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## Seasons Greetings!

Welcome to December - and as this month brings 2022 to a close all we can say is WOW - what a year!

The country finally started to fully emerge from the COVID19 pandemic - we saw ourselves get back to business as usual and live relatively as freely as we did before the start of it.

The war in Ukraine broke out with many people fleeing their homeland to the safety of the UK. The communities of Hagley and the surrounding villages stepped up to the mark helping and supporting them in their hour of need as much as possible.

We joined in the wonderful celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee back in June and the Commonwealth Games were held in nearby Birmingham in July which many of us attended.

We mourned the sad passing of our much loved Monarch in September and the world watched with us she was finally laid to rest at Windsor. As the crown passed to our new King, we also saw two new Prime Ministers instated.

It's certainly been a year full of ups and downs! And as we approach this winter in the midst of a cost of living crisis and fuel poverty for many looming, it really is so important to keep looking out for each other as much as possible.

And so with the festive season now upon us we are delighted to have Hagley Parish Council's Christmas Event in the village back with us this year. With lots of fun entertainment, an array of Market Stalls and the all important beer tent, we just know it's going to be a fabulous evening. See pages 24 and 25 for more details.

We also have the usual information from the local churches with regards to their services and celebrations this month - see pages 38, 39 and 40

And finally we'd like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers and distributors for their support this last year - we couldn't have done it without you!

**Alison Akers** Editor

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## COMMUNITY CENTRE TIMETABLE 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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On January 3rd be sure to wash your hands properly for 'Clean and Decent – A History of Personal Hygiene' by Nigel Metcalfe. Attitudes to cleanliness have certainly changed throughout history, and we often assume

that our ancestors cared little about personal hygiene. This talk explores the myths and truths of the subject from the Ancient Greeks and Romans to modern times.

Visitors are most welcome at all our events.

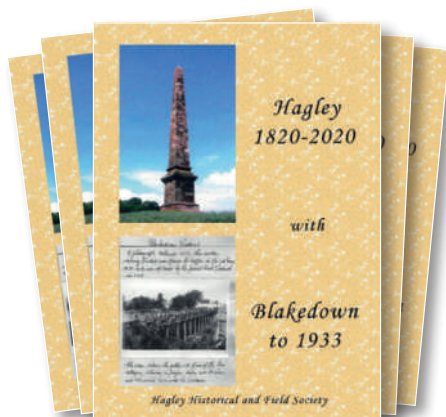
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Rachel Paget - Secretary**



### NEW BOOK NOW AVAILABLE FROM HAGLEY HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

Hagley Historical and Field Society's research group have put together a new book which covers many of the fundamental historical facts about Hagley parish over the period 1820 to 2020, including Blakedown when it was included within the parish (up to 1933).

The book has 104 pages in A5 format and is now available, priced at £5, from Jean Atkinson (01562 886549 or 07799 383517 or [HHFSociety@gmail.com](mailto:HHFSociety@gmail.com)), or at the society's meetings which are held at 8pm in St Saviour's hall on the first Tuesday of each month.



## HAGLEY U3A

Following a successful Barn Dance in September and Crazy Whist afternoon in October, we are looking forward to our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 7th December. Monthly meetings are held in St. Saviours Church Hall, Hagley, on the first Wednesday in every month, (except August) – doors are open from 1.30 with the meeting commencing at 1.45 pm. Refreshments are served, and visitors and new members are welcome.

More information from Chair Jane Mottram (**01562 888219**) or Membership Secretary Ian Powick (**01562 883822**).

More information about Hagley u3a:  
**[www.u3asites.org.uk/hagley/welcome](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/hagley/welcome)**

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**Weds Dec 21st** until  
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## HAGLEY SCOUT HUT TIMETABLE 2022

<b>MON</b>	Yasmin PILATES & MUMMY & ME PILATES <b>9.45-10.40am</b>			Sarah CONEXUS TUITION <b>4.00-6.00pm</b>
<b>TUE</b>	Rachael ME TIME FITNESS <b>9.00-11.45am</b>			Nicola HALESOWEN DANCE ACADEMY <b>4.15-7.00pm</b>
<b>WEDS</b>	Amber ZUMBINI 0-4 DANCE/MUSIC CLASS <b>9.30-10.15am</b>			
<b>THUR</b>		Wendy YOGA <b>11.00-12noon</b>		
<b>FRI</b>				
<b>SAT</b>	Jess PERFORMANCE HUB <b>8.30-1.00pm</b>			
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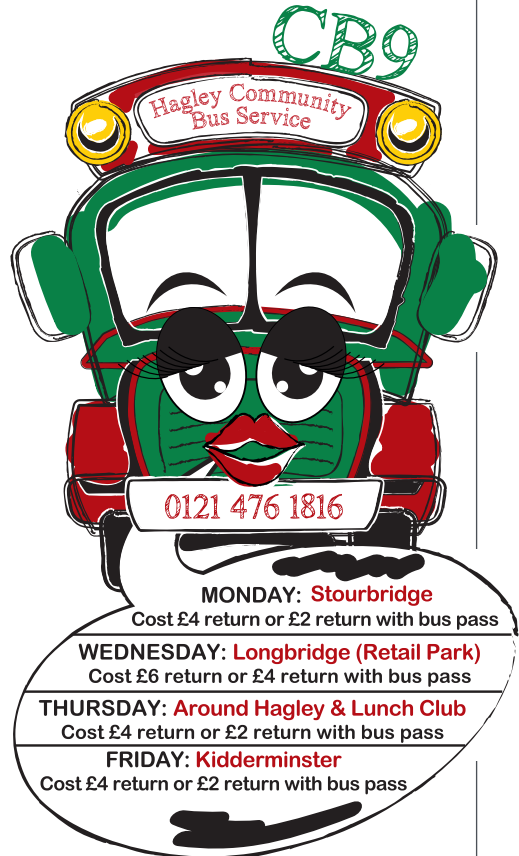
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He became a scientist studying in Europe, keeping his music as a hobby. Returning to Russia, he became a Professor of Chemistry, also being known as a nationalist composer with Mussorgsky and Rimsky-Korsakov. One of his famous works is the opera Prince Igor which includes the Polovtsian Dances. The third movement of his 2nd String Quartet

became famous as the song 'Stranger in Paradise' from the musical Kismet.

For information contact Haydn Thomas  
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## HAGLEY COUNTRY DANCERS

Another successful year for the Hagley Country Dancers ends on December 12th, when we are planning to finish with a festive occasion and an extended session. Entertainment will be provided by members displaying their talents on guitar, piano accordion or spoons or whatever skills they have. Favourite dances may be requested, and all callers will be available. We are grateful to Hagley Village News for the publicity which has helped us to attract several new dancers this term. The club has recovered well from our long break, and we hope to continue to attract more members in the New Year. We restart on January 9th 2 p.m. as usual and on following Monday afternoons. There is plenty of parking via Chapel Street. There is no charge for a first visit, subsequently the cost is £3.50 per person. For more information, ring June Waterhouse, **01562 700639**

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Our meeting in December will be on Wednesday 14th December at 2.30pm. Please note that this is an afternoon meeting at Blakedown Parish Rooms. The topic this month is the History of Pantomime , a talk given by Chris Green - The History Chap who is always a most interesting and enthusiastic speaker. We do hope that you will join us. Our group welcomes new members to our meetings. Through the year we have a

number of interesting talks together with the chance to go to the Symphony Hall and many outings during the summer months.

**Toni Allison**



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## VILLAGE LADIES

Our first meeting in October was on 11th and was an evening that is always eagerly anticipated when we meet our new house groups for the year 22/23. We also have plenty of time for coffee and a chat and we also had the opportunity to have a go at the quizzes that Sue had given to each table. This is always a very enjoyable evening. On 25th October we were joined by Alan Faulds, a member of 'The Severn Freewheelers Blood Bikers', a group of volunteers who give an amazing service collecting and delivering all sorts of medical samples and equipment between hospitals and patients homes whenever it is urgently needed. This month, on December 13th, we have our Christmas Celebrations. This will be an informal evening in St. Saviour's Church Hall with music, carols, readings and Supper with your group. We

hope all members will be able to join in and make the evening a special opening to the Christmas season. As usual, it will begin at 7.45 for 8.00pm.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Ann Pagett**





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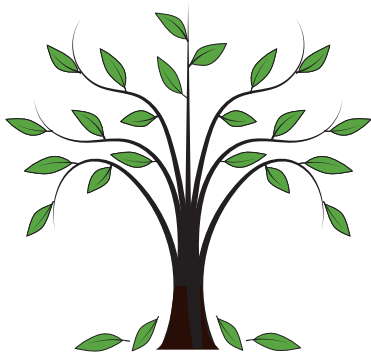
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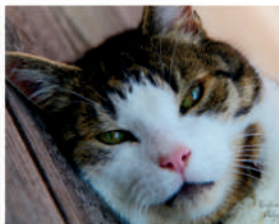
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became synonymous with luxury rail travel and intrigue. The train featured in many famous films. Fortunately however, there were no murders on our journey. We were also reminded of several other long distance luxury trains such as the Glacier Express, the Blue Train and the Rocky Mountaineer.

Our next meeting to celebrate Christmas will be held on Monday 19th December.

Hagley Probus offers a warm welcome to any retired or professional gentleman from Hagley and District who would like to join us. For details please contact Alan (Hon Sec) on **07967 590219**.



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## THE ARTS SOCIETY - STOURBRIDGE

The Society enters the Christmas season early this month and in keeping with its festive traditions has the format of a lecture followed by a lunch. The venue moves from Stourbridge Town Hall to Stourbridge Rugby Club. Our lecturer is Graham Jones and his subject is entitled "A very festive Christmas" in which he will talk about the light-hearted side of various ceremonial events taking place around Christmas: preparing the Chelsea Pensioners, Changing the Guard at the royal palaces, giving concerts and carol services.

Dr Jones served in the British Army for nearly 40 years, retiring as Senior Director of Music in the Household Division and Coldstream Guards. He now enjoys a second career as a

guest conductor, adjudicator, guest speaker and lecturer and recording consultant. This event is only open to members of The Arts Society so if you would be interested to find out more about joining us please contact Neill Robb either on **07484 830487** or email to **neillrobb@btinternet.com** as soon as possible



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The Rotary Club of Hagley in Fellowship with Rotary International Dedicated to Good Health and Happiness for All. Should anybody require help or assistance or just a friendly phone call during the period of confinement

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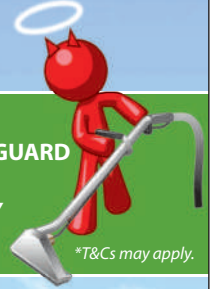
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## ACTIVE SENIORS

As the end of another year nears I have been reflecting on the last eleven months and all the things we have had cause to celebrate and others that have made us sad over that time. I pondered on the heat of those few weeks of the summer and now our hope that the winter won't be too cold so we can save on fuel bills! The seasons keep rolling on but over all that time for me has been the constant of all my lovely customers that come week in week out to attend their classes, to spend an hour or so exercising and having a bit of 'me time', and go home knowing they have worked hard and are doing their best to keep their bodies and minds healthy. You are all fabulous and I'm so very proud of you all for your commitment and effort. But of course I am always trying to get more older adults to become more active so my search for new

customers continues! With our new class on Tuesday afternoons for people who need a slightly less challenging class and a more energetic cardio class first thing on Monday mornings, through to tai chi classes there really is likely to be something to suit everyone so ring me for a chat about the options and we can sort out a free taster session. I wish all customers (current and future!) a very Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year

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Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year from us all at H.C.C.

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## HAGLEY WI

What fun we had designing tree baubles for both our Christmas Tree at Hagley and also the WI tree at Worcester. Our theme was 'Stars and Planets'. Doesn't sound very Christmassy, does it? However, star shaped polystyrene and round plastic balls made the ideal shape for Christmas baubles! We had beautiful twinkling stars and bright sparkling planets, and our tree will be decorated ready for our Christmas party. The most difficult part was deciding which, of all the gorgeous baubles, to send to Worcester to represent Hagley WI.

For a lot of people Christmas means spending time with family and friends, while other enjoy the festive party cheer. At Hagley WI we are no different. There is a real band of friendship surrounding WI ladies and for most ladies, when asked what they love about WI, they will say 'The Friendship'. Our next meeting

on Monday December 12th is our Christmas Party. We will certainly be enjoying goodies to eat with a singer to entertain us. Nigel Strong, who sings songs from the 60's mixed with romantic ballads, will be encouraging joining in and I'm confident the Hagley WI will be giving their best for a rendition of Jingle Bells or any other Christmas Song.

On behalf of everyone at Hagley WI, I would like to wish you all A Very Happy Christmas. If you would like to know more. Please do get in touch Judi Priest, [judipriest1@gmail.com](mailto:judipriest1@gmail.com)



## TUESDAY TEA CLUB

We meet in the Free Church hall at 2:30 on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. We hope to see our regular ladies in throughout the year and new members are all welcome. For more details contact Sheila Munden on **01562 636333**



## WALTON DISTRICT GIRLGUIDING

October has been a fantastic month for members of Girlguiding in Hagley and Blakedown. Blakedown Brownies and members of the newly reopened Blakedown Guides had a super weekend of adventure staying at the Manor House at Blackwell Court. The weather was excellent, and the Brownies and Guides had a fantastic time, Grass Sledging, Orienteering, Go-carting and doing tree top adventures. The highlight was the campfire with lots of wonderful singing. 2nd and 3rd Hagley Brownies had a sleepover at the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham with Brownies packed into the shark tunnel for an underwater night after a great tour of the Sea

Life Centre. 1st Hagley Guides are off to the Pioneer Centre in Shropshire in November. At the time of writing all units are planning lots of fun Christmas activities to be reported upon in the new year. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas from everyone in Walton District.



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## HAGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

This year finally sees the return of our Christmas event in the village. We've not been able to hold one since 2019 and we hope you're all looking forward to it as much as we are. We're still busy planning but here's a few details:

Christmas in Hagley will take place on Saturday 3rd December, 4pm to 8pm. Santa and his Elves will be touring the village before they join us in the High Street, which will be pedestrianised for the duration of the event. Some of the local shops will be open for late night shopping and we'll have a selection of market stalls for festive gifts and treats. Printworks Brewery will have one of their sought-after beer tents and will be offering a selection of beers and other drinks. Choirs from the local schools will be performing carols and Christmas hits and you're more than welcome to join in. Other performers will be joining us, so please keep an eye on our Facebook posts and website for more details as they happen.

Other Business: Please note that for any organised activities on the playing field, for example, fitness classes, football training, friendlies, bootcamp etc, the Parish Council must be notified. For all activities we must firstly ensure that there are no clashes with pre-booked users, and we need to make sure that necessary risk assessments

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Thank you to all residents who keep hedge growth in check particularly where the hedge borders the footpath/highway. Please may we ask that residents take care to sympathetically deal with overgrowth of hedges particularly where they cause an obstruction to wheelchair and pushchairs (double and single).

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## HAGLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Following a Hagley Police drop-in session, I was asked to invite Mr John Campion, the West Mercia, Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to a Question-and-Answer session in Hagley. I am very pleased that Mr. Campion has agreed, and I am currently looking to organise a meeting early in the New Year. Watch-out for more details. The Q and A session will be aimed at Crime, Anti-Social behaviour, and road safety in Hagley. I am equally pleased that Mr Campion has also invited the Commander for North Worcestershire Local Policing Area. This promises to be a very interesting evening and would hope that there is a good public turnout and a plentiful number of questions put to Mr Campion. My thanks go to Hagley Parish Council who are supporting the event.

PCSO Binks and PCSO White worked alongside West Mids police travelling on the trains locally looking for offenders that shop lift, carry knives, involved in drug related crime as well as ticket dodgers. It was also good to see Police carrying out speed checks on the A491 recently with several speeding motorists issued with a speeding fixed penalty fine.

There is an appeal for information following an attempted burglary at a home on Worcester Road in the early hours on 26th October. (incident number 00078\_I\_26102022). There are some simple, inexpensive and effective things you can do to help secure your home and property. Security tips and advice can be found on the website [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)

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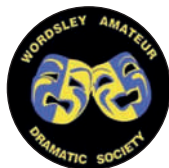
We have performed in many venues over the years, but we currently perform at Crestwood School, Kingswinford and this year, for the first time, at Hagley Community Centre.

We perform many genres of plays. Farce, Comedy, Thrillers and Agatha Christie mysteries. Our last play, "A Wedding to Remember" was written by one of our very talented members.

We are hoping to continue to hire Hagley Community Centre in the future where we have been made most welcome and look forward to seeing you there again

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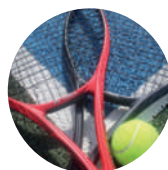
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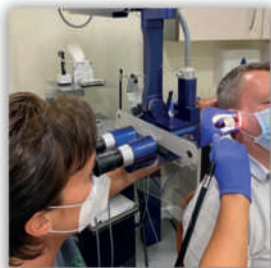
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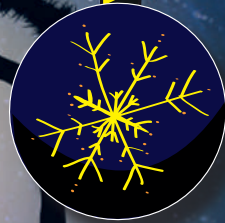
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### SUNDAY SERVICES DECEMBER 2022

Date	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
04th December 2022	Rev. Edwin Boddington - Holy Communion	
11th December 2022	Pastor David Umbers	
18th December 2022	Mr Martin Heathcock - Carol Service 4pm	
25th December 2022	Pastor David Umbers - Christmas Day	

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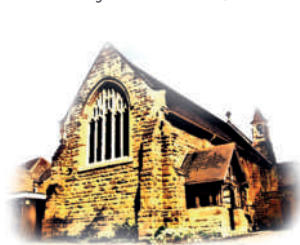
**THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER:** Clent Mothers' Union meeting at Clent Parish Hall - Captain Tony Maidment speaking about the Church Army

**THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER:** Hagley Mothers' Union Advent Service 2.30pm at St Saviour's followed by seasonal refreshments in the Church Hall.

Date	Time	Service
04th December 2022 Advent 2	10.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion at St John's Christingle at St Leonard's
11th December 2022 Advent 3	10.30am 10.30am 5.00pm	Holy Communion / Sunday Club at St Saviour's Holy Communion at St Leonard's Sunday Worship on Zoom
18th December 2022 Advent 4	10.30am 6.30pm 6.30pm	9 Lessons and Carols at St John's Carol Service at St Saviour's Carol Service at St Leonard's
24th December 2022 Christmas Eve	3.00pm 5.00pm 11.30pm 11.30pm	Crib Service at St Leonard's Crib Service at St Saviour's Midnight Holy Communion at St John's Midnight Holy Communion at St Leonard's
25th December 2022 Christmas Day	10.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion at St Saviour's Christmas Worship at St Leonard's

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to enquire about a baptism or wedding, would like to be sent the link to join worship on Zoom, receive our church magazine "Contact" or weekly Pewsheet (details as above).

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.





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**BOUNCE & RHYME 0-2** Hagley Library  
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