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Seasons Greetings

So here we are in December and the closing of another year. We started off 2021 in a gruelling lockdown that lasted through the dark, cold winter months of January and February then on into March - and after a particularly subdued Christmas in 2020 with many restrictions placed upon us. This year is looking much better and we're sure many of us will be taking the opportunity to enjoy being back in the swing of all things festive.

And speaking of festivities we're pleased to report that some of our local groups are indeed putting on their own seasonal performances. Head over to page 7 to find out more about the Scouts singalong which we're sure will be absolutely fabulous. Hagley Theatre Group Youth section are holding their Christmas Spectacular at the Community Centre - see their advert on page 23 for more details. And Music for Sanctuary will be showcasing their Christmas performance at Kidderminster Town Hall - more information is on their advert on page 4.

It really is good cheer to see most of the clubs and societies in the community enjoying being back to normal and doing what they do best - take a look at their articles to see what they've been up to and what they plan to get up to! A quick shout out to the WI in Hagley who are celebrating their centenary this month - enjoy your bubbly and cake ladies!

On the local church pages you'll find details, times and dates of the services and events being held at each throughout December and for Christmas.

And finally we'd like to end on a really heartwarming note with a big massive well done to Sam Gascoyne - he has been awarded the British Citizen Youth Award for his amazing fundraising.

Wishing all you lovely folks a very merry Christmas and a splendid new year.

Alison Akers Editor

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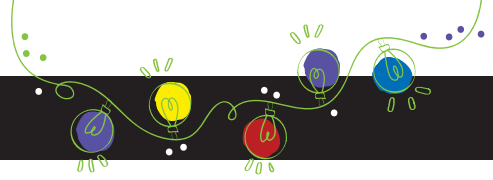
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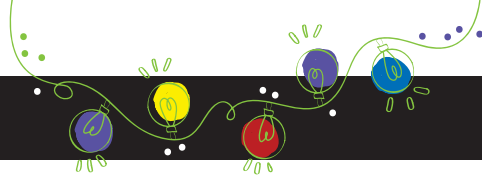
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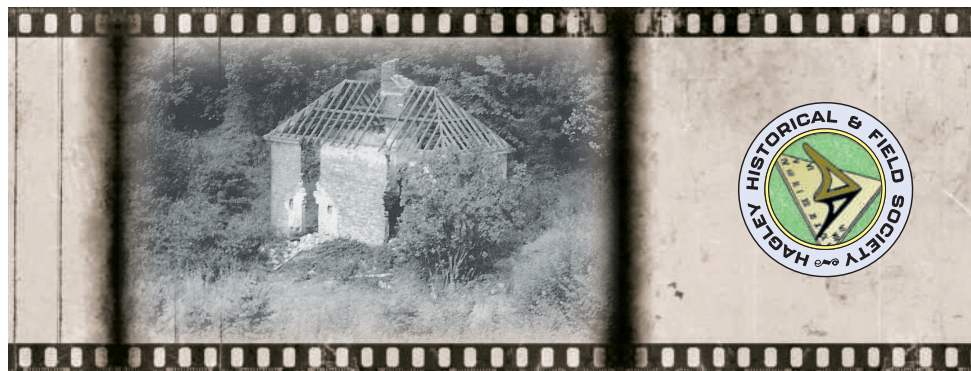
This photo, taken in 1963, shows a somewhat dilapidated cottage on Wychbury Hill. A building is shown on that site on late 19th century maps. It was previously inhabited by a gamekeeper.

At the time of the photo, it had been uninhabited for 4 years. In February 1963 a public enquiry discussed a proposal to replace the cottage with a larger house. A Mr Neenan had stated that he would not be speculating but would live in the new house. The deputy clerk to Bromsgrove Council, Mr J F Badham said that if the building were allowed it would mean the building of a single house in the middle of

the green belt. It was stated that a modern house of perhaps twice this size would be more intrusive than 'this insignificant little ruin. However, in May 1963 the Minister for Housing and Local Government upheld Mr Neenans request and permission was given, subject to the house being screened by shrubs and trees and there must be no overhead power lines.

Mr Neenans dreams did not come true however and today there is no building on that site.

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



We are thrilled to be meeting again in person, with a fantastic variety of speakers and subjects for members and visitors to enjoy.

Our next meeting at St Saviour s Church Hall is Tuesday 7th December we once again welcome Max Keen presenting King Richard III: Hero? Murderer? Loyal Brother?. This is a tale set against the complexities and horrors of the Wars of the Roses. Was Richard the monster that Shakespeare would have us believe? Was he the rightful King of England after his brother Edward IV? Was he involved in the disappearance of his nephews the famous Princes in the Tower?

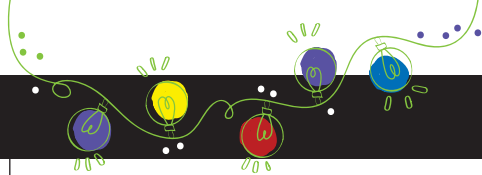
Max is a popular speaker at our society and delivers his subject matter with humour and appropriate clothing, including armour, chainmail and even weapons of the period!

On Tuesday 4th January we welcome Mary Bodfish presenting 'First World War Smethwick and the Lightwoods Military Hospital'. During the First World War, many large houses were commandeered for use, and Lightwoods Park in Bearwood, Smethwick was no exception. During the conflict, more than 1,300 soldiers recuperated at the Park, come along and find out some of their stories.

Visitors are most welcome at all our events.

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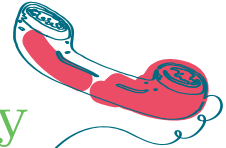


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All are welcome



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			Wendy - YOGA 11.00-12noon	
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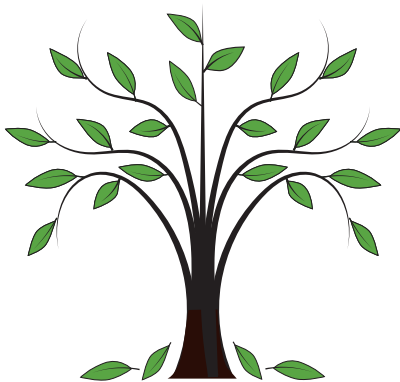


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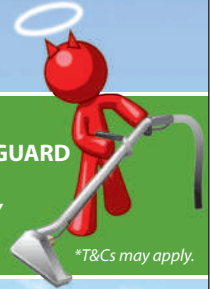
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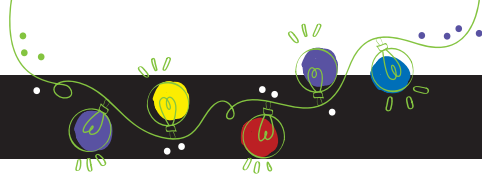
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Interview

Ten minutes in the company of The Reverend Richard Newton

The Reverend Richard Newton lives and works in Hagley, first coming here in July 1996. He has just celebrated 25 years in post and as a resident. Richard initially ministered at St Johns and St Saviours, also taking on St Leonard's, Clent, in 2015.

Being spread three different ways comes with its challenges, and sometimes having time to stop and chat is difficult before I have to be somewhere else - but I have a great team added Richard.

"When I came to Hagley there were five Lay Readers, licensed to take services and preach, and two retired clergy. Over the years the make-up of our ministry team has kept changing. Now I work with a recently-ordained priest, a retired priest, a reader, and an authorised lay leader as well as with many others, such as churchwardens .

Information in the Domesday Book of 1086 suggests there may have been a priest and a wooden Saxon Church in Hagley at that time. There are certainly remnants of a Norman church in St Johns. St Saviour's was built much later, in 1908, in stone after the church received a bequest from a local resident.

Richard went to University in Bristol to read economics. Although I had no idea what I wanted to do, I soon discovered that accountancy wasn't for me! I gradually realised that being a priest was my calling. After University I became Regional Secretary for the Student Christian Movement for the Midlands and Southwest. I then trained for three years at Queen's Theological College in Edgbaston. My sponsoring diocese was Bristol and I spent four years there as a curate from 1988, and became assistant priest in Dorking and Pixham from 1992 to 1996. Pixham had a

tiny church designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens who is famed for designing the Cenotaph in Whitehall, and its own school with just two classrooms.

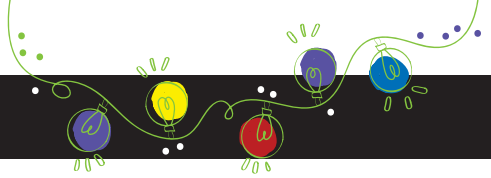
I think it was being a Cathedral Chorister in Chichester as a young person that set me on this journey. My parents were church-goers and my Dad a church organist in Croydon; I would always go to church with them.

I asked Richard how things have changed from when he started. The way we worship has changed quite a lot over the years. Remembrance services have become more popular. We had over 500 people for Remembrance Sunday in 2018, which was fantastic. People continue to come to church for life-changing events such as weddings, funerals and baptisms. Before the pandemic we were holding 40-45 baptisms a year. Everything's re-starting again, with some limitations, and we hope we'll be back to something like normal soon.

We've tried to remain active in the pandemic by supporting people in all sorts of ways where we can, including local food banks and charities such as Christian Aid. We aim to be a welcoming and inclusive church and hope people enjoy interacting with our churches and being part of the Christian community.

Interview by **Steve Colella**





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In September, the Rotarians of Hagley became acquainted with their meetings at Blakedown and Churchill Golf Club, following on from the momentous task of straightening the Rotary Club Plaque to announce confirm their venue.

We were delighted to welcome our partners and guests to our meeting of the 27th when Godfrey Partridge had to step up to cover a no show by the speaker.

For Rotarians the month of September is when we consider the need for Basic Education in the UK and in less privileged countries.

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The Rotary Club of Hagley in Fellowship with Rotary International wishes their New President Martin Freckelton Good Health and Happiness.

Should anybody require help or assistance or just a friendly phone call during the period of confinement please just phone:

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Rotary
Club of Hagley



Hagley Probus Club

A lovely sunny day brought Hagley Probus Members and their Ladies together at Hagley Golf Club. Sadly, our President, Robin Oakes, could not be with us due to ill-health and was wished a speedy recovery.

Members were served Chicken Chasseur followed by Vanilla Cheesecake and coffee. Following the meal, the Secretary read out the Committees response to points raised by members aimed at strengthening the bond and friendship between members old and new. Members then were given a fascinating, if sombre, talk by Ron Gallivan on the Unknown Warrior. The idea came from the Rev. Donald Railton, an Army Chaplain. After meticulous planning an unidentified member of the British Services killed on European battlefields during the First World War was buried in Westminster Abbey on 11th November 1920. The symbolism of the act was subsequently

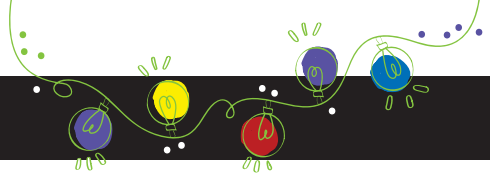
taken up by other nations including Australia, New Zealand, United States and many more.

Vote of thanks was given by David Tubb and the Loyal Toast was taken with the meeting closing at 3pm.

Next meeting of Hagley Probus Monday 29th November 2021 and Local Retired Businessmen from Hagley and District are most welcome. Please contact Alan Hess on **07967 590219**

Alan Hess, Hon Secretary





Hagley Gardeners Club

We had our first post lockdown, afternoon, meeting on Thursday 28th October and very much enjoyed the talk given by Rosemary Winnall entitled Flower Power .

For those of you who are lucky enough to get you copy of HVN before the end of the month our next meeting will be on November 25th. At St Saviour's Church Hall starting at 2.00.p.m. Visitors will be welcome as always.

Here are a few gardening comments from John Oakes, one of our previous Chairmen. December is my least favourite month in the garden. Bare trees, soggy lawn and everything is grey, brown or black. Well not quite. Some flowers persist to bring a smile. Pink and white heathers, Fatsia japonica, viburnums with their sweet scent, Japanese cherries, winter honeysuckle, Witch hazel and Mahonia Charity. Even early cyclamen Coum may show an appearance. Not forgetting the red berries and wearing the crown of our Christmas holly.

It is however a good time to take stock and plan ahead. Those seed catalogues provide inspiration and information. Keep the bird feeders topped up with high energy suet pellets, seeds and mealworms and enjoy their visits. Let the garden sleep under a blanket of mulch, thus giving you plenty of time to focus on spending time with family and friends over the festive weeks.

Tony Iliff – Hon. Treasurer
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Active Seniors

As the days get shorter and the temperature drops it's easy to put off exercising and take the easier option of doing less. But as the outside tasks such as gardening wind up for the winter and long walks seen less appealing, it's really the very thing we need to keep our bodies healthy. Not only is it good for our muscles and heart but also for our mental wellbeing.

Active Seniors classes will be running until mid-December and will restart after the Xmas and New Year break but with limited class spaces available and more people that enquire about classes in the New Year there isn't a better time than now to get your name down to try a class.

If you fancy something a little different there are a few places available in the tai chi classes and also in the Happy Hearts class on Monday mornings. These classes

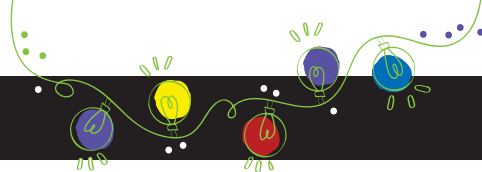
are suitable for moderately active older adults but also for those that may be a little younger but need a slightly less challenging class. Please call for more details.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Active 2022!

NB: There will be no classes weeks commencing 20th and 27th December. Classes resume after 3rd January 22

Angela 07512 546480





Village Ladies

After such an unsettled year we are delighted to be able to celebrate together with our friends for our annual Christmas Celebrations. This will be held for members only on the 14th December at 8pm in the church hall and this year will be a little different to our usual carol service but nonetheless just as enjoyable. We will still enjoy a bring a bit supper and the usual swapping of cards!!

Our first meeting in the New Year will be 11th January to wake up your brains with a lively and thought-provoking quiz.

We would like to say thank you to Alison, the Editor of Hagley Village News and all her team for giving us such enjoyable and colourful editions of the News each month

especially throughout the difficulties of this year - they work very hard, and all are volunteers so thank you to you all.

We wish everyone a Very Happy and Peaceful Christmas

Sue Billington



Hagley Country Dancers

As confidence has grown, so our numbers have increased, and we are almost at pre pandemic numbers. It has been wonderful to meet old friends again and to become re acquainted with our traditional (and not so traditional) dances. A good chat and a bit of gentle exercise are just the thing to cheer up the darkening days. And we have our Christmas party to look forward to! So, if you want to get out of the house for a couple of hours on a Monday afternoon and have a look at what we do, we would be delighted to see you. There is plenty of parking via Chapel Street. There is no charge for a first visit, subsequently the cost is £2 per person. For more information, ring June Waterhouse, **01562 700639**

Art Club

By the time this magazine goes to print the club will have had its Annual Exhibition and it is always difficult to write in the past tense when the event hasn't taken place yet but assuming the hall did not develop a huge sinkhole or been evaded by a plague of locusts, we are hoping that the exhibition was as successful as its previous one in 2019, with many paintings and cakes purchased and a good time had by all. Fingers crossed!

October's meeting was the Appraisal Evening for existing members and those who brought their work with trepidation to be picked apart in public ended up really happy to have done so, since under the encouraging if often frank observations of John Maul Finch, everybody was able to get sincere and welcome advice to enable them to produce the best work they were able to.

In December we see a return to our normal programme with a much-awaited demonstration by very popular artist Kara Strachan with Acrylic Flowers

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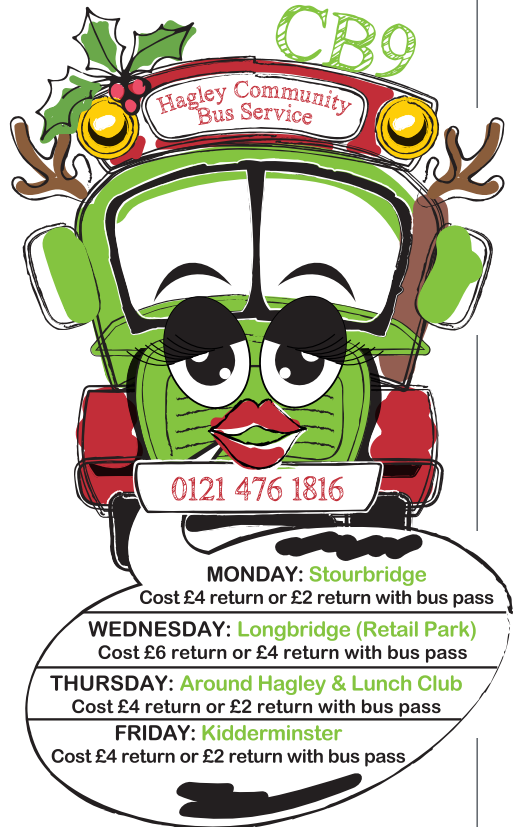
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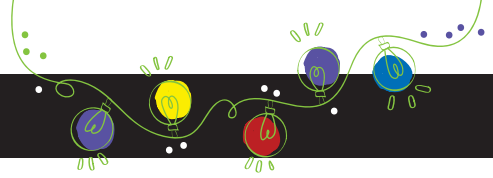
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Hagley Parish Council wishes each and every one of our residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Although there will be no big event in the village this year, our local businesses always keep the village looking and feeling festive with their decorated windows and ranges of gifts and food.

Whilst 2021 hasn't been quite as challenging as 2020, it's still been a different kind of year for most of us. It's great that this Christmas we can see our loved ones, travel and make the most of the hospitality that's available in our area, without any of the previous restrictions. Whatever your plans, be safe, have fun and make sure that you keep your homes secure and well lit.

Our offices will be closed from Thursday 23rd December and will reopen on Tuesday 4th January.

If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer and getting involved in various activities throughout the year, please get in touch.

To stay up to date with news and information, give our Facebook page a like and keep an eye on the website.

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Bromsgrove District Council

Residents may be aware that the Parish of Hagley and the District of Bromsgrove is facing significant pressures from further housing growth, not only from its own housing needs but also from the neighbouring planning authorities of Wyre Forest DC, Black Country and the Greater Birmingham Planning authorities.

The Draft Wyre Forest Development Plan has completed its public consultation process and was placed in front of an independent Inspector earlier this year. The Inspector has recommended a few changes to the plan primarily in respect of highways impacts. Unfortunately, the issues raised by us as district councillors, Hagley Parish Council and Bromsgrove DC have not resulted in any changes to the plan. The main concerns were in respect of the added traffic generated because of housing and employment growth in the Wyre Forest district and the lack of a transparent highways infrastructure investment plan.

The Black Country Plan has just closed its public consultation. Our objections related to development on the Black Country/Hagley boundary i.e., Worcester Rd, Pedmore whilst

The Birmingham Development Plan has not come forward yet. The land put forward by landowners for development in Hagley and elsewhere in Bromsgrove are going through an evaluation process by the BDC planning officers. The impacts of these developments are being assessed and will ultimately come forward in Bromsgrove's plans spring/summer 2022.

Garden waste collections have now returned to normal following its suspension earlier this month due to impacts of Covid infections amongst the environmental team staff.

Bromsgrove District Councillors

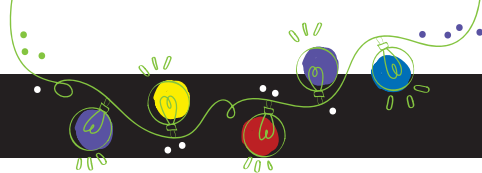
Steve Colella (Hagley West)

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Hagley Neighbourhood Watch

There has been a spate of recent burglaries in Hagley targeting homes with no lights on in the early evening. Please consider these simple crime prevention precautions:

- Leave a light or two on inside if you are going out and will be back after dark
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- Ensure ladders are securely fastened to a solid object and out of sight
- Ensure windows accessible from flat roofs are locked and secured
- Don't keep large sums of money in the house
- Report anything suspicious to the Police on 101 (or 999 if an emergency)

If anyone has CCTV/camera footage of crimes in progress or attempted crime contact the police 101.

The cold weather is now upon us and with it brings frost and snow. Thieves operate in the early mornings looking out for people who

defrost their cars by leaving them unattended with the engine running. The exhaust vapor coming from the exhaust is the first sign the thief looks out for and by the time you realise someone is near your car is gone. Your car could be used to commit further offences or fund criminal's lifestyle.

There is a report of Anti-Social Behaviour where eggs have been thrown at the victims house and car between 23/10/2021 2100- 0200 on the 24/10/2021 on the Kidderminster Road, Hagley. If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact West Mercia Police quoting log **00317_I_24102021**

Co-ordinator Steve Colella.



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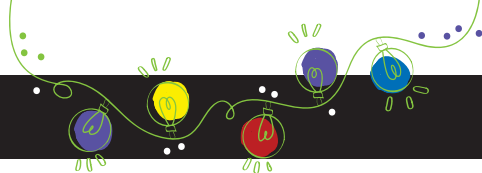
Over the course of next summer, a team of five Explorers from the Scouts Scott Explorer Unit in Hagley - Luke, Sam, Will, Andrew and Marcus will be working to complete their Explorer Belt challenge. This is one of the highest Awards achievable in Scouting. For the last 10+ years, they have all been through the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in Hagley, so this is one final Award they would all like to complete before they leave Scouting next year. The challenge consists of a 10-day expedition in a foreign country, navigating, hiking, and cooking, whilst also completing challenges surrounding its culture and history whilst on route. They will be completing one major project and ten minor projects to present it to a panel from their local District. Their chosen country is France, and for their major project they are looking to understand the influence the Germans had on towns such Vichy, during the Second World War, to mark the 80th anniversary of these dates.

One of the first challenges these young people need to achieve is, to raise the funds to enable this expedition to go ahead which will cover

travel, food, and visits etc. These Explorers will therefore be collecting at the Hagley Primary School Fete on the 4th of December and at the Scout Singalong at Hagley Pavilion on the 11th of December. They will be selling raffle tickets to win prizes including a Fortnum & Mason Hamper - which was kindly donated by Goodwin HR <https://m.facebook.com/goodwinhr/>. They will also be selling cold drinks and sweets at the Singalong. If you would like to buy tickets for this, then please do come along to the events or alternatively donate via our Hagley Ramblers Scout Group Facebook fundraising page. <https://www.facebook.com/100005059359971/posts/1929918213853472/?d=n>

Your contribution will make a big impact whether you donate a lot or a little or buy a raffle ticket. Thank you for supporting local young people in your Hagley Village.

EXPLORERS Scott Unit



Tuesday Tea Club

I am pleased to say that the Tea Club has started again on Tuesdays in the Free Church Hall. A new start after a long break and I am the new girl running it. I have taken over from Sue and Simon Baker who had done a wonderful job for many years, they will be sorely missed. I hope I can carry on their good work. I would be pleased to hear any ideas you have for the club. Are there any changes you would like or are you happy to keep things as they are? After all it is YOUR club. I look forward to seeing

everyone again each Tuesday and new members will be very welcome as always. Any questions about the club feel free to phone me. Sheila Munden **01562 636333**



Hagley U3A

In December Hagley u3a won't be having a speaker but members will be having a Christmas lunch (entrance by pre-paid ticket). On Wednesday January 5th we'll be having a Quiz. The venue is St Saviour's Church Hall - doors will be open from 1.30 with the meeting starting at 1.45. There will be refreshments and new members are welcome! The room will be well aired, seating socially distanced and hand sanitiser available. We recommend wearing masks when walking around more information from our Chair Jane Mottram

(01562 888219) or Membership Secretary Ian Powick **(01562 883822)**.

More information about Hagley u3a:
www.u3asites.org.uk/hagley/welcome

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Walton District Girlguiding

All sections in Walton District have had a really busy Autumn term with lots of badges being achieved and adventures both outdoors and indoors being enjoyed.

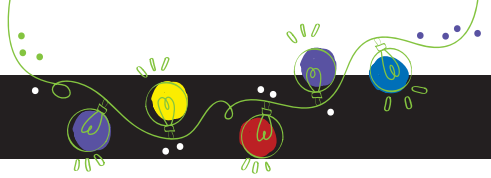
Second Hagley Brownies had a visit from an Animal Lady getting to hold some really interesting creatures. This was followed with an interactive session about the illegal trade in animal skins by Phoebe Plant. Rainbows celebrated Halloween by dressing up and playing games. Guides have been developing their independence by working on Skills Builders in small groups. Some units have taken part in UK Parliament Week and many Christmas crafts will be created during December. Some of the Rangers attended a County Day Trip to Gloucester to try out the Ninja Warrior course and the Rangers have worked on the

Entrepreneurs Badge with some interesting business ideas. The district was represented by the older Guides and Rangers at the village remembrance service.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our young members, leaders and supporters in the village a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rachel Coton





Recognition for Sam - Well done

Sam Gascoyne, from Haybridge, and living in Hagley, was awarded the British Citizen Youth Award at the House of Lords, on Tuesday 26th October. He received the award (from Anthea Turner) due to his fundraising of nearly £9,000 for Myeloma UK from his #15B415 that he did to help his mum in her efforts to raise £50,000. Their overall total is now £35,000 so Sam's amazing fundraising as made a huge difference and will really help myeloma patients.

Sam is really grateful to everyone who supported him from Hagley and the other local villages - he never for one minute thought he could raise this amount but is so proud and thankful for everybody's donations. If you didn't get a chance to donate but would like to, please head over to www.JustGiving.com/15B415. He'd like to get his total to £10,000 if at all possible!!



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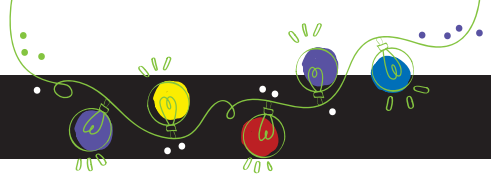
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Hagley W.I.

This month we celebrate our Centenary - the actual founding date was 21 December 1921 - and our December meeting will be a 100th Birthday Tea Party with bubbly - and cake of course.

So far we have enjoyed two normal meetings in the Community Centre. We also attended the Worcestershire Annual Council Meeting with a brilliant flower-arranging demonstration by Andrew Lloyd and had a very interesting and educative visit to EnviroSort, Worcester.

Each year the WI nationally passes one or two Resolutions - the most famous was Keep Britain Tidy. One hundred years ago the 1922 Resolution was Welcoming the Government action taken to combat Venereal Disease and urging education on Public Health issues. In January we will discuss the proposed 2022 Resolutions which include better diagnosis and support

for women and girls with ASD and ADHD, the appropriate sentencing of non-violent women offenders, and tackling Digital Exclusion.

Up to date information of our events is on the Noticeboard by the Pharmacy. Visitors and new members are always welcome to our meetings on the second Monday at 2.00 pm in the Community Centre. If you would like to know more, do get in touch - Mita Barnes hagleypres@wfedwi.org.uk **01299 879996**

Rosie Wynne



Hagley String Orchestra

In each terms repertoire we have at least one major work for string orchestra. These celebrated pieces are often quite substantial and impose challenges, and therefore take up a major part of our rehearsals. To offset these works, we try to have a relaxing short piece to give contrast and renew our energies.

This terms *bonne bouche* has been a Nocturne by the French composer Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924). Fauré is probably best known for his wonderful Requiem which he composed in 1886 aged 41. When he was an adolescent student, he was taught by (Carnival of the Animals) Saint-Saëns who became a father-figure. Fauré was organist at several major churches in Paris before teaching, and eventually becoming Head, at the Paris Conservatoire where, among other well-known composers, he taught Maurice (Bolero) Ravel.

When he was 44 in 1889, Fauré composed incidental music entitled *Shylock* for a new production of Shakespeares *The Merchant of Venice*. The penultimate movement is this Nocturne depicting the love scene between Lorenzo and Shylock's daughter Jessica. How sweet the moonlight sleeps upon this bank!

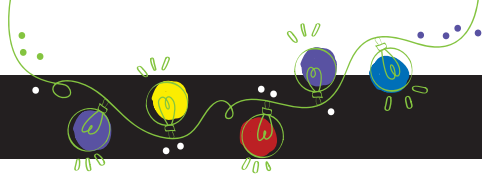
Here shall we sit, and let the sounds of music creep in our ears: Soft stillness and the night become the touches of sweet harmony. It is sublime! NB these words were also set by Vaughan Williams in his glorious *Serenade to Music*.

Please find out more about our orchestra from Haydn Thomas (**01562 885252**; sanhay50@gmail.com).

A Happy Christmas to all.

Jeremy Patterson - Conductor





HCK Badminton Club

HCK Badminton Club is reopening on Tuesdays 8-10 pm as well as continuing our Friday sessions 8-10 pm. We will be offering adult beginners / improvers sessions during the Tuesday slot - a perfect opportunity for anyone looking for a chance to get into the game to have a go in a friendly, informal environment. Experienced players from HCK badminton club will be on hand to provide tips and support as necessary. £7 per person per session or £30 for 5 sessions. Own equipment is not necessary. Please contact Paul in advance for more information on **07731744467**.

The competitive badminton season has finally restarted post covid, with a good win for our mixed team over manor badminton club. We are looking forward to a good season on and off court, with Friday club nights thriving and a number of social events planned.



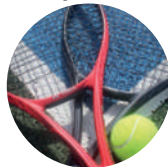
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It's been a challenging year for everyone but at long last we're playing tennis again. Our three newly resurfaced courts are enjoying a new lease of life! Two of the courts are floodlit so play is possible in the evenings too and the club is open all 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.

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SUNDAY DEC 5TH 12-2 pm

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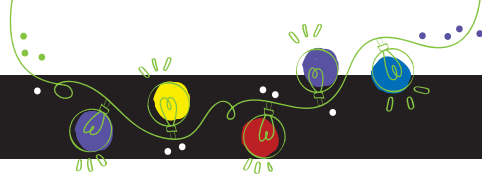


This year has been so different for us all, we have enjoyed helping, supporting, and having fun in the community.



*"December being the last month of the year, cannot help but
make us think of what is to come" - Fennel Hudson*

Village Information



Hagley Free Church

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Hagley Free Church
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SERVICES DECEMBER 2021

Date	Morning and Afternoon	
05th December 2021	Holy Communion - 10.30am	Rev. David Tennant
14th November 2021	10.30am	Dr Ken Mothersdale
21st November 2021	Christmas Carol Service - 4pm	Rev. Rikki Twigg
28th November 2021	Christmas Day Service - 10am	Pastor David Umbers

CHRISTMAS 2021

Hagley Free Church would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas. Why not join us to celebrate and give thanks at our carol service on Sunday 19th December at 4pm. The service will be conducted by Rev. Rikki Twigg. Then to follow, our service on Christmas Day, led by Pastor David Umbers at 10am. Please come along and bring your families.

MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP

HFC has been running a very successful toddlers group for some years. Our volunteers remain enthusiastic, but help is always needed in setting up the toys and equipment prior to arrival of the toddlers and parents and then putting away later. This would involve about 30 minutes work

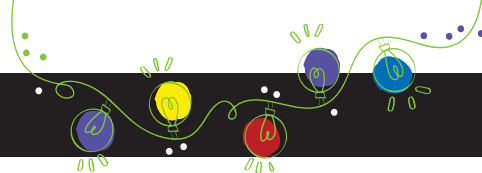
each session, once a week from about 9am and a further 30 minutes or so from about 11.30am. The group meets on Wednesday each week and is usually very well attended. We can offer friendship, tea/coffee, biscuits and our gratitude to anyone who would like to help. Thank you.

FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING 1st Friday of each month in the Church Hall from 10am-12pm. Everyone is welcome.

CHURCH OFFICE Monday, Thursday, Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm
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THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER

MU Advent Service 2.30 pm St Saviour's followed by seasonal refreshments in the Church Hall.

CHRISTMAS EVE:

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SUNDAY & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP FOR DECEMBER 2021 - FOR HAGLEY AND CLENT

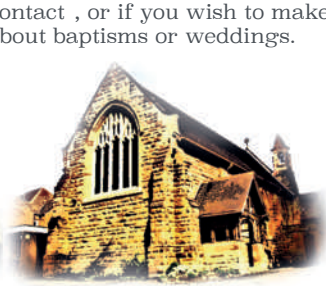
Date	Morning and Afternoon	Evening
05th December 2021	Holy Communion at St Johns - 10.30am Christingle at St Leonard s - 10.30am	
12th December 2021	Holy Communion at St Saviour s - 10.30am Holy Communion at St Leonard s - 10.30am	Sunday Worship on Zoom - 5pm
19th December 2021	Nine Lessons & Carols at St Johns - 10.30am Family Carols at St Leonard s - 10.30am	Carols at St Saviour s & St Leonard s - 6.30pm
24th December 2021 Christmas Eve	Crib Service at St Leonard s - 3pm	Midnight Holy Communion at St Johns & St Leonard s - 11.30pm
25th December 2021 Christmas Day	Holy Communion at St Saviour s - 10.30am Christmas Worship at St Leonard s - 10.30am	

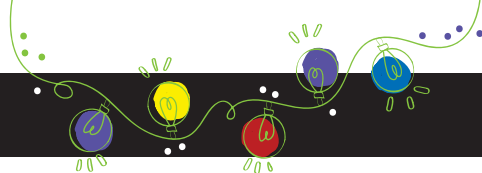
There will be no services on Sunday 26th December (Boxing Day). Please look on the Worcester Diocesan website for worship online.

There is a said service of Holy Communion in St Leonard's at 10.30 am on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month, and in St Saviour's at 10.30 am every Thursday.

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.

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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. 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**

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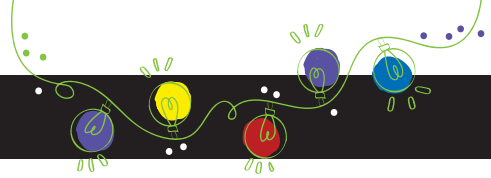
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Richard Scarth - 07768 273545
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Friends of St Johns

Just saying a year say like 1939 , 1984 or in contrast the 60s . Gets the respective message across of doom, control or delight.

Well, 2022 will sound a note of celebration and optimism as reflected by a text I had from Tony, one of members of The Friends of St Johns on what can be said in this piece for this issue. November issue

You could add that The Friends held their AGM in October and members are looking forward to 2022 when it is hoped that the usual Coffee Mornings will restart from May onwards. Thanks Tony

Lets look for the sun in the crystal ball rather than the clouds blocking our clear happy vision of next year.

Richard Scarth
for the Friends of St. John's
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