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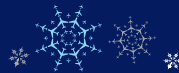
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Happy New Year

It may be chilly outside, but we welcome you with much warmth to the first edition of the Hagley Village News of 2022. We'd like to start off with a reminder that the Hagley Community Association AGM will be held on 21st January at the Community Centre. Please do pop along - all are welcome. We'd also like to mention that the community centre is available for public hire, to find out more about the facilities on offer and bookings visit www.hagleyvillage.org.

Included in this issue are new affiliates and advertisers and as always some very interesting articles well worth taking time out to read. Jonathan Plant, Poppy Appeal Organiser for Hagley and Blakedown has a full page write up for the Royal British Legion. Check out page 7 for his comments on the Remembrance Commemorations and Poppy Appeal and of course the Window competition. In the interest of keeping safe we'd definitely recommend reading through Steve Colella's report for the Hagley Neighbourhood Watch on page 20. A very informative piece

on how to keep safe from online fraud and who to report to should you fall victim to this unscrupulous practice.

It has been said numerous times that we are a nation of animal lovers and of course we in Hagley are no exception to that sentiment. The RSPCA Stourbridge and District branch is run completely by volunteers who rescue, foster and rehome cats and other small animals across the area. This lovely organisation has beautiful cats who are looking for their forever home. Could you give a loving home to a pussy? Take a look at page 21 to find out more and perhaps your new companion(s) could be Maple and Cherry or Taz or Robbie or one or two of the many other gorgeous felines who need a home - hopefully they'll find one 🐾

Enjoy your reading and indeed the rest of the month. We'll catch up again in Feb!

Alison Akers Editor

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We are on the lookout for more old memories from the lovely folks of Hagley

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Hagley Historical and Field Society

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 fascinating stories.

On Tuesday 1st February we welcome Paul Timmins from the Clent History Society presenting 'Clent Village: A Brief Look Back (Part 1)'. The talk promises to be interesting for anyone familiar with Clent and wanting to spot the history hidden around us. The talk

includes many pictures from the Society's archive and photos taken by Paul over a period of years, documenting changes in the village and surrounding area.

Visitors are most welcome at all our events. See hhfs.org.uk for details and contacts.

Rachel Paget



National Trust

Calling all National Trust Members

Why not start the New Year by joining your local National Trust Support Group. Wyre Forest and District Centre National Trust is a well established group who over many years has raised a lot of money for many projects in support of various National Trust local properties.

Since the National Trust was formed over 125 years ago, they have preserved many sites for the nation. Now they join the debate following the Conference of Parties (COP)26 held recently in Glasgow about climate change, campaigning for further changes for protecting the environment

We meet at Blakedown Parish Rooms, Belbroughton Road for interesting talks, at 8.00 pm once a month, in the winter months we meet at 2.30pm. In summer months we are offered a wide range of outings which from experience have been excellent. Trips to the Symphony Hall and a chance to attend an Annual dinner with friends completes the line up. In 2022 the Annual Holiday is to

be in Anglesey. Recent talks have included: Sir Edward Elgar Eyam the Plague Village and Florence Nightingale and the Malvern Cold Water cure

Our first meeting in January will be on Wednesday January 12 at 2.30pm when David Brown will talk about Private English Country Houses.

A modest fee for membership, visitors welcome for small charge .Why not come along and give it a try, I think you will be glad you did.



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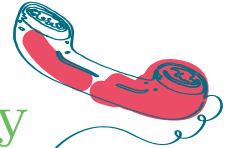
REMINDER

The Hagley Community Association AGM will be held on

21st January 2022

at the Community Centre

All are welcome



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The helpline is now working again from 10am - 12 midday. Please note though that due to a shortage of volunteers to man the Office, it will only be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for the foreseeable future!

Hagley Scout Hut Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yasmin - PILATES & MUMMY & ME PILATES 9.45-11.45am	Rachael - ME TIME FITNESS 10.30-11.30am			Jenny - RHYTHM TIME 9.15-11.30am
			Wendy - YOGA 11.00-12noon	
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Royal British Legion

By the time this is published November will seem a long time ago. We would like to thank everyone in the village for their involvement and support for our Remembrance Commemorations and Poppy Appeal.

Remembrance Sunday

A particular thank you to the Scouts and Guides for their participation in the Act of Remembrance at the Hagley War memorial, and parade up to St Johns, and grateful appreciation to Hagley Parish Council for organising the parade and SARA for marshalling the event. We even appreciated the Ambulance coming around the island with blues and twos during the two minutes silence, albeit that the sirens were switched off promptly when the driver saw us! The service at St Johns reminded us all of the sacrifices made on our behalf, and although the attendance was small (because that was what was requested due to Covid), it was all the more poignant for that reason. Hopefully 2022 will see us return to the numbers of previous years, although I seemed to be expressing the same sentiment a year ago!

Poppy Appeal

I can reveal that the total for Blakedown and Hagley Districts at the end of November was £10,535 which was comparable with our previous record year in 2018. Thank you to all for your generosity. The Poppy Stall in the village raised a record total of just under £6,500 (62%) of which £1,664 was via our Contactless & Card Donation Terminals. The trend towards digital rather than cash payments has impacted on the amounts in collecting tins in offices, shops and cafes, and there will be fewer tins around next year. In my last year as Poppy Appeal Organiser in Hagley, I would like to express my particular thanks to Helen Roberts and Neil Coldicott, who have shared the opening and closing of our Pop-Up stall over the two weeks of the appeal, and all the collectors (especially the eight new ones) who manned the stall over the fortnight. All the proceeds of the Poppy Appeal are used to provide welfare to ex-servicemen and their families, and we are blessed with the support we have received, Thank you!

Remembrance Window Competition

There was a real atmosphere in the village this year, with poppies on the lampposts and 19 shops decorating their windows with a remembrance theme. We ran a competition for the best dressed window and must thank Lord Cobham and the Chairman of Hagley Parish Council, Peter King, for being on the judging panel. The winner was the Station Inn with the poignant silhouettes of soldiers in red and black along their frontage. Congratulations! Thank you to Helen Roberts for organising the competition, and to every retailer who took part. Their certificates have now been issued and so each one will be able to show you whether they were on the podium or highly commended – please support our retailers by asking them when you go in to see them!

And it's goodnight from me!

When I took on the role of Poppy Appeal Organiser for Hagley and Blakedown Districts in 2016, I said it would be for 3 years only until I was 70. This has been my 6th appeal, and I am hopeful that I can now pass this job on. I will still continue as Remembrance Co-Ordinator and Treasurer of the Blakedown and Hagley Branch of the Royal British Legion and hope to see you as a collector on the stand in 2022. I have met so many people over these six years, and have been continuously amazed by your generosity and support for a cause which has become increasingly dear to my heart. During the last couple of years, we have been asking everyone to be less visible because of Covid. This goes against the grain, when your instinct is to keep Remembrance and the British Legion in the public eye. Like many village clubs and charities, we rely on the next generation to continue the involvement of our and previous generations. I would ask all readers to consider how they can best help what is a fabulous community that I have been fortunate to live in for almost all my lifetime. A sincere thank you to you all.

Jonathan Plant





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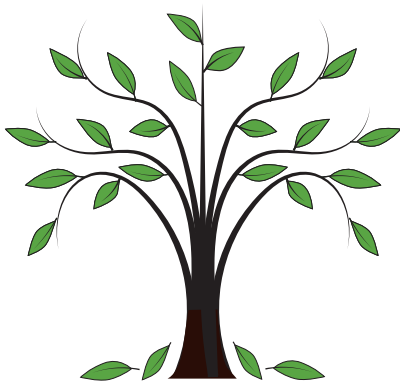
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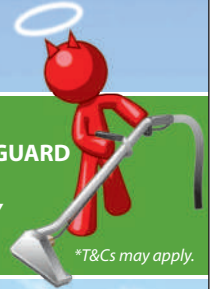
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November saw the club's big event, our Annual Exhibition. The exhibition ran like clockwork and Keith Turley did us proud with his opening address, saying something positive about every one of the 6 Highly Commended certificates he chose. If you missed his address, you missed a treat.

The Highly Commended certificates were awarded to

Mel Adams /Joan D'Arc'
Hazel Gillard /'Catching the Light'
Rosie Evers/ 'Goat'
Sheila Hill/'Skippy'
Graham Lockett/'Miller's Dale'
Gloria Wild/'Wyre Forest'

Friday night was quieter than in the past, but Saturday and Sunday were busier with quite a buzz throughout both days. The cafe was popular as usual and we made a profit on the day from all sales.

Public Vote winners:

1st Heather Taylor/'New York'
2nd Hazel Gillard /'Chasing the Light'
3rd Graham Lockett's 'Newport Sands'

The raffle winners were:

Hamper/Mr & Mrs. Robinson of Wollaston
Port/Mr & Mrs. Wynne of Oldswinford
Christmas cake/Jane Elder of Hagley

Thanks must go to the owners of the dentist building and KR D by the lights for allowing us to display our banners on their property.

Forthcoming events:

(Members free/Non-members £5)

January 10th Jess Pritchard –
Floral Art with Coloured Pencils

January 31st Jim Power
Equestrian Art / ZOOM (Members only)

Further details at www.hagleyartclub.co.uk
New members are always welcome. Contact us at hagleyartclub583@gmail.com

Sallie Gurney - Website Editor



HAGLEY ART CLUB

Village Ladies

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE
Hopefully everyone had a peaceful, healthy and joyous Christmas with friends and families. It takes so long to prepare for the Big Day but seems to go by so quickly but Christmas 2021 was thankfully back to as near normal as could be.

Whilst writing this in November we are still looking forward to our Christmas Supper together which must be a little different to past years. Each group were asked to provide a Christmas reading and someone appointed to do that reading. Supper would be organised by the groups for their own table. I am sure that the evening will have gone swimmingly as it always does and this is the time of year when friendships come to the forefront, a really good start to the Christmas celebrations.

Looking forward to our January meetings. The usual annual post-Christmas Quiz will be held on the 11th January with each group competing against each other

hoping to get our brains started again after all the celebrations. On January 25th Linda Stanford's daughter-in-law Esther, who is an actress and playwright, is coming to tell us Both Sides of the Stage and Both Sides of the Camera. A light-hearted insight into the theatre behind the scenes.

If you would like to make new friends and while away two Tuesday evenings each month, why not come along to a meeting and see if you would like to join. Contact details on back page of Village News.

Sue Billington





Active Seniors

Well another year has rolled round so Active Seniors send you all good wishes for 2022!

It's always hard to find motivation in the middle of winter to get out and do some exercise but why not try it – you may even like it!! That's our aim in Active Seniors classes as we know you are more likely to stick at it if you enjoy it. So if you would like one of those last few spaces in classes at Hagley then don't delay – pick up the phone for a chat. Classes are for reasonably active older adults. To celebrate the New Year – and as the Chinese New Year of the Tiger starts on 1st February, Angela is pleased

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Hagley Country Dancers

We finished the year in style with our Christmas party, when, in addition to everyone performing a selection of favourite dances, some of our members displayed their talents as singers, instrumentalists and artists on the spoons. We look forward to continuing our enjoyable Monday afternoons in the New Year, starting on January 10th. If you are looking for some pleasant company, gentle exercise, and a bit of fun, why not make a visit to us one of your New Year resolutions? New members can be sure of a warm and friendly welcome. 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**

Hagley Gardeners Club

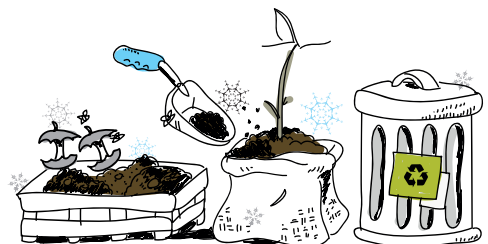
If you have not already heard over the grapevine (bush telegraph), it is with a deepening form of sadness that this will be the last entry from Hagley Gardeners' Club. With dwindling numbers and rising costs, it was deemed that the club could not continue. We've had a good run, some 50 years, and contributed to the fabric of village life. Times are changing and are more challenging for families.

With over eight gardening programmes on UK TV plus ten or more on Netflix, we are not short of information and ideas. In addition, with the seasonal RHS shows and speciality programmes, you could say we are overloaded. However, they are as popular as ever, and some have a cult following. Alan Titchmarsh and Monty Don to name two. The internet will answer any gardening queries you may have and 'YOUTUBE' demonstrations make it easy.

There are around 60 private gardens open to the public under The National Garden Scheme in Worcestershire alone, raising monies for charitable causes, and always worth a visit.

Finally, thank you to all those who supported the club and contributed to its success over the years. We will miss meeting with friends but have some wonderful memories.

John Oakes - Former Chairman
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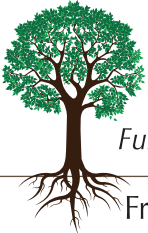
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see our regular ladies in the new year and new members are all welcome. For more details please contact Sheila Munden **01562 636333**



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

Carolyn Buckle - Secretary



Hagley String Orchestra

Our Spring Term began on Tuesday 11 January with a stimulating and eclectic range of music from Beethoven, Gershwin, Mozart, John Ireland and Rameau. In addition, a work by a composer friend of mine, Elis Pehkonen, which we last played in 2014.

I guess that the best known piece from all of these composers will be Mozart's Serenade 'Eine kleine Nacht-Musik' K. 525. It is thought that Mozart was commissioned to write this work when he was living in Vienna in 1787, when he would have been 31. He was then working on the 2nd Act of Don Giovanni, which became a huge success at its premiere in Prague. This was also the year in which his rather domineering father Leopold died.

The music for this Serenade is joyous and in four movements - Allegro, Romance, Minuet and Rondo. Surprisingly, it was

not published until 1827. After his death in 1791 when Mozart was only 35, his widow Constanze became short of funds, and in 1799 sold a bundle of his music including this Serenade to a publisher who did nothing with it for the next 28 years! What a wasteful mistake!

Jeremy Patterson - Conductor





The Arts Society Stourbridge

The Society's November meeting was well attended for the lecture by Julia Marwood from Manchester on the French Impressionist Auguste Valette and his famous pupil L S Lowry. Members voted that it was excellent. However, the lecture this month is on Thursday 13th January and will be given by Roger Butler on "Canal Architecture in the West Midlands." It is often said that Birmingham has more canals than Venice. Today's Canals in the West Midlands are a fascinating mixture of traditional and contemporary design, architecture and engineering. Unfortunately, the powers that be are closing Stourbridge Town Hall in the week of the lecture for routine maintenance, so we have decided to revert to our lockdown practice of Zooming the lecture. Mr Butler lectures for The National Trust and the RSPB

as well as The Arts Society and undertaking consultancy projects for the World Heritage Agency, Waterways Ireland and Natural England. If you would like to join us on Zoom, please contact Neill Robb on either **07484 830487** or **neillrobb@btinternet.com**, preferably before Monday 10th January so that you can be sent the link free of charge.



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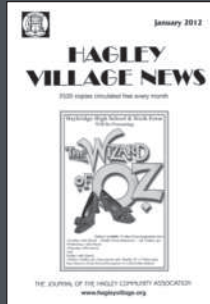
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Hagley Neighbourhood Watch

The festive period is a time when there are those who would exploit us given any chance. Keep Safe Online this Christmas. We are using online shopping more and more and so. It's important to take a couple of precautionary steps when purchasing goods online to keep safe and avoid being targeted by criminals.

If you think you're being scammed, take a moment to stop and think how you can keep you and your money safe. Keep your money and information safe by only purchasing items from authorised sellers.

WhatsApp fraud

There are now risks of being scammed or fraudsters operating in all aspects of social media as well as on-line. Even with WhatsApp there have been an increase in reports of scammers pretending to be a family member or friend on WhatsApp. Always make sure messages are from known contacts and any requests for money or personal data is not exchanged.

Lottery fraud

Lottery fraud occurs when criminals use fake messages and calls to convince a person that they have won a lottery or a prize draw. The victim is then informed that they will need to pay an advance "fee" to receive the winnings.

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Steve Colella - Co-ordinator



Bromsgrove District Council

As a reminder Hagley Parish Council is supporting the development of a Hagley Neighbourhood Plan (HNP) and I thought it would be a timely reminder to detail the purpose of the local plan.

A Neighbourhood Plan covers Hagley Parish and forms an important part of the overall District Plan and much follow certain rules, such as it must have general conformity with the Bromsgrove District Plan. Although it cannot contradict the District Plan it can add to it, particularly importantly on local issues.

The HNP must address the issues identified through consultation upon which it has developed its aims and policies. Once the statutory consultation has been completed a 'proposed' HNP will be submitted to Bromsgrove District Council and once 'approved' it will go forward to an Independent Examination. This process goes to a local referendum where it must have 50% of the vote in favour of adoption,

upon which the plan will be brought into force. This process is anticipated to last beyond 2022 and into 2023 and will continue to follow several structured steps.

The HNP will cover several topics including History and Character, Protection of the Environment, Movement of People and Vehicles, Future Business Development and Future Housing Development.

If you would like to know more about the plan as a volunteer or as an observer, please contact me to discuss further.

Bromsgrove District Councillors

Steve Colella (Hagley West)

Rachel Jenkins (Hagley East)



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RSPCA Stourbridge & District branch

The Stourbridge and District branch is Hagley's local branch of the RSPCA. We rescue, foster and rehome cats and other small animals across Stourbridge and surrounding areas. What many people don't know, is that like every other branch of the RSPCA in England and Wales, we are a separately registered charity to the national RSPCA. We are therefore totally self-funded and responsible for raising our own, vital funds locally. Furthermore, our branch is completely run by volunteer trustees and fosterers who give us their valuable free time. Without volunteers, we simply could not operate.

As well as fostering and rehoming, we support with neutering, reuniting lost pets and can offer assistance with veterinary treatment in some circumstances through our veterinary partners. As we don't have an animal rescue centre all cats, rabbits and guinea pigs in our care live with our volunteer fosterers. So far this year we've helped rehome 20 cats and three rabbits and have another 18 in our care, looking for their forever home. It costs approximately £50 per day to keep our cats in foster care – that's before any veterinary costs.

WINTER CARE

As we're in the midst of winter, we thought it might be helpful to provide a few tips to help best care for your feline friends:

- Be careful using antifreeze and clear up any spillages – it can be fatal to cats
- Check their paws when they come inside – gently wipe to remove any salt, grit or chemicals – don't forget pooches' paws too
- Keep them entertained indoors with 'toys' or activities – you'll be surprised how much fun cats can have with just an empty box or sweet wrapper!
- Ensure their microchip is up to date, just in case they wander a little further than normal
- Provide a litter tray indoors – particularly for senior cats or those with medical conditions

For rabbits, it's important to give them sufficient bedding and keep them warm and dry, with an insulated sleeping area. Rabbits share warmth too – so a companion will help keep them toasty as well as reduce stress. **Rabbitwelfare.co.uk** is a great source of information and support.

There's lots of other ways you can support us as your local branch too – either through donations or perhaps you have space in your heart and home to become a fosterer?

Follow us through our social media channels or visit our website. You can also email **stourbridgerspca@hotmail.co.uk** if you'd like any further information or support.

Could you offer a forever home? We have a number of cats in our care looking for their forever home (some pictured). By giving a cat in our care a new home, you're not only helping them but also another animal that you've enabled us to rescue by creating the foster space. You can read about all the animals available for adoption on our website **www.rspca-stourbridgeanddistrict.org.uk**



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Hagley W.I.

As we start a new year, we would like to send our best wishes to you all for a safe and healthy 2022!

At our first meeting of 2022 on Monday 10 January we will discuss and vote on Resolutions put forward by WIs nationally. This year they include the appropriate sentencing of non-violent women offenders and tackling Digital Exclusion. The following month on Monday 14 February we will have something very different - a Drumming Workshop with Ronnie Prudence.

I'm writing this in late November but - by the time you read this - we should (Covid-permitting) have had our 100th Birthday Party in December. We'll continue celebrating our Centenary postponed from 2021 starting with a date for your diary - we hope you will join us for a Fashion Show on Monday 25 April in the Free Church.

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

Rosie Wynne



Walton District Girlguiding

With every unit in the district oversubscribed and waiting lists longer than ever we are looking for more volunteers. Our volunteers have great fun and make fantastic friendships. It has been a pleasure to welcome some new volunteers to the district recently. If you would like to get involved, please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk and click on the "get involved" link. All our volunteers are given support and training.

Well done to 1st Hagley Guides for raising £130, to 3rd Hagley Brownies for raising £80 and to 2nd Hagley Rainbows for raising £187 for Children in Need with dancing evenings and bake sale. Girlguiding, Children in Need and Strictly Come Dancing teamed up to fundraise together and all girls that took part in the fund raising achieved a badge. Congratulations to members of 2nd Hagley Guides who achieved their Guiding Gold Award. These are the first Guides in the district to do this since the new programme including this prestigious award was introduced. Both Hagley Rainbow units enrolled more Rainbows and it was lovely for parents to be able to watch.

December was a busy month for our members of all ages with Christmas crafts including decorating gingerbread houses and making fused glass decorations, edible reindeers and of course Christmas parties in every section. Brownies and Guides visited the cinema to see the new Disney film Encanto. Rainbows visited the cinema to see Mirabel's Movie Magic in an exclusive Girlguiding screening. 1st Hagley Rainbows completed their Amey engineering badge making lots of structures out of all sorts of unusual building materials. Rangers got into the festive mood by ice skating at Sixways Stadium in Worcester. There is no doubt that 2022 will continue to offer fantastic activities and opportunities for the young people involved in Girlguiding in our village.





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.



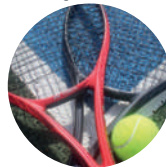
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It's been a challenging year for everyone but at long last we're playing tennis again. Our three newly resurfaced courts are enjoying a new lease of life! Two of the courts are floodlit so play is possible in the evenings too and the club is open all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

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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or follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/blakedownhagleytennis/>
Sandy Thomas



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And as a reader of this magazine we are happy to invite you and your child along for a free, none obligation taster to enable you to see what all the fun is about! Just give us a call on **07545 236917** or email **dhomer@littlekickers.co.uk** and quote the Hagley Village News to arrange this.



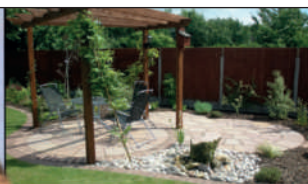


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Welcome to 2022*



January is always a time for new starts and we're looking forward to all that 2022 has for the people of Hagley after the difficult times of the pandemic. We at Lifecentral love being part of the community every Sunday morning from 10.00am on the field at the Community centre. We enjoy being with all the families as they enjoy the football and fun on the park! We'll be looking for opportunities to serve the community of Hagley both on a Sunday and during the week. We run Little Treasures every Thursday morning, so if you're a parent or grandparent with children under 5 then do come along to our caring toddler group!

And as always please contact us if you would like to talk about anything that is bothering you - we're here to help.

**Every Blessing
for 2022**

THE
best
IS YET TO *come*

**JOIN US
Every SUNDAY 10am**



COMING VERY SOON!

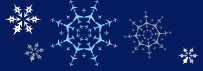
**Got questions
about life**



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Christianity is not about religion. It's about faith, about being held, about being forgiven. It's about finding joy and finding home.

Bear Grylls



Hagley Free Church

95 Worcester Road, Hagley DY9 0NG
Secretary: Tel: 01562 884344



Hagley Free Church
Established 1905



SERVICES JANUARY 2022

Date	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
02nd January 2022	Rev. Edwin Boddington	
09th January 2022	Pastor David Umbers - Holy Communion	
16th January 2022	Mrs Hazel Quelch	
23rd January 2022	Rev. Peter Bradley	
30th January 2022	Rev. John Maile	

HAPPY NEW YEAR - from everyone at Hagley Free Church

We wish you ALL the happiest of New Years. Let us start anew and refreshed in all aspects of our life. With God as our Leader, may we be prepared for all the challenges of another year, hoping our goals will be reached with love and peace. May God always be present in your lives. Have a Happy New Year.

HAND OF FRIENDSHIP IS RESUMING ON 6TH JANUARY 2022

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

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

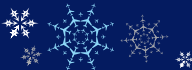
each session, once a week from about 9am and a further 30 minutes or so from about 11.30am. The group meets on Wednesday each week and is usually very well attended. We can offer friendship, tea/coffee, biscuits and our gratitude to anyone who would like to help. Thank you.

CHURCH OFFICE Monday, Thursday, Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Contact **07922 508014** or Email: **hfc1905@btinternet.com** for all enquiries and bookings.
Visit us at **www.hagley.freechurch.org.uk**

CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Committed to Jesus Christ and all too which He calls us



The Parish Of Hagley

St John the Baptist with St Saviour s

www.hagleycofe.co.uk

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Tel: 01562 886363

Facebook: search for hagleycofe



We wish everyone a very happy new year. This month we will be celebrating Epiphany (when the wise men visited Jesus) on 2 January, and Candlemas (when Mary and

Joseph took the baby Jesus to the temple) on 30 January. Our monthly Family Service – planned and led by our families – is this month in St Leonard’s.

SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR JANUARY 2022 - FOR HAGLEY AND CLENT

Date	10.30am	5.00pm
02nd January 2022	Holy Communion at St John’s Worship 4 All at St Leonard’s	Sunday Worship on Zoom
09th January 2022	Holy Communion & Sunday Club at St Saviour’s Holy Communion at St Leonard’s	
16th January 2022	Holy Communion at St John’s Family Service at St Leonard’s	Sunday Worship on Zoom
23rd January 2022	Holy Communion & Sunday Club at St Saviour’s Holy Communion at St Leonard’s	
30th January 2022	Benefice Holy Communion at St Johns	

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**.

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, if you would like to subscribe to our church magazine “Contact”, or if you wish to make an enquiry about baptisms or weddings.





Local Churches

Many Sunday services are now available at our churches:

Blakedown Church currently has Sunday services every week - refer to <https://cbbchurches.weebly.com>

Fairfield Church currently has Sunday service on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month - refer to www.bfc-worcs.co.uk

Churchill Church currently has Sunday service on 2nd Sunday of the month - refer to <https://cbbchurches.weebly.com>

Broome currently has an occasional Sunday service - refer to <https://cbbchurches.weebly.com>

Belbroughton Church currently has Sunday services every week - refer to www.bfc-worcs.co.uk

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

Virtual services for Blakedown Church are available online, both live and recorded.



Become Affiliated

Promoting your Club or Association is always a challenge, and to keep yours in the public eye why not become affiliated with the HCA. For further information please email: affiliations@hagleyvillage.org

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

1/8 Page - 46mm x 64mm (HxW) Landscape

1/4 Page - 92mm x 64mm (HxW) Portrait

1/2 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

NORMAL SERVICE WILL BE RESUMED

The current situation imposed on us by events reminds me of the messages flashed up on the old black and white TV screens when the technology broke. “Normal Service Will be Resumed As Soon As possible”.

Families and guests at recent weddings we have rung at (all be it with reduced number of Ringers) have been extremely grateful for us ringing. The sound of church bells across the countryside is very reassuring sound in these turbulent times. We continue to ring with as many ringers as we have available, although at times it can be difficult to get the numbers.

The training that we have done in the past with the younger ringers like Alice, Sam, Isobel and Ellen is coming up trumps with them helping

us olds at service and wedding rings. Less experienced new ringers and returning ringers are helping keep the ship afloat. The slow tailing off of Covid infections is limiting the close physical distance we need when teaching, so recruiting new ringers are currently on hold. “Watch This Space”.

Richard Scarth - 07768 273545
Tower Captain, St John s, Hagley
hagleyringers@gmail.com



St. John’s
Hand & Tower
Bellringers

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 John’s” 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

Let’s 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
scarth@blueyonder.co.uk



Hagley Library

Our free children’s activities are back! We do have strict numbers so booking in advance is essential as our events are filling up very fast. So, whether you would like to bring your child along to singing at bounce and rhyme/ active tots or come and listen to a story and do a simple activity at story time we would love to see you all again!

You can also come in to browse and borrow as normal. Our public network terminals are ready and waiting for you to use. Don’t forget

you can browse our catalogue on our website at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries and order books for collection from the library. If you love ebooks you can use your library membership for access to ‘borrowbox’ where there are lots of titles for you to enjoy. If you would like any help please come in and ask a member of staff, we will happily show you.

Can we also take this opportunity to thank our volunteers as you are all absolutely brilliant!

Hagley Village Directory

AFFILIATED CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

ACTIVE SENIORS: Angela.....	07512 546480
BLAKEDOWN AND HAGLEY TENNIS CLUB: www.blakedownhagleytennis.co.uk.....	01562 883774
CLENT HILLS CONSERVATIVES: Simon Nock.....	07966 138298
FREE CHURCH: Martin Heathcock, 6 Hawthorn Coppice, Hagley DY9 0PE.....	01562 884677
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HAGLEY GARDENERS CLUB, John Oakes, 27 Summervale Road, Hagley DY9 0LX.....	01562 882006
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ROTARY CLUB: David Dewhirst, 6 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore.....	07966 116612
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HAGLEY LIBRARY.....	01905 822722
HAGLEY MEDICAL PRACTICE.....	01562 881700

“New Year is a new morning and a new morning is a new opportunity
and a new opportunity is a new path and finally a new path is a new richness!”

Mehmet Murat ildan



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