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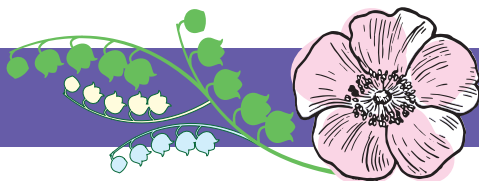
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A Warm Welcome

Greetings to you all as we head into May, with finer weather, less restrictions and hopefully a more clear way forward. With this in mind we have chosen some typical May blooms to adorn the pages of this issue. The hawthorn flower is a symbol of hope, whilst lily of the valley signifies the return of happiness - quite fitting really.

We bring you some fantastic articles this month which we hope you'll find interesting. Featuring on our cover we have Michael Johnson-Ellis of TwoDads.U.K - head over to page 24 to find out more of how he and his husband Wes raise awareness about Surrogacy and Same Sex Parenting.

This time last year we were in the throes of our first lockdown and plans for celebrating VE day could not go ahead as we hoped. That didn't stop you lovely peeps from honouring this occasion though - so we thought we'd dedicate our Step Back In Time feature to some absolutely fabulous pics of that day last year when we all took tea in the garden. Enjoy!

And whilst still on the subject of picnics we have a delightful painting and poem which has been submitted by Mike Spencer in appreciation of the gentle english afternoon tea - a lovely light hearted read on page 25.

For those of you who are still enjoying your daily rambles, then John Harris (page 24) has info on where you can find more local walking routes to enjoy. And if you love bluebells then this is the time of year to walk in the woods amongst them - we think our cover photograph is very tempting.

With the ongoing emergence from this latest lockdown we'll see more of our local clubs and associations re-opening. Along with this we'll bring you more news and reports of what's going on in the community. In the meantime there's plenty in this issue to keep you going - including the councils, surgery and churches updates, a thank you from Jean and a bomber for Betty!

Bye for now, take care all, see you next month!

Alison Akers Editor

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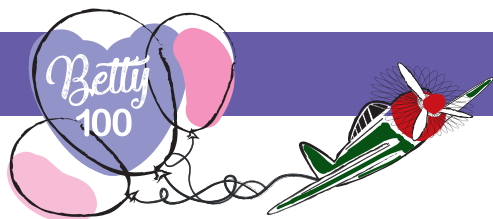
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A Special Birthday Message for Betty

We'd like to wish a happy birthday to a very special lady who lives in our lovely village. Betty will be celebrating her 100th on 2nd May. Having lived in the area all her life she is very well known with many friends and acquaintances who she keeps in regular contact with. She's led an interesting life and recently provided information about her WW2 experiences to the WI. These included working on plans for the Stirling Bombers, volunteering for the WAAF and working as an air raid warden. She is still a very independent lady with a razor sharp mind and immaculate in her appearance. Before lockdown she

was a regular at local lunches and coffee mornings whilst also making good use of the community bus to get out and about – we hope she'll soon be able to do this again. In the meantime there is no stopping Betty - she still takes a daily walk to the local shops to enjoy the exercise and fresh air.

A number of her neighbours were hoping to mark this milestone birthday for her, but this was very much dependant on how the latest lockdown evolved.

Here's to you Betty - have a jolly good one!

A Thank You From Jean

I just want to thank all my friends for their cards and get well messages after my fall and spell in hospital also in rehabilitation. It has been much appreciated. I hope to see you all very soon. **With very best wishes from Jean Pardoe.**



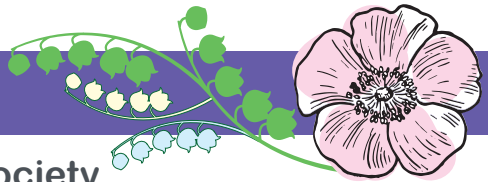
Hagley HELPLINE

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 & Field Society

Thicknall Rise

The photograph is of Thicknall Rise, a house designed by Tom Grazebrook whose father was John Phillips Grazebrook, a Black Country ironmaster. It was built in 1899 at the junction of Western Road and Newfield Road and was within Clent Parish until recent boundary changes.

It was the home of Frank Percival Evers and his wife Ellen. Frank was a solicitor at Harward and Evers, 118 High St Stourbridge. The fence on Western Road has an unusual inset; that is part of the driveway to the house. The Evers' second son Bryan G Evers was born in 1912, served at Dunkirk in WWII and was reported as missing in action. A memorial service was

held at Broome Church, but he had been taken prisoner of war. He was awarded the Military Cross for his part in the action in which he was wounded. After the war he returned to Stourbridge to again practice law and later became Dudley's coroner. Bryan lived in the house until 1968.

It was later demolished, and houses were built on the site. The road named Thicknall Rise runs through what was the back garden area of the house.

Rachel Paget - Secretary

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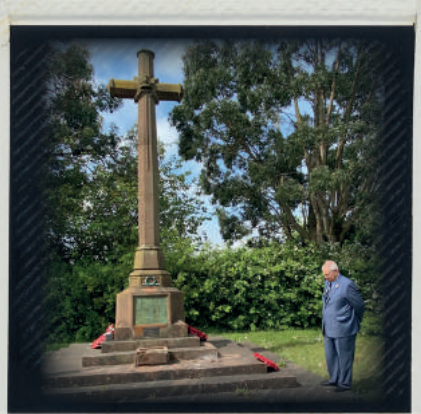
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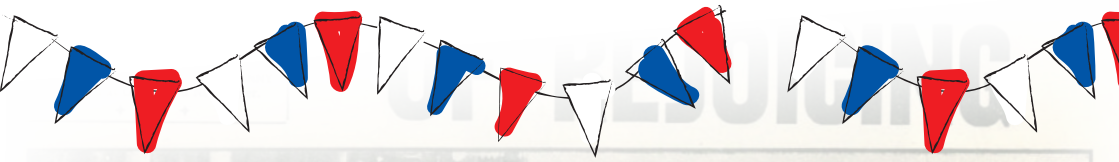
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Thanks unto the Father
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[from the power of darkness,
Colossians, 1, 12-13.]



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Step Back In Time....to One Year Ago



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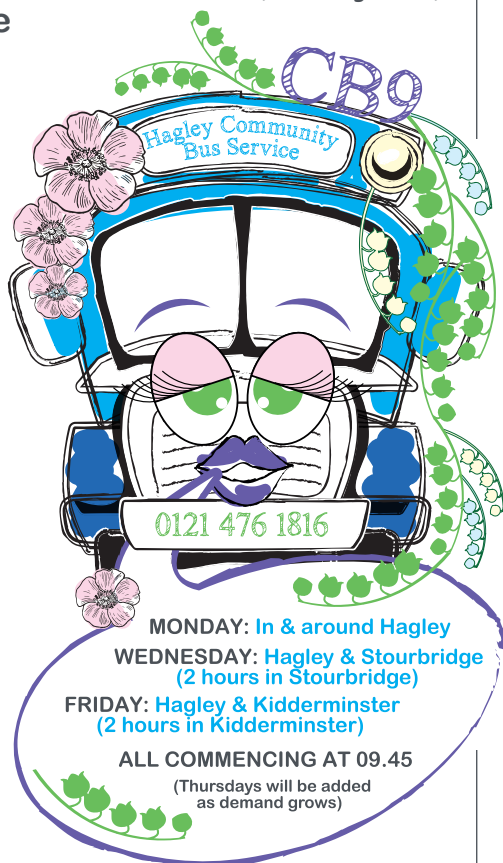
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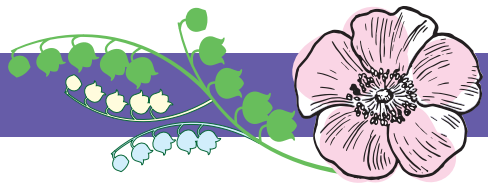
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Interview

Ten minutes in the company of Susan Merrill Hagley Art Club

If you're anything like me and sit in admiration of anyone that can put down on canvass what they see or what they imagine then the Hagley Art Club is one of the interviews that I'm really happy to bring you.

There feels to be more art programmes on TV than anytime that I can remember. Growing up watching Tony Hart and 'Hartbeat' and 'Take Hart' inspired me to do better at art but alas ability never really met ambition.

It's quite ironic that in a time that we can't get out to art exhibitions or museums the increase in art programmes and the increase in audience figures has grown. I suppose it just demonstrates what we've taken for granted and upon lockdown release the pent-up interest will manifest itself in more footfall through the doors.

I asked the current Chairperson of the Club, Sue Merrill, how it all started. "The Club started in 1989 and we celebrated our 25 years anniversary in 2014. The club itself was started by Alan Pritchard, which many residents will remember, with a small group of keen artists. Since then, we continue to have a good group of members with a wide range of skills from professional, keen amateur and new starters. Although Covid has caused some disruption including the cancelation of the 2020 Art Exhibition our members have stayed with us and we're planning our next exhibition around the middle of November 2021"

"In normal years we've been on visits and tours and one I particularly remember was a club trip to Paris to celebrate our 10 years anniversary. This is my 2nd stint as Chairperson, taking my total time in the chair as 10 years" added Sue.

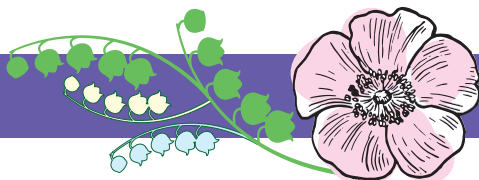
"Our Art Exhibitions held in the Community Centre have been a great success and acts as an opportunity for members to exhibit their work. Members don't need to be expert, competent artists, they only need to be enthusiastic. We're seeing more younger members coming through which will help the club grow and continue to survive. The club is there so that people can work on their particular subject matter and come together to exchange ideas and techniques. Some artists do sell their work whilst others just do it for their own interest."

How has technology and arts come together over the last year? I asked. "We've continued to do 'Zoom' meetings like everyone else and managed this quite well enabling us to have some of our demonstrators from other parts of the country. Our demonstration talks are with professional and semi-professional speakers which has increased interest in the club. We may even continue with the 'Zoom' demonstrations during the winter months" added Sue. Should anyone wish to know more about the club or join please **contact Sue on 01562 700078**

Interview by **Steve Colella**



HAGLEY ART CLUB



Hagley Surgery

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Some new faces: We are delighted to have welcomed Dr Chris Troth to the team at Hagley Surgery as a Partner. He is an experience GP and has worked in Solihull before joining us. He started on 8th March 2021. We have also welcomed Victoria as a new receptionist and Lorren as a new secretary. I am sure you will join me in extending a warm welcome to them all to Hagley.

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Diabetes Prevention Programme

Tens of thousands of Herefordshire & Worcestershire residents at risk of Type 2 Diabetes are being encouraged to access free prevention support through the Healthier You NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme.

Living Well Taking Control, a new provider of the NHS programme, opened its doors in the area at the start of December 2020, offering the 9-month programme either immediately online through an app or through in-person group sessions once it's safe to do so amidst the coronavirus pandemic. Subscribers to the app will receive coaching and educational sessions from a specialist coach, who will monitor their progress and work with them to make healthier lifestyle choices and significantly reduce their risk of developing diabetes.

Participants who choose to take part in the group programme will meet fortnightly with a peer group of other residents going through the programme and receive education and support from their coach in local venues. The risk factors of Type 2 Diabetes are

wide-ranging, with everything from BMI and lifestyle choices through to ethnicity all contributing to the potential risk to a person of developing the disease.

If you would like to know whether you are at risk, LWTC have developed an online "Know Your Risk" tool, which uses answers to a series of questions to generate a "risk score", which is available at www.lwtcsupport.co.uk/know-your-risk-tool. Alternatively, residents are encouraged to speak to their GP and ask if they qualify as at risk and therefore eligible for referral onto the programme.

For more information, visit <http://www.lwtcsupport.co.uk/herford-worcs-diabetes-support>





Walton District Girlguiding

There has been plenty of creative zoom sessions in all Girlguiding sections with Easter chocolate nests, scones and jumping clay mini me Brownies being created. We are grateful to all those parents and carers who have handed their kitchens over and hovered in the background as our young members have been super busy making some wonderful things and a little bit of mess. 2nd Hagley Guides took part in a very successful virtual camp with several of the Guides being awarded the first Bronze Awards of the new programme. The girls were very grateful to the leaders for all their hard work and even secretly enjoyed the early Sunday morning breakfast activity. The virtual nature of the camp meant that the leaders had a much better night of sleep than on normal camp. However, we can't

wait to be back doing face to face Guiding and as I write units are busy preparing risk assessments and adapting activities to fit in with the new guidelines so that we can enjoy the summer term and get out and about. If you are looking to get involved in Girlguiding we are always looking for adult helpers please register your interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk and click "get involved".

Rachel Coton



Hagley Gardeners Club

We hope to recommence meetings later in the year but are still looking for a volunteer (or two) to take on the role of Chairman. If we do not find anyone it will not be possible for the club to continue to function. Please give this some serious thought and contact me as soon as possible. Contact details below. Here are some springtime thoughts from John Oakes, a former Chairman.

Bluebells, my mother's birthday flower, are in full bloom now. Many woods in Worcestershire to visit, name but a few, Clent Hills, Croome Park, Wyre Forest, Beacon Wood, Lickey Hill, Chaddesley Corbett wood. Together with the white wild garlic, a picture to behold.

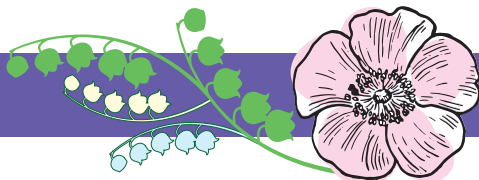
I get quite excited, like a child almost, when seeds germinate. Its nature's miracle, and seeds sown in April will now have germinated and growing well in seed trays or later sowings in the warmer soil. You might be tempted to buy plants, but beware, night frosts are not uncommon this month so protect with fleece or bubble wrap until planting out at the end of the month. Get baskets, pots and containers ready for potting up with garden centre plants.

Start cutting lawns once a week and lower the blades. They could do with a feed too if not already done. In the meantime, let us enjoy other people's gardens who have Rhododendrons, Azaleas and in full bloom, not forgetting Iris Germanica. Likewise, the hanging chains of bright yellow Laburnums and blue Wisteria. The scented Viburnums, Syringa and later the Philadelphus or mock orange.

Some of you may well have had your second vaccine, and like the weather, things are looking brighter.

Tony Iliff – Hon. Treasurer
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Village Ladies

The trees are in blossom and, fingers crossed, summer is not very far away. Let's hope we get some dry and sunny weather, something we all deserve. However, if it turns out to be cold and wet, we will cope. Think back to all we have been through and a shower of rain or a cold day will pale into insignificance BUT warm and sunny would definitely be wonderful.

On the face of it, nothing too much has been happening at Village Ladies right now but behind the scenes Sue and the committee are working hard to sort out our meetings and booking speakers for

September onwards, so steam is still rising from their computers. Until then we have Sue's newsletters to enjoy.

If any non-members are reading this and thinking they would like to celebrate the end of lockdown by joining Village Ladies, please do ring our leader, **Sue Billington, 01562 885799**, who will be delighted to chat and tell you all about us.

We can't wait to get back together so stay safe and well as we move steadily forward to freedom!!

Ann Pagett

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 U3A

Covid has made a big difference to all our lives – including socialising in the normal way. Some members of Hagley U3A have continued to keep in touch via Zoom and WhatsApp. We don't know when we'll be able to resume our monthly meetings but we have provisionally reserved our usual space at St Saviour's church hall for 1.45 on Wednesday 1st September, in the hope that we will be able to have our meeting with a Speaker:

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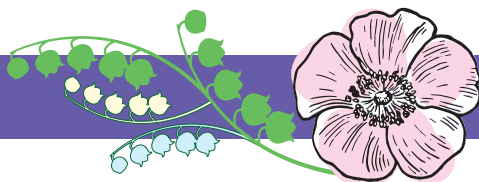


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Michael Johnson-Ellis has been a UK Surrogacy and Fertility Treatment advocate since 2015 when he and his husband (Wes) embarked on their first journey with their daughter (Talulah) who was born in 2016. Their son Duke was born in August 2019. Since having Talulah, Michael and Wes have set up TwoDads.U.K (www.TwoDadsUK.com) which essentially was a light hearted way to raise more awareness about Surrogacy and Same Sex Parenting via Facebook and Instagram. It now has a combined following of over 40k and is the go to organisation for Surrogacy for the LGBTQ community.

Michael has campaigned for law reform and policy change. He and Wes have successfully challenged every NHS Trust to improve their policy surrounding the treatment of Surrogates and Intended Parents when navigating through maternity services. They were invited to the Houses of Parliament in 2018 to advise on where the laws needed updating. In 2019 Michael and Wes launched The Modern Family Show, the only LGBTQ family building event taking place in London this September. It is one of the first physical

events to take place guiding and supporting people on a journey to parenthood via Adoption, Fostering, Co-Parenting, IVF/ IUI, Surrogacy and Fertility Preservation. www.TheModernFamilyShow.co.uk

Their latest business venture took almost three years of hard work to create and began gathering momentum during lockdown. My Surrogacy Journey (www.mysurrogacyjourney.com) is the latest not for profit Surrogacy organisation designed to support everyone on a fertility journey via Surrogacy. Throughout the pandemic Michael has supported hundreds of people and created specialist content for those struggling with infertility through a challenging and anxious time. It's with all this hard work that Michael was awarded one of only 22 purple plaques by the Census21; and it's taking its place of pride here in Hagley.



Walking In England

Are you fed-up with doing the same old walks? Walking in Worcestershire - take a look at www.walkinginengland.co.uk/worcestershire - it's the website for you!

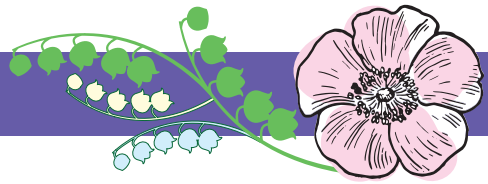
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John said "There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Worcestershire (part of the Walking in England suite of websites (www.walkinginengland.co.uk) - one for each county in England) has brought it together

in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

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An Afternoon Tea



This delightful painting has been created by Mike Spencer. It tells the story of his family enjoying a simple afternoon tea in their garden in Hagley. He has written a short poem about this tea or was it a picnic? And was it Jam, with scones and biscuits or Scones with jam and biscuits? In a little bit of lighthearted fun and humour, Mike asks us if we can identify who said what during this most quintessential of English pastimes.

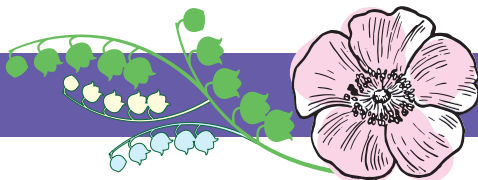
We had a little picnic
We enjoyed it very much.
The biscuit was delightful
When I bit into it, it even made a crunch.

In fact it was not a picnic
It was an afternoon delight
Jam, with scones and biscuits,
It was a wonderful sight.

And they were lovingly made by Mum
Not that long ago
And as the sun comes up
A picnic gets on the go.

Who said what?

"What on earth do you think you are doing"
"Oh Mike, that's very nice of you"
"Just enjoying the picnic - I'm not speaking"
"That biscuit of yours is absolutely scrumptious"



Hagley Parish Council

As spring rolls into summer the move into the early stages of the road map of lockdown brings welcome relief for us all. There is still much to be done as we look forward with optimism to July.

The first steps to recovery enabled people to meet outdoors which has resulted in the playing fields and main shopping area becoming heavily littered at times and the bins becoming full more quickly. If litter cannot be placed in a bin without it falling out, please take it home or find an emptier bin.

We ask that you bear with us whilst we allow the new young grass to establish properly on the playing fields. The area remains fenced off by the contractor while cultivation and mowing continues into the summer months, also allowing the ground to firm up. Please keep off the area in order to protect it from any unnecessary damage mid-reinstatement.

The government is looking at when it will be safe to hold Council meetings again in public. There remains a lot of uncertainty and this does not sit comfortably with many and raises issues of continuing to ensure everyone will remain safe.

Necessary tree work has been undertaken in the playing fields as part of the tree management programme and of course the reversion of the A456 and B4187 is underway, unfortunately causing some disruption. However, once completed the works will reduce standing traffic and improve safety.

The Dial-a-ride bus is now running again. Anyone who has a bus pass, has difficulties with mobility or lives too far away from the amenities and bus routes should enquire about registering to use this service. It is run by an experienced community bus operator and is Covid-19 safe.

Cllr Steve Colella
Chairman Hagley Parish Council



Hagley Neighbourhood Watch

This month's focus concentrates on the number of reports of dogs being stolen particularly puppies and young dogs. Whilst this is not necessarily happening in Hagley it is an increasing concern nationally and as such is worth asking that owners be vigilant and be conscious that this type of crime in on the rise.

Please keep your dogs on a lead as much as possible in public places and be vigilant and conscious of what might be happening around you. This could be suspicious loitering by individuals that are not known locally or just someone acting in a strange way.

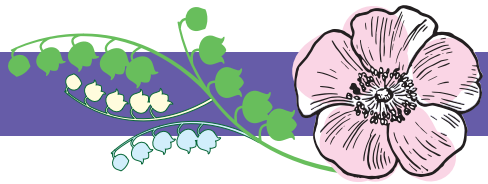
A concerned Hagley resident has raised such an incident and has alerted dog owners to the potential threats. Reading reports of actual cases where dogs have been snatched

is really distressing leaving the owners distraught with worry. By raising awareness will hopefully prevent as many of these cases happening as possible.

Call 101 and report suspicious behaviour with vehicle registration and vehicle details would be helpful too. If it turns out to be innocent then no harm done, better to be safe than very very sorry.

Steve Colella and Roger Seabury
Joint Coordinators





Bromsgrove District Council

Bromsgrove District businesses that have been affected by coronavirus restrictions are being urged to check if they are eligible and apply for business support grants visit www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/coronavirus for more details. We would urge making the enquiry ASAP.

Voluntary, charitable and community groups in Bromsgrove District are being invited to bid for a share of this year's small grants funding or as it will now be known, Equality Small Grants Scheme. We are also encouraging all groups to prepare for the 2021 New Homes Bonus scheme which is due to be launched in April. Contact your ward member for further help and support.

Several complaints have been received in respect of the very poor state of the A456, A491 and A450. We agree that the authorities have allowed these main roadways to become heavily littered, with large areas of weeds, roadside debris and generally looking in an unmaintained and unmanaged condition.

The responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep sits with both BDC and WCC. We have contacted the Head of Service at BDC to liaise with WCC and ensure that these problems are tackled as a matter of urgency.

The loose sewer drain cover on the A456 in the vicinity of Brook Crescent has also been reported to Severn Trent Water for repair ASAP.

Please remember that we can both be contacted on s.colella@bromsgrove.gov.uk or r.jenkins@bromsgrove.gov.uk

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In March I held a virtual surgery with the Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion, one of the main topics we spoke about was issues with speeding. We must ensure that we utilise the latest technology to address this growing problem as it jeopardises the safety of all those using our roads including cyclists and pedestrians. John Campion assured me he would strongly support us.

Many will have seen the recent publicity around the epidemic of fly tipping, no one issue unites us more than this. The Police, District and County Councillors are all taking this issue very seriously and we are looking at various options to stop this abhorrent practise. I would ask us all as a community to do our bit as well. If you see someone acting in a suspicious way, make a note of the vehicle registration number; a description of the individuals involved and report it via the link below. With your help we can hopefully catch and prosecute these criminals. As ever, if you have any issues or need assistance on any matter please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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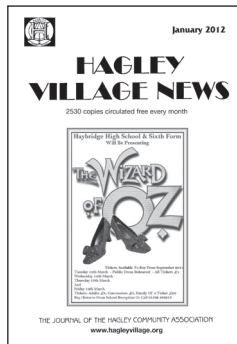
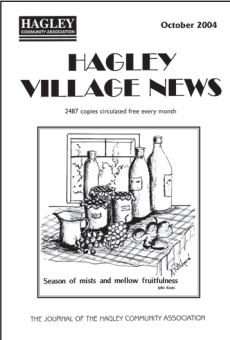
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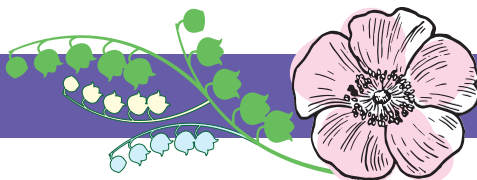
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Art Club

On March 18th the club was able to host another wonderful Zoom demonstration by Catherine Beale, well known for her lovely, dreamy portraits in watercolour. We had a portrait artist earlier in the year, Peter Keegan, who works with oils - it was fascinating to see how the artists' methods differed so much from each other but seeing the likeness emerge in each was equally magical. By the time this newsletter is printed we will have had another zoom presentation for our members. The use of coloured pencil with local artist Sean Counley; where he will have demonstrated Fantasy Art - fairies, hobgoblins, dragons and more of that ilk!

The Annual General Meeting was held on 12th March as a Zoom meeting. The committee was re-elected with no change of personnel and the winners of the members vote was announced as the following: Tony Osbourne: Reflectin, Graham Lockett: A Rest in Shallow Water, Ann Becke: Blowing in the Wind.

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:

FRIDAY JUNE 11TH

Di Cope Mixed Media – Subject TBA

FRIDAY JULY 9TH

Kevin Turley Life portrait in Acrylics

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HAGLEY ART CLUB

Hagley Library

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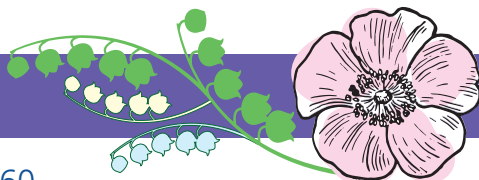
The mobile library service has been temporarily suspended and study desks will be unavailable until further notice.

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.

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Hagley Country Dancers

As we head into May and Covid seems to be in full retreat, we have high hopes of starting to dance again on June 21st. Some of our enterprising members have been taking part in online dances and all of us are looking forward to the real thing to get going again next month. Here's hoping! Meanwhile, stay safe and stay well. Thanks again for keeping in touch via WhatsApp and emails.



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In February as the lockdown exit arrangements were announced, Rotarians of Hagley wondered how long it would be before our weekly Monday evening meetings could reconvene. It looks like it will be the end of July 2021. In the meantime we will continue with our Zoom meetings

From the savings Rotarians had been accumulating from the absence from the Lyttelton Arms contributions to the Black Country foodbanks have been well received and it is a privilege during these times to be able and willing to contribute to these much needed causes.

The month of February is when Rotarians are charged to consider Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution. Millions of people all over the world are currently displaced by armed conflict or persecution. 90% of casualties in armed conflicts are civilians, half of whom are children. Through service projects and Rotary programs, the Rotary

family is committed to pursuing projects that address the structural causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Wherever possible and when the opportunity presents itself, the Rotarians of Hagley promote peace and support peace initiative as part of our commitment to better times ahead 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 7.00pm for 7.30pm on Monday evenings by visiting our website at <https://hagleyrotary.wixsite.com/website>

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Haybridge High School

Students definitely returned to school with a creative bang after lockdown, with many entering fantastic work in the Year Group Competitions. The Bake-Off Competitions have showcased some of the most creative cakes ever, with Zara Cambridge (Y8), Phoebe Slim (Y8) and Elizabeth Lewis (Y11) taking first, second and third prizes, respectively, for their delicious, themed confections in a rescheduled Christmas Bake-Off. The Easter Bake-Off first prize went to Poppy Dunlop (Y7), second place to Phoebe Slim (Y8) and third place went to Caroline Lewis (8). Well done to all who took part – their creativity and flair can be seen on the Haybridge Twitter Account @haybridgeschool

New competitions this year include the Stone Painting challenge – in which Maya Hart achieved first prize followed by Florence Gawthrop-Willets in second and

the Origami Challenge in which Anna Chapman – Fogliatti (Y7) took first prize, followed by Orla Dunphy (Y7). The Highest Pasta Tower was won by Leo Rees Smith (Y7) who balanced an egg atop a pasta structure 91cm!

We look forward to Young Voices New Visions Visual Arts Exhibition at Worcester Cathedral's Cloisters, Sunday 20th June until Sunday 11th July. Work by Haybridge Art Students will be exhibited along with art work from other Worcestershire schools.

It's so good to be back, surrounded by enthusiasm, talent and industrious students!





Hagley W.I.

Hurray! When you read this, we will actually be meeting again – following the Roadmap of course – and probably in groups of 6. We have our first monthly walk planned - quite gentle to start the season – and split into 6s if that is still the regulation. And we will be meeting in each other's gardens for coffee, tea, socializing and cake of course.

One of our members gave a great craft demonstration on zoom making a bright Spring garland from upcycled materials. Now we have each made a lovely Easter decoration for our homes and we're looking forward to our next craft afternoon.

We are starting to plan our monthly meetings to be ready for when regulations allow them and when we feel comfortable to meet. We also have to wait until national WI gives the OK and the Community Centre is open. Meanwhile members can play Walking Netball together, we have our social zoom meetings

and keep in contact with everyone by phone, email and newsletters. The knitters are busy – baby clothes and blankets for the prem baby unit and the children's ward at Russells Hall; and teddies, puppets, pullovers and hats for Teddies for Tragedies. And we collect food and toiletries for the local women's refuge.

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

Rosie Wynne

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Hagley String Orchestra

Our dedicated Hagley player, Haydn Thomas, has suggested I write about conductors, what's the point of them; what do they do? This is a key question for me.

I began conducting small choirs when I was at school, progressing to amateur singers in church choirs and choral societies, and thence to string and full orchestras, and finally directing professional orchestras. I realised with professional musicians that my role differed from conducting amateurs in that the players expected interpretation and expression, rather than help with ensemble.

With HSO, our players having varied musical experience and instrumental technique, I hope my job is to share enthusiasm and understanding of the music we're playing, and, listening carefully for any problems, deciding the appropriate way to suggest improvement. It's as though I'm an Adult Further Education tutor underpinning my conducting experience. Thus preparation of the music's score with its technical demands and deciding my interpretation, together with knowledge about the composer and

possible reasons for its composition is essential – work that I love doing! Above all, I try to give a sense of achievement and fun in making music together. To ask Haydn if I've answered his request, please contact on **01562 885 252;**

sanhay50@gmail.com

Jeremy Patterson - Conductor





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- 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!



BLAKEDOWN & HAGLEY TENNIS CLUB

It's been a challenging year for everyone but at long last we're playing tennis again. Our three newly resurfaced courts are enjoying a new lease of life! Two of the courts are floodlit so play is possible in the evenings too and the club is open all year round. We are located on the left-hand side of the A456 just as you enter Blakedown, heading in the Kidderminster direction. The setting is great for families as we are adjacent to a play park and the community field.

We have regular mix-ins on Friday and Sunday mornings plus Monday evenings, which means you can just turn up and have a game. If you've not played for a while or you're a beginner, why not take advantage of the various coaching courses available.

We also enter a number of teams in the local leagues which is a great way of meeting players from other clubs and we also have a friendly annual club tournament.

For more information visit:
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Sandy Thomas



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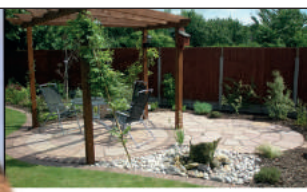
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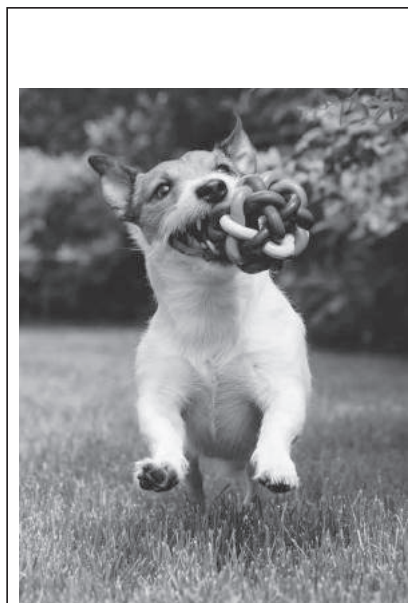
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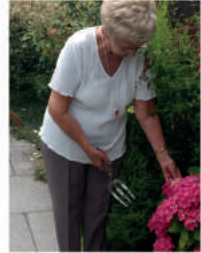
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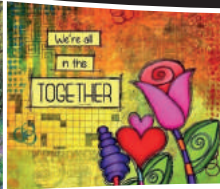
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In MAY we are hoping to see the return of our LITTLE TREASURES children's group 0 - school age, we will be in touch - we miss you all! For more details on the life of the church and our community **Contact <https://www.Facebook.com/LifecentralChurchHagley/> www.lifecentralchurch.org.uk**

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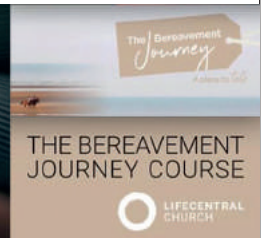
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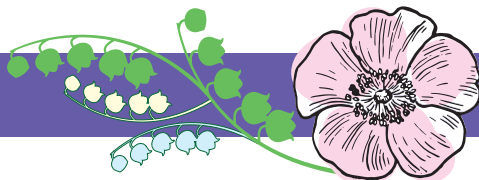
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Hand Of Friendship

HELLO to all our members! We are still here, missing our regular meetings and lunches. We hope we can start up again in SEPTEMBER, SO WATCH THIS SPACE! Love to you all **Jean, Marjorie & the team.**

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.
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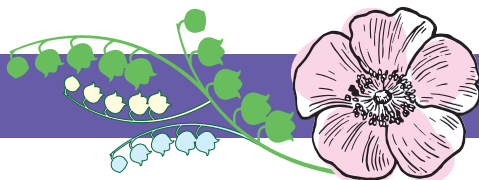
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We are holding a said Holy Communion service in church each Sunday at 9.30 am, followed by Worship on Zoom at 11.00 am.

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 together in church at the moment.

Christian Aid Week – 10 to 16 May 2021

Christian Aid began work in 1945 to help refugees following the Second World War. For more than 75 years the charity has provided vital humanitarian relief and long-term development support for communities world-wide. This year there will be no house-to-house collection across Hagley as a whole. If you'd like to give to Christian Aid please go to the website: www.christianaid.org.uk



Sunday Worship for May 2021

Date	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Sunday Worship
02nd May 2021	St Saviours, Hagley	on Zoom
09th May 2021	St Saviour's, Hagley	on Zoom
16th May 2021	St John's, Hagley	on Zoom
23rd May 2021	St Leonard's, Clent	on Zoom
30th May 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 – or if you would like to subscribe to our church magazine “Contact”.



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



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.



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 VILLAGE NEWS - ADVERTISING & EDITORIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

DEADLINES

The copy deadline for submission of both editorial and advertising is:

Before noon on 1st of preceding month (i.e. before noon June 1st for July edition)

ADVERTISING

Adverts must be in the following format:

300dpi jpeg or pdf

½ Page - 46mm x 64mm (HxW) Landscape

¼ Page - 92mm x 64mm (HxW) Portrait

½ Page - 92mm x 128mm (HxW) Landscape

Payment in full on submission of copy, a charge may be made for midterm alterations.

Email artwork for adverts to:
editor@hagleyvillage.org

Editorial may be reproduced on the village website



St John's Bellringing

"Let your fingers do the ringing"

Ringring 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**



**St. John's
Hand & Tower
Bellringers**

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
scarth@blueyonder.co.uk**



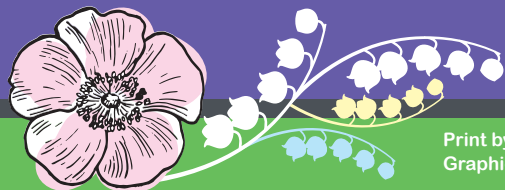
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AFFILIATED CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

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VERVE TAEKWONDO SCHOOLS: John Swift, 47 Land Oak Drive, Kidderminster, DY10 2ST	01562 827437
VILLAGE LADIES: Sue Billington, 23, Lodge Crescent.....	01562 885799
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Oh! roses and lilies are fair to see;
But the wild bluebell is the flower for me

Louisa Anne Meredith



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