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Happy New Year!

Welcome to our first issue of 2023. We hope you all enjoyed a good Christmas and bade a fond farewell to 2022.

So this January edition of the Village News brings some delightful articles which we're sure you'll find of interest. We'd like to start off by bringing your attention to pages 14 and 15 which features a double page spread from the Hagley Art Club. This includes an in depth report about the success of their delightful exhibition held back in November last year together with just a few images of the many wonderful works of art created by members of the club. We're sure you'll agree that they are indeed a group of extremely talented artists.

You'll find the latest updates from the Patient Participation Group for Hagley Surgery on page 25. These volunteers are registered patients who meet up several times a year to highlight any issues that have been identified either by patients or the surgery. It's well worth a read through.

With the ongoing concerns of crime and road safety in and around Hagley, there will be a public meeting on 19th January.

This will be attended by Mr John Campion (PCC) and hopefully by many members of the community - for further details of this, please see Steve Colella's Neighbourhood Watch report on page 24.

If you fancy trying something new this year and would enjoy volunteering, then why not consider Guiding. Hagley could really use some help across all sections - visit www.girlguiding.org.uk to register your interest.

St Saviour's Church are opening their doors to support those being affected by the cost of energy crisis - 'A Warm Space' is an initiative taking place each Friday afternoon for a couple of hours in the church hall - see their advert on page 25 for more info.

We'd like to end by saying thanks to Ronnie for providing us with this month's cover photo - a wonderfully ambient image of our lovely High Street.

Catch up with you all again next month - take care folks!

Alison Akers Editor

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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.

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



THE ARTS SOCIETY - STOURBRIDGE

Our 22/23 Programme kicks off in January with a lecture on Thursday the 12th entitled "The Art of the Automobile". Our speaker is Roger Mendham, a scientist by background and an accomplished photographer. With images of fabulous mobile works of art, Roger's talk will follow the evolution of car design from the earliest horseless carriages, through Art Deco inspirations to the latest automobile works as in the iconic Italian supercars of the 21st Century. You are most welcome to join us on the 12th January.

To find out more details then please contact Neill Robb either on **07484 830487** or email to **neillrobb@btinternet.com** as soon as possible



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HAGLEY U3A

The Hagley U3A Christmas lunch took place on 7 December at St. Saviours Church Hall and was well supported as usual. In a change to the programme, the quiz scheduled for the January General Meeting has been replaced by a talk from U3A member Nick Williams about the 'Story of the Leasowes Site of Special Scientific Interest' in Halesowen, a location which will be well known to many of our members. 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

u3a Hagley

A SPECIAL THANKYOU FROM JAN'S FAMILY

Last October our beloved wife and mum Jan Barnsley died. We would like to extend our deep gratitude to all our family, friends and neighbours who have shown such kindness and support during this time. We would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge some of the wonderful Hagley services who have been incredible. Field House Care Home - we cannot thank you enough for the care you provided for mum. You brought joyful moments to a heart-breaking situation and showed her genuine love. We appreciate and admire you so much.

J.T. Brookes & Co - you provided a truly compassionate and personal service. Thank you for always having time for us.

And Fig & Favour - how you have continuously been there for our family over the years will never be forgotten.

In this difficult time, these moments of support have made all the difference and Hagley has an abundance of truly caring people. We feel very fortunate.

Pete, Helen and Louise



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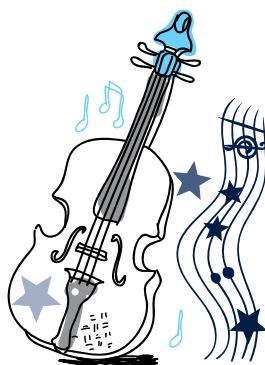
HAGLEY STRING ORCHESTRA

Our Spring Term 2023 began on the 10th of January, giving us eleven Tuesday morning rehearsals before we break for Easter on the 28th of March. Our varied programme includes music by CPE Bach, Bartok, Gerald Finzi, Gluck, Hindemith and Birmingham composer Herbert Lumby, with a string quartet by Haydn. Herbert Lumby (1906-1987) was born in Moseley and began playing the violin when he was 10 years old and became a student at the former Birmingham School of Music (BSM/Royal Birmingham Conservatoire) where he was the soloist in the 1st movement of Sibelius Violin Concerto. From 1937-1944 he was a viola player in the City of Birmingham Orchestra (later the CBSO), and then taught at the BSM whilst concentrating on composition. He endowed the Herbert Lumby Room at the Elgar School in Worcester and established scholarships and a prize in his name at the BSM. We are playing

Lumby's Spring Pastoral which I performed with the Bromsgrove String Orchestra over fifty years ago – it's quite challenging!

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Wishing you all a happy New Year. The Rotary Club of Hagley continued the Rotary Year with a very full program privileged with a visit from Rotarians from Stourbridge and a presentation by Chrissy Bentley FOAG keeping the club up to date with farming improvements in Rural Uganda in Africa. The Rotary Club of Hagley had their cabaret evening on the 25th November with entertainment provided by the comedian Doug Parker which was totally sold out. For Rotarians the month of November was dedicated to their Foundation which is a non-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. So, if readers

would like to have fun with a purpose, consider joining our club which holds its meeting at 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm on Monday evenings at the Blakedown and Churchill Golf Club. Alternatively try visiting our website at **<https://hagleyrotary.wixsite.com/website>**.

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 a period of confinement

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VILLAGE LADIES

Hi Village Ladies and a very Happy New Year to you all. In this edition of the Village News, we take a look back at our meetings that were held in November last year - two very different evenings. On November 8th Vicky Barrett came to talk 'Simply Alpacas' giving us so many fascinating facts about the 36 or so alpacas that she and her husband live with and look after. We also learnt so much about the lives and habits of these very cuddly creatures. On 22nd November we all thoroughly enjoyed an exceedingly lively evening with the Kinver Ukulele Band. We listened and sang along to numerous popular songs plus a few Christmas ones that eased us gently into the festive season. Now we look forward to this month and soon, hopefully, a warm Spring. On January 10th, Howard Drury presents 'The

Great Garden Quiz' (our usual quiz evening but this time with a difference) and on 24th Graham Short is demonstrating 'Engraving on a Pinhead'. As ever, our meetings are held in St Saviour's Church Hall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month beginning at 7.45 for 8.00pm. If you would like to know more, please contact our leader, Sue Billington, on **885799** or email her at **sue.billington@gmail.com**



WALTON DISTRICT GIRLGUIDING

Happy New Year from everyone in Girlguiding in Walton District. Girlguiding units across the District had a busy time in November and December. 1st Hagley Brownies enjoyed understanding more about space and discovering how difficult it would be to perform tasks in a space suit. 2nd Hagley Brownies have celebrated some Gold Awards and visited the Cinema to see Matilda. 3rd Hagley Brownies have made chocolate coin advent calendars and had a Christmas Party. Guides have enjoyed Christmas crafts and cinema visits too. Blakedown Brownies celebrated their 60th Birthday in true Girlguiding style with a singsong round a campfire. Congratulations to Victoria Hogan for receiving the Midlands Commissioners Award for her service to grass roots Guiding with 2nd Hagley Guides.

Before Christmas we said goodbye to Rosemary Bryce who retired from her role as unit helper at 2nd Hagley Rainbows. Rosemary has been involved in Girlguiding in Hagley since 1988 initially as assistant Guide Leader for 1st Hagley Guides. In 2010 she moved from Guides to Rainbows and has assisted in the running of 2nd Hagley Rainbows until December 2022. Over the

years Rosemary's straight forward, no nonsense approach to Guiding has been welcomed by many leaders and young members. She provided First Aid cover for innumerable camps and pack holidays. In 2000 she assisted Sue Hemmings in Leading a Midlands Trip to Sweden. She has had an impact on the lives of innumerable girls who have been in Girlguiding in Hagley for almost 35 years and has achieved many awards in recognition for her service within Girlguiding. 2nd Hagley Rainbows gave Rosemary a lovely send off and we wish her well in her retirement.

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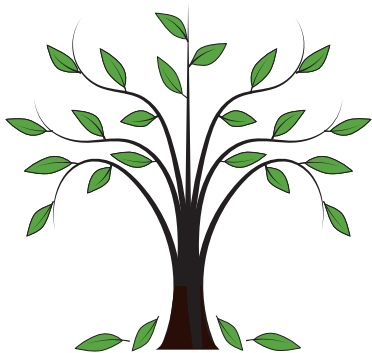
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Apparently, November comes around at the same time every year. And yet our Annual Exhibition seems to come as a complete surprise when it appears on the horizon, seeing the sudden flurry of activity it inspires. And then after all the panicking, and haring around like mad things and artists turning up with fabulous paintings, saying, "Well, I've got this, don't know if it's any good," suddenly it's there; our lovely exhibition,

And it was a lovely exhibition. We had less paintings this year. I'm not sure why, but although there were less paintings, the quality was exceptional, and the variety of style remarkable. It was interesting to see a lot more experimental and abstract work, which contrasted well against the excellent traditional work we have come to expect from several of our members.

The room looked cosy and inviting, and was busy for large parts of the weekend, confirming the decision to move the cafe into the exhibition space itself was the right one. Someone commented that people might spend more time eating homemade cakes and drinking tea than looking at the paintings but in fact we found people seemed to be more relaxed, often getting up to examine something they've seen from a distance and even going around for a second time. And of course, some people do come in just for a cup of tea and a piece of cake, but then end up looking at the exhibition. Several people did that, and chatting to our members, remembered a long forgotten interest in art and made a decision to come along to our demonstrations, on the second Monday of every month at the Community Centre itself.

Judging for the Highly Commended Certificates was well known local artist David DJ Johnson who commented on the difficulty in choosing only six for the certificates, as the quality of submission was so high. Eventually he chose, Winter Sunshine on the Brecon Beacons by Graham Locket, (who also won the public vote with his Boy on the Sunset Beach) Evening Walk by Andy Tromans, Handsome by Hazel Gilliard, Valeria by Sheila Hill, Indian Street by Heather Taylor and Flamenco Dancer by Mel Adams.

The public vote clearly caused visitors as much difficulty, as votes were spread over many paintings, so much so that although there was a clear winner in Graham Locket's Boy on a Sunset Beach, the votes for second and third place were shared between six artists, all with the same number of votes! We know people like to see the winning paintings but clearly there isn't the space in the magazine for them all, so to be fair, we will feature those on the website www.hagleyartclub.co.uk in due course

People were surprised at the calibre of the professional artists that come to the club to deliver demonstrations and we are certainly hoping to see new faces in the months to come. Coming in January and February is our judge himself, 'DJ' with Acrylic Landscape in the style of Lawrence Harris and Marie Roberts with Abstract Collage in Mixed Media and a bonus Zoom Demo for members only, with Jim Power demonstrating a Harbour Scene in Oils. All in all, it was a very successful weekend, sales slightly down from last year; but there were less paintings and in the middle of a cost-of-living crisis it is uplifting to find that people still want to have creative images in their lives. Obviously, artists do want their paintings to sell, but just having the opportunity to exhibit for people to view them is quite exciting and when someone writes the name of your painting on the best picture voting slip, well, the feeling is beyond words.

Hagley Art Club meets on the second Monday of the month at Hagley Community Centre at 7.30 for demonstrations and is open to members and non-members.

For other activities please see our Facebook page and website www@hagleyartclub.co.uk
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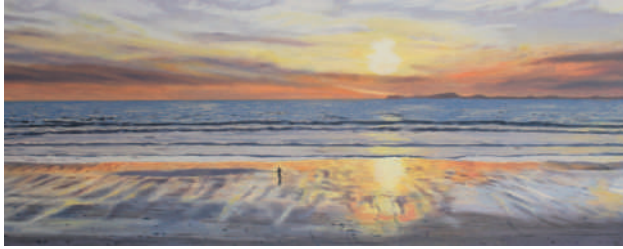
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Sallie Gurney - Hagley Art Club Publicist



HAGLEY ART CLUB

HAGLEY ART CLUB NOVEMBER 2022 EXHIBITION



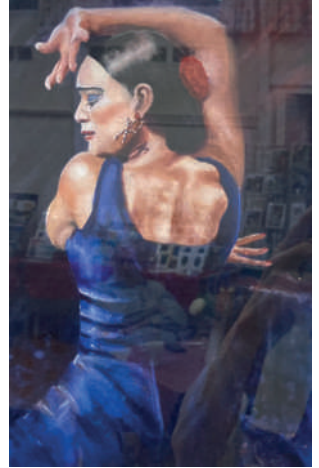
Boy on a Sunset Beach



Evening Walk



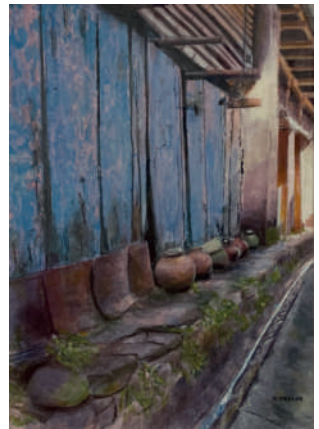
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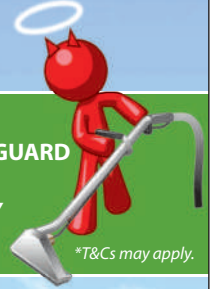
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There are 7 Active Seniors classes at the Community centre each week focused on building strength, improving balance and increasing stamina so there is bound to be a class that is suitable for you. There is a class for those needing a slightly less energetic option (with some seated work) on Tuesday afternoons at 1.20pm so if you feel you need to start a little more gently then we have the perfect option for you. Other classes run

Monday morning and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons- ring for details or pick up one of our leaflets from the community centre.

Chinese New Year of the Rabbit starts on 22nd January and to mark the occasion in our tai chi classes we will be practicing Yang 10 form. Tai chi is a great form of exercise to strengthen and improve balance as well as focus the mind. If you would like to give it a go then call on **07512 546480** for further details

Angela



HAGLEY COUNTRY DANCERS

Following the Christmas break, we look forward to meeting again on January 9th, for more enjoyable exercise and conversation (or conversation and exercise) to liven up the dark January afternoons. The club has recovered very well from the difficult period of Covid restrictions and numbers have been rising steadily. This gives our callers an opportunity to increase the variety of dances we perform, for example by introducing the Sicilian Circle format, which does not work well with small numbers. Anyone who would like to try English Country Dancing as a pleasant and sociable experience would be made most welcome. 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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the winter months and at other times we meet at 7.30pm. This month we have Dorothy Nicholle coming to speak to us about The History of Shropshire. Why not come along and join us for a pleasant afternoon, you would be most welcome.

Toni Allison



HAGLEY WI

January is a time for resolutions. For most of us that usually means 'weight losses.' We always want to shed the extra pounds those delicious mince pies and all the other festive confectionary we enjoy in December.

The ladies at Hagley WI certainly enjoyed our celebrations starting with a lovely Christmas Lunch at Churchill and Blakedown Golf Club. A very nice meal set in beautiful surroundings gave us all a very enjoyable day. We then had lots of fun at our Christmas Party. Sadly, our entertainer was poorly, we wish him a speedy recovery. Of course, the WI ladies are never deterred. We used our resourcefulness and had a fun filled Christmas Quiz ranging from Christmas General Knowledge to Christmas Food and Drink. We had fun with Christmas anagrams and Christmas films but the most laughter was trying to guess the committee member from their baby photos.....!

Hagley WI finished the year with love, laughter and friendship. What could be better? Now we all look forward to building friendships new and old. Meeting and making new friends and enjoying a new year, full once more with events for everyone, whatever your likes and interests. We have a full programme ready for the beginning of the year and eagerly await what our programme planning team have lined up for us. It's an exciting time. As I wish you all A Happy New Year, I must now sort out my calories counter...!

If you would like to know more. Please do get in touch Judi Priest, judipriest1@gmail.com

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Our January program kicks off with our return on 10th January with our ever-popular quiz night mixing photography and general knowledge for a light hearted start to the new year. The following week sees us straight into a friendly contest battling it out for 'bragging rights' against four other clubs. Followed by a week where members select images for our next contest in February. We then finish the month with a practical evening using our cameras to capture the intriguing patterns produced by the split-second timing of water drop photography.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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HAGLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

It is with great pleasure and sincere thanks to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Mr John Campion that he has agreed to come to a public meeting on crime and road safety and will be accompanied by his Commander for North Worcestershire Local Policing Area.

A meeting has been agreed for 19th January 2023 at Haybridge HS in the assembly Hall. The hall will be open from 6pm for refreshments and the meeting will start at 7pm and aim to finish at 9pm. This is a fabulous opportunity for residents to raise their concerns directly with the PCC and his Commander and follows a Police drop-in session. This shows the value of the neighbourhood watch and the local police team being able to feed concerns right the way up to the top of West Mercia Police directly.

It would be fantastic if we can have a full house, even if you have not got a concern to raise it will be great to show that residents care about the community where they live. All welcome, look forward to seeing you there.

At the time of a recent police officer patrol a strong smell of cannabis near Hagley playing fields was detected. After following the smell, a group of teenagers were spoken to. Cannabis was seized from one male who then made off and another was taken to the police station where a search was conducted and cannabis was found, the male was dealt with by police.

**Steve Colella -
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It is with great pleasure that I can submit updates on behalf of the PPG. Hagley Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG) is a small group of volunteers from patients registered with Hagley Surgery, who meet up at least 4 times a year with a GP and the Site Manager to discuss issues relevant to the Surgery, identified by patients or the Surgery.

Receptionists, now known as Care Navigators, are trained to make sure that patients are directed to the most appropriate person. This is to prevent them being referred to a doctor for a telephone appointment when they need to be referred to a nurse, physio or pharmacist. Although only one or two Care Navigators are visible in the reception, there are several on duty upstairs dealing with phone calls, and this also improves confidentiality.

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Flu/Covid vaccinations - you will be contacted by the Wyre Forest Health Partnership Central Booking Office when your next appointment can be arranged.

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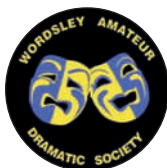
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We are hoping to continue to hire Hagley Community Centre in the future where we have been made most welcome and look forward to seeing you there again

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Liz Green - Chairman



TUESDAY TEA CLUB

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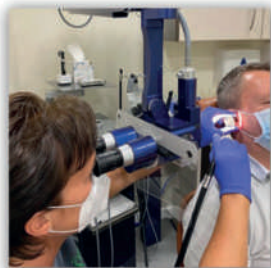
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Happy New Year
Hagley 2023

JANUARY : A TIME FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

A big thank you to all who have shared our last year, bringing so much joy, and new friends to Lifecentral

Thank you to Dean and his staff at CO OP who have provided our refreshments for the Community events. Thank you to Clare and her team at WEST ONE for letting us use your wonderful Bar, Sunday service takes on a great community connection. Thank you to Hagley Community Centre - our weekly home

SUNDAY 10AM SERVICE/COFFEE/FIELD FRIENDS
THURSDAY 10AM-11.30AM LITTLE TREASURES

In 2023 We are starting an exciting new chapter with Hagley's new care home The GABLES.



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HAGLEY FREE CHURCH

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Secretary: Tel: 01562 884344



Hagley Free Church
Established 1905



SUNDAY SERVICES JANUARY 2023

Date	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
01st January 2023	NO SERVICE	
08th January 2023	Rev. Edwin Boddington	
15th January 2023	Rev. Peter Bradley	
22nd January 2023	Rev. Tim Mullings	
29th January 2023	Pastor David Umbers	

NEW YEAR GREETINGS:

We give a special welcome to our new minister Reverend Tim Mullings, who has accepted a calling to worship with us at Hagley Free Church. We send you all our New Year's Greetings and our prayer for a happy and peaceful new year. Let us give thanks to our Lord for all good things and seek his blessings through difficult times. Please join us at Hagley Free Church and help us pray for peace, success and love in the New Year 2023.

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

CHURCH OFFICE Monday, Thursday, Friday: 8.30am - 11.30pm

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

CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR HAGLEY AND CLENT - JANUARY 2023

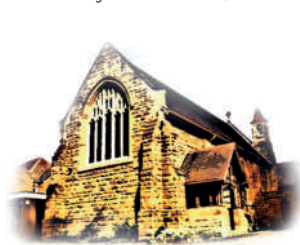
We wish everyone a very happy new year. This month we will be celebrating Epiphany (when the wise men visit Jesus) on Thursday 5th January at 10.30 am in St Saviour's, and Candlemas (when Mary and Joseph take the baby Jesus to the temple) on 29th January. Our monthly Family Service – planned and led by our families – is this month in St Saviour's.

WARM SPACE: Each Friday, between 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm, we offer a warm space, a friendly smile and a free hot drink, in St Saviour's Hall. Everyone is very welcome.

Date	10.30am	5.00pm
01st January 2023 Christmas 2 New Year	Holy Communion at St John's Worship 4 All at St Leonard's	
08th January 2023 Baptism of Christ	Holy Communion / Sunday Club at St Saviour's Holy Communion at St Leonard's	
15th January 2023 Epiphany 2	Holy Communion at St John's Family Service at St Saviour's	Sunday Worship on Zoom
22nd January 2023 Epiphany 3	Holy Communion/Sunday Club at St Saviour's Holy Communion at St Leonard's	
29th January 2023 Candlemas	All Together Holy Communion 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 Pewsheets (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.



TODDLER GROUPS - parents/guardians stay

MONDAYS

STAY & PLAY 0-5 Romsley Scout Hut
9:30-11.00am Call Laura 07525 476339

BOUNCE & RHYME 0-2 Hagley Library
Email: halib@worcestershires.gov.uk

WEDNESDAYS

TODDLERS Hagley Free Church 9:30-11:15am
Call Zsuzsi 07852749268

THURSDAYS

STAY & PLAY 0-5 Churchill Village Hall
9:30-10:30am and 10:45-11:45am
Call Laura 07525 476339

LITTLE TREASURES

Hagley Community Centre 10.00-11.30am

FRIDAYS

RAINBOW STAY & PLAY 0-5

Conkers (next to Hagley kindergarten)
9:30-11:15am

Email: Zsuzsi at zsuzsannatandy@gmail.com

SATURDAYS

LEGO CLUB 5+

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Families and guests at recent weddings we have rung at have been extremely grateful for us ringing. The sound of church bells across the countryside is very reassuring sound. We continue to ring with as many ringers as we have available, although at times it can be difficult to get the numbers. We are always looking to recruiting new ringers, so if you are interested then please do get in touch.

Richard Scarth,
Tower Captain, St John's, Hagley
Tel: 07768 273545
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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

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

EVENING READING GROUP AT HAGLEY LIBRARY

Do you enjoy reading and like to talk about books? Would you like to join a reading group but cannot attend a meeting during the day? Following on from the success of our monthly daytime reading group we are looking into doing an evening one as well if there is the demand! We have had some enquiries about

it already so if you would be interested in joining let us know. You can register your interest by coming into the library to give us your details, call us on **01905 822722** or email: **HagleyLib@worcestershire.gov.uk** and ask to be put through to the library **HAPPY READING!**

THE HAGLEY LIBRARY HEALTHY WALKING GROUP

Starting on Wednesday 13th April at 10.30am from the library. The walks will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. The walks will be for an hour and everyone is welcome. Please contact the library at **halib@worcestershire.gov.uk** for more information.

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