations"

Wherever posable and when the opportunity presents itself, we Rotarians use both our knowledge and experience to serve humanity in all its many and diverse regions and areas, and that is what makes our weekly Zooms such happy occasions.

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

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Haybridge High School

Lockdown has posed substantial challenges to all of us in multiple ways and finding constructive responses has been foremost in many of our minds. We are delighted to share one such response with you:

As a school, Haybridge takes Mental Health and wellbeing of students and staff seriously. Increasing numbers of staff are trained in Mental Health First Aid and we strive to normalise frank and open conversations about these issues. To this end five members of staff - Mr Martin, Mrs Dosanjh, Ms Hancox, Mr Pritchard and Mrs Cherrington - signed up for RUNR UK's 'Miles For MIND' Winter fundraising challenge for MIND Mental Health Charity. They set themselves a target of 200 miles between them and a cash goal of £500. Our plucky runners braved frosty weekend mornings and weekday evenings and smashed both targets over a fortnight in February.

Their effort attracted the attention on BBC Hereford and Worcester who interviewed Ms Dosanjh and Mr Martin – a radio first for both!

Over coming weeks, a dozen staff members will be taking the government's Psychological First Aid training course online, to add to the pool of staff skills already in place.

We are happy to welcome back our students and hope to be as back to normal – or perhaps forward to a new and better normal – before long. Let there be music, sport, drama, clubs, fun, friendship and, of course, learning!



Hagley W.I.

It definitely is Spring – the bulbs are bursting into flower, the crocuses are amazing, the mornings are getting lighter and the sky is the blue of Lockdown.

We're following the relaxations of Covid regulations. Once they're legal, we look forward to walks with one other person and then, in socially distanced groups of 6, to coffee in our gardens (warmly wrapped up) and our monthly walks around Hagley. We keep in contact with members though phone calls, email, monthly Newsletters and zoom meetings. We plan a zoom craft session when, with all the materials to hand, we will each make a Spring Garland.

Each year, WIs submit Resolutions for discussion and voting at the National AGM and, looking at the archives, some themes recur – health, education, nutrition.... Funding of Children's Hospices; children's diets, exercise and health; the care of older people; improving the standard of treatment of Stroke sufferers; ensuring that NHS Dental Care is available for all. Minimise waste of talent and re-instate a realistic living grant

for students from families of limited means in Higher Education. Labelling all contents of food; teach cookery, food hygiene, nutrition and budgeting as a compulsory part of curriculum in key stage 3.

In 2020 the Resolutions covered End Modern Slavery, protect our precious Helium, make time to talk about death and dying, increase stem cell donor registration and female crash test dummies for drivers as well as passengers.

We look forward to meeting again sometime – to find out more, please contact **Mita Barnes on 01299 879996** hagleypres@wfedwi.org.uk

Rosie Wynne



Walton District Girlguiding

On 22nd February every year members of Girlguiding around the world celebrate World Thinking Day this is a tradition that has been in place since 1926. It is a celebration of international friendship recognised by some ten million members of Girlguiding in 150 different countries. Last year we celebrated in style at the Midlands Celebrate Event at the NEC. This year Midlands Region Girlguiding provided two days of activities on-line for members of every age to access from their homes. We were treated to workshops on different styles of dancing, seminars about women who have had opportunities to explore the world with their careers in the army, navy or as scientists. There were talks and demonstrations about animals from many parts of the world and plenty of opportunities to try our hand at new

craft skills and different styles of cooking. Members who participated and who did a good turn over the Thinking Day weekend could gain their Smile Badge. We were very grateful to Midlands Region for the great effort they put into this stay at home event. All units continue to offer activities for our members to coat home and we have everything crossed that before too long we will be face to face once again.

Rachel Coton



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

u3d Hagley

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!

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LIFECENTRAL CHURCH HAGLEY Hello our Hagley friends!







Many Blessings for Easter 2021

We celebrate this wonderful Season and look forward to brighter days, and seeing you very soon. We are getting back to life just like these beautiful spring pictures. Life Central continue to meet on line with Facebook and YouTube hosting us not only on Sundays at 10am, but during the

week with our Life Central Community Facebook page and Daily greetings. Link in and join us! For more details of the life of our church in the community of Hagley: https://www.facebook.com/ LifecentralChurchHagley/



He is Risen just as he said Matthew 28 v6

Our Prayers for you all this month are that the gentle opening of businesses, and schools returning to learning will go well and that your lives feel hopeful.

We are here for

- Prayer Support
- · Help/Advice
- Friendship Helpline
- Mental Health & Well Being



For support and more information Contact JO GREGORY 0121 502 3542 www.lifecentralchurch.org.uk

Hagley Free Church

95 Worcester Road, Hagley DY9 0NG Rev David Tennant: Tel: 0121 478 3843 Secretary: Tel: 01562 884344





Sunday Services April 2021

Date		Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
04th April 2021	Holy Communion Easter Sunday	Rev. David Tennant	
11th April 2021		Pastor David Umbers	
18th April 2021		Mrs Hazel Quelch	
25th April 2021		Rev. Edwin Boddington	

The Ancient Easter Greeting

It's been quite an unusual year, amazing and unprecedented. I'm sure the historians and museums are already on to recording it all and books will be written. It has been compared to the 2nd World War, but there are too many differences to make that stick. We have lived to tell the tale but thousands haven't, and that's tragic. The slogans and soundbites have gone by, and the talk is about data, evidence, balance and caution. Christmas has gone and Easter is here. They're so different, the one fun and festivities, the other quiet and reflective, yet rejoicing and not recognised by many, except as a holiday weekend. The signs of Spring are everywhere and that connects with Easter – buds on trees, daffodils and bulbs, lengthening of daylight, mild temperatures. I read this about Resurrections and Easter some years ago, and never forgotten it: "All that separates, injures and destroys is overcome by what Unites, heals and creates". The ancient Easter greeting is still used around the world today: "The Lord is risen – He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!"

Have a joyous and peaceful Easter.

Rev. David Tennant

Our buildings are still closed and activities and services suspended. See website and Notices on Church door for changes.

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 Email: hfc1905@btinternet.com

For all enquiries and bookings

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

Church Mission Statement

Committed to Jesus Christ and all too which He calls us

The Parish Of Hagley

St John the Baptist with St Saviour admin@hagleycofe.co.uk • Tel: 01562 886363 www.hagleycofe.co.uk • Facebook: search for hagleycofe

Worship during and after Lockdown: We are continuing to hold worship on Zoom each Sunday at 10.30 am. We all wish it were otherwise but have decided this is the safest and most responsible way forward for the time being.

At some point we will start holding worship in our churches again – probably during April - but at the time of the copy date for this edition of the Village News we do not yet know exactly when this will be, as we are still talking about it. Please see the Church notice boards or website for the latest news.

Easter: If you want to join in any of the following services on Zoom, please let the Parish Office know and you will be sent a link.

Thursday 1st April

Compline on Zoom at 8.00 pm.

Good Friday 2nd April

Words from the Cross at 2.00 pm (probably on Zoom)

Easter Day 4th April

Easter Day Worship, probably 10.30 am (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 – or if you would like to subscribe to our church magazine "Contact".







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

Virtual services are available online, both live and recorded.

Visit www.bfc-worcs.co.uk for more information.



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Email artwork for adverts to: editor@hagleyvillage.org

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St John's Bellringing

"Let your fingers do the ringing"

Ringing Returns. Come on you reluctant ringers. So many people tell me "I have always wanted to have a go at ringing church bells". Now is your chance!

Learning to ring is just plain good fun. Like anything that makes a rhythm or tune there is the theory & the practice. Mastering handling the bell which could be 10 times your weight is challenging, that's the practice. We tend to concentrate on that & good teachers let newcomers have fun while they learn to safely handle the bell. Then understanding what makes ringing such an enduring passion for a lot of people comes next. The Theory. Being part of a team making that beautiful sound that's the aim. The second most recognised sound in the countryside after bird song. It's coming the together in a team to make that quintessentially English sound of change ringing on church bells. Over 5,500 towers in England alone.

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 07768 273545



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/

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 scarth@blueyonder.co.uk



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AFFILIATED CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

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