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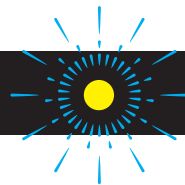
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Hello again folks

It's hard to believe that we are into June already. It's almost halfway through the year as we head towards the Summer Solstice and Midsummers Day. The time has flown past swiftly as we all gradually get back on our feet again.

Adorning our front cover of this issue is the beautiful boot of Hagley - familiar on many a walk through our countryside. Thank you Chris for this splendid image.

It's great to see our local clubs, groups, churches and businesses re-opening - we welcome them back wholeheartedly. Our community transport is also running again, so head over to page 9 for more information on registering and booking this. As you'll see we've dressed up the CB9 service as a 'man-bus' for this issue - a tribute to all our menfolk of Hagley. Happy Father's Day you handsome fellas! Grab yourselves a beer or two in the local and relish that sweet nectar!

Our interview this month is with Rachel Coton of Hagley Guides, Brownies and Rainbows. This is a lovely read about her role as a Ranger Leader. She speaks of working

with teenagers in the unit and how they stayed connected during the lockdowns as well as their support for the Brownies local litter picks. And on the subject of our young people's groups, Hagley Ramblers are now back to face to face scouting - we wish them the very best in all their future endeavours.

We shall soon be hearing the delightful sound of our lovely church bells ringing out once more. Tutorial sessions have now begun and the tower captain, Richard Scarth is particularly keen to recruit more ringers. So, if you are an experienced ringer or a novice wishing to learn a new skill then turn to page 46 for more information and contact details.

And last but not least - the Gardeners Club are in need of a chairperson so if any of you are interested in fulfilling this role then please contact Tony Iliff - details on page 16.

Enjoy June - we'll see you in July!

Alison Akers Editor

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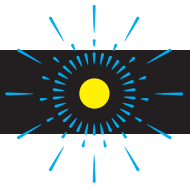
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In memory of Jenny

On May 4th, 2019 our daughter Jenny Hall nee Chater who attended Haybridge High School, was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease and sadly died 6 months later.

On June 5th this year her daughter's Emma and Isobel Hall will be starting the daunting walk from Land's End to John O'Groats to raise awareness and support for MND

research. If you wish to follow and support, click or go to <https://www.justgiving.com/remember/816697/Jenny-Hall>

Thank you - **R.E. & E. Chater**



Alan, Bryn and Ron's Bench

The bench situated by the allotments on Church Street was placed there in memory of Alan Rankin, Bryn Evans and Ron Piercy by their families. We would very much like to thank the unknown person or persons who have helped to keep the area around the bench tidy over recent months. The improvement has been really noticeable, and we are very grateful, as I'm sure are many others who use the bench.

Many thanks - **Marjorie Piercy**



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.

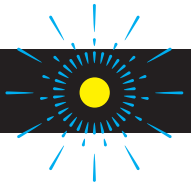


'Step Back In Time' features section

This month we've included an old photo of Park Farm and an advert for Moyle and Adams Grocers

If you have any photos from years gone by that you would like to submit for future inclusion please forward to editor@hagleyvillage.org

Please supply your name and any information about the image i.e location, date etc



Hagley Historical & Field Society

The Demolition of Mission Hall

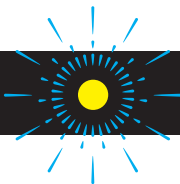
This photograph shows the beginning of the demolition of the Mission Hall on the corner of Church Street and Worcester Road. Health and safety requirements have changed considerably since 1972!

Mission Hall was designed by Tom Grazebrook (son of JP Grazebrook of The Court, Hagley) and opened on 18th December 1882. After St. Saviour's church was opened in 1908 it was no longer needed as a church and was used as a Parish Room. In the 1930s it was also a branch of

Lloyd's bank on three days per week. When St Saviour's Church Hall was opened, Mission Hall was demolished. Next time you go shopping see if you can spot what stands on that corner today?

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





The beautiful Witley Court

Another delightful painting by local artist Mike Spencer

Witley Court estate was named after the town of Great Witley and sits in 40-acres of land four miles northwest of Worcestershire and just short of an hour outside Birmingham.

It was one of Europe's most lavish Victorian estates with an iconic portico and timeless fountain being hallmarks of this treasure. For centuries and having nearly one hundred staff, it served as a residence for British Lords who often entertained royalty.

In 1937 a devastating fire ravaged the building, and finding it too costly to rebuild the owners abandoned it. Decades later the derelict building was rescued and preserved leaving it as the grandest Victorian manor in an arrested state of decay.

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Known as the Perseus and Andromeda fountain, it depicts a well-known scene from Greek mythology whereby Perseus rescues Andromeda from a sea monster on the back of a winged horse. It has been fully restored with 120 jets hidden among the shells, sea nymphs and dolphins and comes to life every day on the hour every hour from 11am til 4pm from April to the end of October.

With its hauntingly wonderful ruins, spectacular gardens and woodlands walks, Witley Court as Mike says "is a most beautiful place to visit and not too far from Hagley"



Step Back In Time.....

.....to Park Farm



Park Farm, Park Road - known as Green's Farm after the name of its last owners. This view is looking down Park Road towards St Saviour's church in the winter of 1957. It was demolished later in 1957 and Lodge Crescent was then built on the site.

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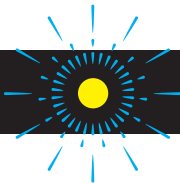
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Interview

Ten minutes in the company of Rachel Coton – Ranger Leader and Walton District Leader, Hagley Guides, Brownies and Rainbows

Rachel became Ranger Leader in 2016 growing the original number from 2 to the current 20 Rangers. The unit was originally started way back before the 1970s but subsequently closed in the mid-1990s.

When Rachel was first approached to restart the unit there were 2 girls interested in joining. This soon rose to its current level of 20, twice the average. Rachel is used to working with teenagers and was an experienced Head of 6th Form

Rachel said “the response has been fantastic, when the girls finish Guides at 14, they’re very keen to carry on and move into the Ranger unit, staying right up until just before their 19th birthday when a lot then become Young Leaders. The success is due to there being two strong Guide groups and so when the girls get to the end they want to carry on and do something else.”

I asked what attracts so many to want to join the Hagley set? “There’s a fantastic sense of pride as well as camaraderie, helping and supporting each other and in times when there are increasing pressures on teenagers the unit helps support mental health wellbeing, there is a strong bond which helps build strong social strengths.”

“During Lockdown, the unit met via Zoom. It gave the girls something to look forward to when there was nothing else, we meet every week and became very creative throughout the year. Even the GCSEs were cancelled so it gave everyone the opportunity to keep in touch.

Normally, the unit do some very engaging tasks such as ‘bake off competitions’ star bakers, walks, activities, as well as treasure hunt competitions. The unit carryout litter picks around Hagley. Rachel added “To have Brownies litter picks around the village is fantastic to see. They’re not only helping to keep Hagley tidy they’re sending out

a strong message that is saying we won’t drop litter and we don’t want others to drop it either. Hopefully when litter bugs see the effort these young people are putting in it might make them think twice”.

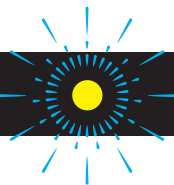


In Rachel’s role as Ranger District Leader, she’s heavily involved in helping young girls get on their feet and giving them self-esteem. “The Rangers give them a fantastic opportunity to bond as a team and it certainly gives them some life skills”.

One of the most memorable events the Rangers take part in is the London ‘Monopoly run’. This is where we meet at Paddington Station, underneath the clock at 9:00 am on a given Saturday in the summer. The task is based on an App which has cryptic clues to where the teams must go to and answer questions. This means that up to 5000 guides are running across London, using the tube and public transport all day long. The girls are really looking forward to 2022 when it is hoped that the competition is restarted

Interview by **Steve Colella**





Hagley Ramblers Scout Group

A huge 'Bravo' to the leaders in Hagley Ramblers Scout Group. Over the past year, they have managed and adapted to what we all know were extremely difficult circumstances. Their commitment and versatility has been remarkable and a fantastic example of scouting principles in action. These spectacular individuals undertake their scouting roles on a voluntary basis, they have busy jobs, hectic family lives and still find that extra time to give to the wider community. Words can't really describe the value they add to people's lives but I hope you will join me in thanking them for what they do for us.

We are now back to face to face scouting although not quite as we know it. The amount of time that it now takes to prepare for meetings has lengthened considerably

due to the risk assessment approval process. Although risk assessments have always been part of scouting we now have to do additional Covid Location Risk Assessments.

As always, if any parents/carers would like to join us as volunteers we will welcome you with open arms. No prior experience is necessary and full training is provided. It's lovely to be involved in something that is all about giving and having a positive impact on the world – the more the merrier!!

Kind regards
Sue Corlett, Group Scout Leader



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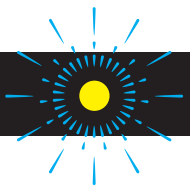
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Walton District Girlguiding

At last, I can write about the adventures of our members most of whom are now meeting face to face. Thanks to the hard work of the leaders most units are now in a position to meet regularly in person, some indoors and some outside. It has been a delight to see Rainbows painting and doing crafts and even a spot of dancing. Brownies and some Rainbows have been on Bluebell walks. Some Brownies and some Guides have been litter picking locally. The Guide units have embraced outdoor cooking once more and the leaders were delighted to go home once more smelling of woodsmoke. The Rangers have been setting what3word treasure hunts for each other in

teams around the village and are having a presentation about the Queens Guide Award. We are always looking for new volunteers so if you would like to get involved and think you could spare an hour or so a week then please don't hesitate to contact me on rachel.hagleyrangers@gmail.com

Rachel Coton



Hagley Gardeners Club

When we are given the nod, and everyone is happy, we hope to be able to return to a club meeting in September, BUT, remember we still need a Chair for the Club to be able to continue. Please contact me, Tony Iliff, (Treasurer) on 01562 883568 or tillyeye@aol.com, if you, or maybe you and a friend, feel that you can help.

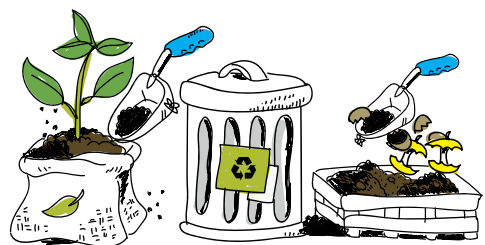
A few gardening hints from John Oakes, one of our former Chairmen.

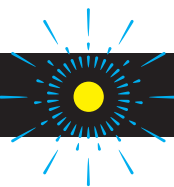
The summer solstice bringing the longest day, Wimbledon and strawberries, it has got to be June. The scent of roses and honeysuckle in the air, a hint of cloves from the pinks or dianthus, May and June are the most perfumed of months. If you are a hay fever sufferer you have our commiserations, for there is an abundant amount of pollen in the air. Before we start enjoying ourselves there is some work to be done. All the bedding plants can be put out with little fear of frost. Plant dahlias for bright colour in August and September. You can almost sit back and relax and hopefully invite a few friends round to admire your handy work. Alas the lawn needs cutting

regularly, some, twice a week, to keep that golf course look. The hanging baskets can be filled with petunias, begonias, fuchsias or plants of your choice.

Plant out tomato plants 45cm apart in well prepared ground or in grow bags or 35cm dia. pots. Put in stout stakes for support. Pinch out all the side shoots except bush types, and limit height to four trusses of fruit. They need lots and lots of water. You will never ever taste a better tomato, believe me.

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Village Ladies

Hello Village Ladies - Well, here we are in June already - however did that happen? And whatever happened to 2020? Looking back, it all seems so unreal. Did we dream the whole thing? Definitely not but now is the time for onwards and upwards. For some of us there may be the chance of a sniff of two of sea air and a feel of the sand between our toes. We can look forward to travelling further afield to meet friends and family or we can invite them to our homes and don't need to wait for a favourable weather forecast - if it's pouring with rain, they can come inside!!! It's amazing how excited we're getting about the smallest of things!!

It is getting more and more certain that we can put the date of the first Village Ladies meeting of 2021/2022 in our diaries - Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 8.00 pm in St. Saviours Church Hall. At the moment it may be a good idea to put it in in pencil but the time is fast approaching when it can be written in INK!! What a milestone!

Enjoy June, Sue's newsletter and hopefully some nice warm weather but still take care and stay safe.

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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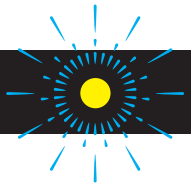
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Hagley Parish Council

The continued Covid-19 restrictions meant that this year's Annual Parish Meeting was held virtually via Zoom. The Council submitted written reports from the Lead Councillors on the year ended 31st March 2021. It is hoped that next year's meeting will once again be held in public with the public in attendance.

Copies of the Lead Councillor reports have been made available on Hagley Parish Council's website and will form part of the minutes of the meeting.

It is great news to report that the Dial-a-ride bus has restarted after being suspended following the lockdown 3 at the start of the year. The bus will follow 'Covid safe' rules and will make trips to Stourbridge, Kidderminster, and Longbridge. I am very keen that this service is taken up by many more users as it is an excellent way of keeping mobile and helping people get out and about. The destinations also include

trips to such places as garden centres or other destinations requested by users. I would urge anyone interested to call **0121 476 1816** for more information.

The playing fields and Pavilion are nearing completion. The Pavilion external works are underway whilst the internal works are due for its final safety inspection. The field is now being cut regularly, along with final seeding a general maintenance works. As a reminder STW is responsible for returning the field to pre-drainage works and as such is making sure that the field will meet that standard before removing the fencing.

Cllr Steve Colella
Chairman Hagley Parish Council



Hagley Neighbourhood Watch

With the Governments road map to re-opening and greater social movement and interaction it has come to my notice that many people took advantage to go away for a break but not asking neighbours to pick up post from post boxes and door mats.

If I can see that there is no one home I am sure other, less welcome visitors can. Please re-remember to tell neighbours if you are going away and ask them to remove tell tail signs that there is no one in.

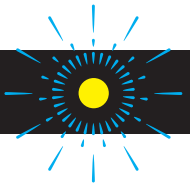
There continues to be reports of Anti-Social Behaviour during the evenings across parts of Hagley. Each incident has been reported to the Policing Teams via 101 and on a few occasions the ASB resulted in calls to 999.

There has also been reports of ASB incidents on Wychbury Hill. On each occasion a request has been placed with the Safer Bromsgrove Partnership to increase patrols in these areas as well as seeking the options to deploy CCTV surveillance at these hot spots.

Keep informed via Hagley Neighbourhood Watch on its Facebook page.

Steve Colella and Roger Seabury
Joint Coordinators





Bromsgrove District Council

A Government 'Welcome Back' fund has been announced which will be aimed at supporting the re-opening of High street businesses. At the time of writing the details are still to be clarified but upon reading this update if anyone has any ideas, please let me know and we will take them forward if possible.

We are also aware that some claims for Covid government support in Hagley have been taking longer than ideally everyone would like. I would confirm that the District officers have been working flat out to administer the applications. If upon reading this update you are waiting for your application to be processed, please let your ward councillor know and we will do what we can to help.

An updated request has been made to the Bromsgrove Safer Partnership for an additional CCTV camera to be installed at

the Church St access. This will be assessed against other applications so it might take a few months before I am able to report anything further.

I have now been put in touch with an officer from the Safer Roads Partnership who has asked that I update him on the contacts I have received in respect of road safety issues across Hagley.

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



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Hagley Surgery

COVID UPDATE The COVID vaccine clinics continue at both our Kidderminster Medical and Stourport Health Centre sites. We are successfully delivering the eagerly anticipated 2nd doses to those that received their vaccines in January and beyond. We are also proud to be continuing to offer first doses to those patients in lower groups. For both 1st and 2nd doses, patients will be invited via text message with a link to our online booking system and can choose a suitable appointment date and time to come to the vaccination clinics.

Appointments: We are continuing to operate a telephone appointment system at the surgery. For those patients who need to, we are still carrying out face to face appointments at the surgery and anyone that needs to come in will be offered this option if it is clinically indicated. This will be explained and a time mutually agreed between the patient and the clinician during the initial telephone call. All appointments (including telephone slots, nurse appointments for smears or blood tests) continue to be available to book

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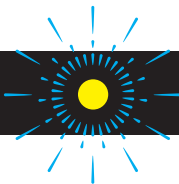


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In April we had another Zoom presentation for our members. This was with local artist Sean Counley; who demonstrated the use of coloured pencils with an example of Fantasy Art, and an image of an amazing dragon, with wings, claws and scaly skin in amazing detail. Sometimes it is thought that coloured pencils cannot compete with other mediums to produce a picture with vivid colours, and this demonstration definitely belied that.

However, the most interesting thing about the session was Sean's skill in explaining and detailing the actual techniques needed to produce an expert picture. Not for the faint-hearted or the impatient, there clearly is a great deal more to this medium than simply purchasing a set of pencil crayons!

The Zoom presentation on Friday June 11th will be by Di Cope Mixed Media – Subject TBA and hopefully Friday July 9th Kevin Turley Life portrait in Acrylics will be at St Saviours church hall.

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

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HAGLEY ART CLUB

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- Reserve Children's Book Bundles for free using a junior library card
- Attend Storytime sessions for pre-school children from 22 April

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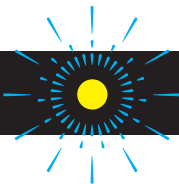
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Hagley Country Dancers

This is the month when we are hoping to start dancing again as we were promised that we would be "back to normal" by June 21st. However, newspaper reports suggest that the new "normal" may not be the old normal and that social distancing may be required for some further time. We await the result of a Government review and hope that it will allow our dancing sessions to continue. Meanwhile, stay safe and stay well. Thanks again for keeping in touch via Whatsapp and e mails.



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In March the Hagley Rotarians of Hagley were looking forward to July 2021 when the long-awaited weekend away was confirmed all things permitting which this year is being staged in North Wales. Proposals for an the external event was considered including rock climbing, white water rafting and bungee jumping was discussed, but a more exciting canal trip was favoured.

Further contributions to the Black Country foodbanks have been well received. It is a privilege during these times to be able to contribute to these much-needed causes.

The month of March is when Rotarians concern themselves with projects involving sanitation and water purification, an obligation and interest they have been high on the Rotary agenda for many years.

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Wherever possible and when the opportunity presents itself, the Rotarians of Hagley purchase and provide for water aqua sets as part of our commitment to better environments which is what makes our weekly Zooms such worthwhile 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>

Martin Freckelton: 01562 700 391

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Haybridge High School

It has been so nice to be back in the semi-normal swing of things, surrounded by industrious and cheerful students. It's a pleasure to highlight one particular success story: Gene Pepler, a Year 8 student, has scooped the regional prize in a prestigious design competition - Land Rover's 'Drive by Design' competition and won an IPAD and a bag of Land Rover goodies. Comments from Land Rover - "Gene's design artwork is really fabulous, he has done a really great job. He is one of 7 winners in the UK. We decided to pick regional winners rather than one overall winner as there were so many great entries to the competition. He is the only winner from the West Midlands, South West AND Wales!" Gene's design of 'when tough needs the tougher' seems very apt as a reference to the past 12 long months. We are extremely proud of his achievement.

Executive School Council is being relaunched with a combination of those students who were members before lockdown and a fresh recruitment drive to fill the places left by Year 11 leavers and the Year 7 students who have not yet had the opportunity to take up positions of responsibility. We look forward to a full complement of Executive Student Council members and a successful launch before the summer.

We are also relaunching the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and recently held our first-ever online Q & A session for parents/carers with a bumper turnout! We look forward to sharing news of future expeditions!



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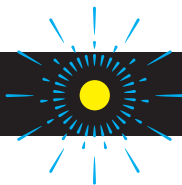
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Hagley W.I.

Spring is so welcome with the longer days, the abundance of nature – and the relaxing of restrictions so that we can start to meet. We are having regular walks - in groups of 6 and enjoying the live company, the conversation and the countryside.

And Ts & Cs have a new meaning – not the serious Terms and Conditions but 'TEAS & COFFEES' - outside in our gardens, coffee and cake and meeting face to face. The time just slips by as we re-connect 'for real'. And we hope that, as the weather warms up, all the members will be able to meet in small groups.

If you are in the village, do have a look at our new-look Noticeboard by the pharmacy – a real sign of Spring with examples of the crafts we have been making and the WI Green Hearts.

For the future there are craft afternoons, social zoom sessions and walks planned as well as Ts & Cs. We continue to keep

in touch with members with Hagley and County WI Newsletters and by phone. And we still have our Centenary to celebrate in 2021....

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Rosie Wynne



Hagley String Orchestra

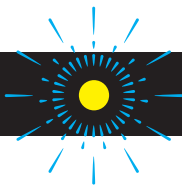
I wonder how many of you reading this may have a violin, viola, cello or double bass tucked away at home and unused for many years? I guess that lots of people started to play a string instrument when at school and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, particularly being able to play in a school orchestra. After leaving school, lives change and become too busy with other enthusiasms, possibly dominated by marriage and a growing family, and your instrument is left in a cupboard out of harm's way.

There are a number of examples of players in HSO who returned to their 'school' instrument in later life, possibly when beginning retirement. One, who had a highly successful career as Head of Music in a Stourbridge school, renewed playing cello when she retired. Another, who became a single mother after her marriage break-up, was persuaded to study music at a college of further education. An experienced pianist, she needed to choose a second study and decided to take up the viola, now loving the HSO ensemble. Our Hagley contact Haydn

Thomas, aged 7, was first taught by his father using a small violin, progressing to full-size when at grammar school, but interest waned, and he gave up until his mid-forties, when he was inspired by Cynthia Downes. Do these stories 'strike a chord'? If so, do let share your thoughts with Haydn **01562 885 252;** sanhay50@gmail.com

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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)

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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.

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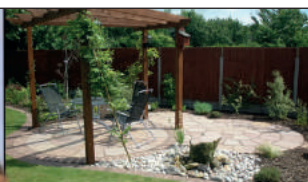


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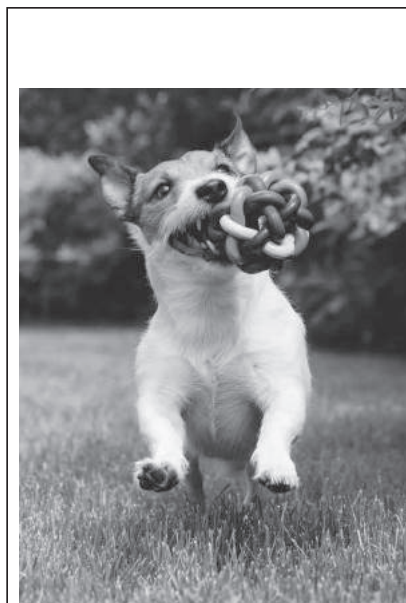
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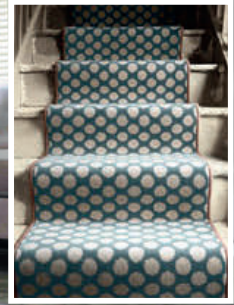
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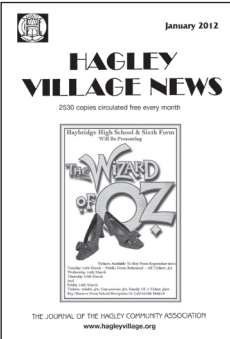
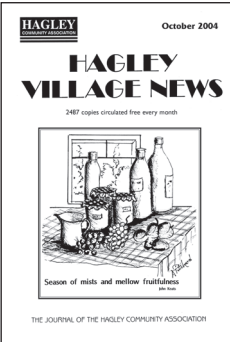
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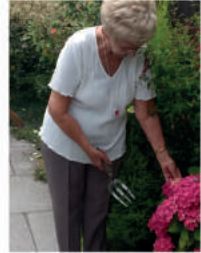
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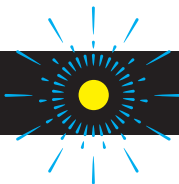
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Sunday Services June 2021

Date	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
06th June 2021	Rev. David Tennant	
13th June 2021	Rev. Edwin Boddington	
20th June 2021	Pastor David Umbers	
27th June 2021	Rev. Stephen Carpenter	

Prayer

The pollsters have had a field day in recent months and social media has been overloaded. One topic has been religion, and many have googled “prayer” including those not normally religious. It doesn't seem to matter what or to whom just reach out and seek. There is an old hymn which begins: “Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed” Keep praying and after the crisis is over.

Rev.David Tennant

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.

Marjorie & her team

Church Office

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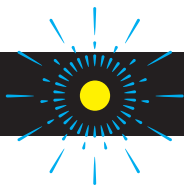
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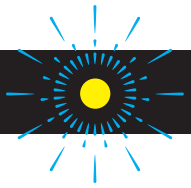
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Date	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Sunday Worship
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We have recently started to conduct weddings again, in a limited way. As from this month, we will begin doing baptisms again, also in a limited way. It's great to get a bit more back to normal, after such a long time!





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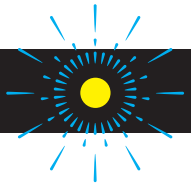
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The cancelled summer 2020 Wednesday morning talks in the church are being rebooked for 2021. We will take the lead from how the church facilities are being used and take guidance from the incumbent Rev. Richard Newton. The Mothers Union have started 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.

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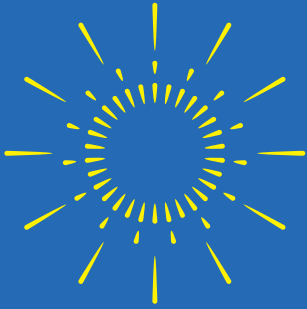
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I have to go to bed by day.

I have to go to bed and see
The birds still hopping on the tree,
Or hear the grown-up people's feet
Still going past me in the street.

And does it not seem hard to you,
When all the sky is clear and blue,
And I should like so much to play,
To have to go to bed by day?

Robert Louis Stevenson

