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## A warm welcome to you all

So here we are in May and well into this cheery season with warmer days, light nights and a spring in our steps! The beautiful bluebells are still in abundance and as always our local hills in Clent are absolutely carpeted with them - if you haven't already seen them then just head to the 'bowl' for a most spectacular sight - natural beauty at it's best!

We have Hagley Parish Council's 'Party in the Park' in celebration of the King's Coronation on the 7th of this month. And we just can't wait! It's going be huge fun for the community and a great chance to all get together again - enjoying good music, food, drink and loads more! Further details of this on page 15.

We're delighted to say that the first Village Market was a massive success - we look forward to many more to come. Please see Steve Colella's write up on page 24 for more details of just how well this event went. Also on this page is his updated Neighbourhood Watch report and some info from the Hagley Surgery PPG.

As always we are more than happy to welcome new contributors to our lovely Village News. With that in mind you may like to check out the articles from Pilates at the Hagley Community Centre Class (page 14) and Abi of the Hagley Village Allotments (page 30). And for those of you who are interested in the local wildlife then head over to page 30 for details of the Churchill and Blakedown Wildlife Watch.

And lastly, but not least - we have a plea from Peppers Pet Rescue who could really use some support right now. Please see page 6 for more details of how you can help them to carry on helping our beautiful furry friends in need.

Have a really good month you gorgeous people of Hagley - we'll catch up with you all again in June.

**Alison Akers** Editor

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## COMMUNITY CENTRE TIMETABLE 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ACTIVE SENIORS 9.30-10.30am 11.15-12.15pm	PILATES 11.00am (Intermediates) 12.30pm (Beginners)		LITTLE TREASURES 10.00-11.30am		
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Local historian and retired master at Bromsgrove School, Philip Bowen will be presenting a talk about a fondly remembered decade 'Britain in the Fifties, The Optimistic Decade' on Tuesday 6th June. The 1950s were a time of unparalleled prosperity for many people. Harold Macmillan famously said, 'most of our people have never had it so good', in July 1957. The comments of the prime minister quickly came to represent the spirit of the day, encapsulating the optimism of a country. However, like many political quotes it is often misunderstood, Macmillan meant them not as an expression of complacency, but as a warning. 'What is worrying us,' he went on, 'is it too good to be true?'. Philip's illustrated talk will rekindle memories for those of a 'certain

age' and tell the story of a decade of social and technological change, shopping, teenagers and of course, rock and roll!

The society's meetings which are held at 8pm in St Saviour's hall on the first Tuesday of each month. Visitors are most welcome at all our events.

**See [hhfs.org.uk](http://hhfs.org.uk) for details and contacts**

**Rachel Paget**



## HAGLEY COUNTRY DANCERS

The First of May has been celebrated in dance for centuries and much has been written about the origins of this custom. It is still the traditional day for maypole dancing and is the day when Morris rings around the country are up with the larks to dance the day in at dawn. We wish the dancers and supporters cloudless skies and a beautiful sunrise. Hagley Country Dancers will be starting the month in a more sedate fashion and will not be meeting until May 15th as the 1st May is a Bank Holiday and the 8th May is Coronation Day. We will not meet on the 29th May Bank Holiday either, but then will dance on every Monday until we finish for the summer. There is plenty of parking behind the Free Church. There is no charge for a first visit, subsequently the cost is £2 per person. For more information, ring **June Waterhouse 01562 700639**

## WYRE FOREST & DISTRICT CENTRE NATIONAL TRUST

Our next talk is to be by Ray Sturdy who will talk about "The Real Dad's Army" on May 9th at 7.30pm at Blakedown Parish Rooms. No doubt you will have seen Dad's Army on TV but come and find out more about the Home Guard and their role in World War II. Formed as the Local Defence Volunteers in 1940 they carried out many duties until they were finally disbanded in 1945. Who were they? What did they do? What were their backgrounds? Do come along and learn more.

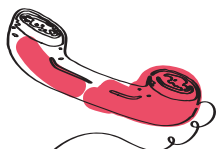
We won't be having another talk at Blakedown Parish Rooms until September 12th when we look forward to hearing Dr James Taylor talk about "Grace Darling and the Fine Art of Saving Lives at Sea".

During the summer months we look forward to our planned outings to a variety of interesting venues, some of which provide a lunch or afternoon tea. A holiday by coach to Scotland is planned in August so we are looking forward to a summer with plenty of sunshine.

For further information see your website **[www.wyreforestntcentre.co.uk](http://www.wyreforestntcentre.co.uk)**

**Toni Allison**





## Hagley HELPLINE 01562 886696

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!

## PEPPER'S PET RESCUE

Pepper's Pet Rescue is based in Halesowen and currently run from the founder's home. We have a lease agreement on a barn for no charge but it needs knocking down and rebuilding. On top of this, we also have an outstanding bill of £6500 at the vets. Due to the outstanding vet bill, we have had to close our doors to anymore new animals until we have paid most of that bill off.

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<b>MON</b>				Sarah CONEXUS TUITION 4.00-6.00pm
<b>TUE</b>				Nicola HALESOWEN DANCE ACADEMY 4.15-7.00pm
<b>WEDS</b>				
<b>THUR</b>		Wendy YOGA 11.00-12noon		
<b>FRI</b>	Emilie YOGA 10.00-11.00am			
<b>SAT</b>	Jess PERFORMANCE HUB 8.30-1.00pm			
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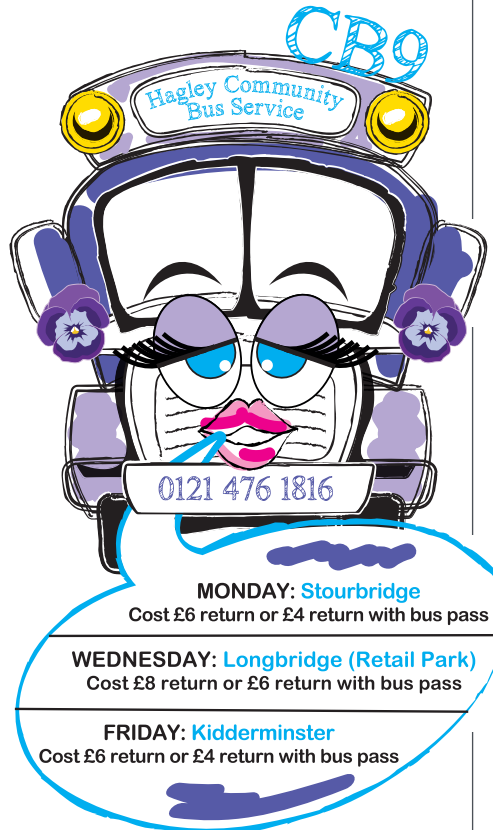
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## VILLAGE LADIES

Hello Village Ladies. How lovely it is to feel a bit warmer and to see all the different flowers and shrubs coming to life in our gardens. Summer is just around the corner.....hopefully! We held two very enjoyable evenings in March. On 14th we heard Alan Benjamin and his 'Constabulary Tales'. Alan shared many funny stories with us of the time when he was in the police force. On March 28th we enjoyed 'Fake or Fortune' with Chris O'Grady a fascinating insight into the ups and downs of antique collecting. After his talk, Chris gave some interesting information about the treasures that some of our members had brought to the Hall.

This month we have two intriguing titles to look forward to, both open to different interpretations! All will be revealed on May 9th when 'New Life in Leathers' is the title from

Cath Wetherall and on May 23rd David Moylan shares his 'Funny Turns'. The mind boggles !!

Do join us as usual in St Saviour's Church Hall at 7.45 for 8 pm. If you are not yet a member and would like more information about us, please ring our leader, Sue on **885799** or email her **Sue.billington@gmail.com** She will be very happy to chat to you and we will be very pleased to welcome you to our meetings.

### Ann Pagett



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## ROTARY CLUB No 1328 District 1060

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For Rotarians the coming month of April is dedicated to the needy subject of Maternal and Child Health. 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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**Dave Santus: 01562 886 529**





## WALTON DISTRICT GIRLGUIDING

March has been a busy month for Girlguiding across the UK as International Women's Day on 8th March saw the launch of our new branding. With a new trefoil and new section logos to highlight that in Girlguiding we are encouraging, welcoming, curious and courageous the branding is very exciting for us.

In Walton District members have been having some great adventures. Before the Easter break there were some lovely Easter themed crafts and egg hunts. You may have seen 3rd Hagley Brownies looking somewhat bedraggled on a particularly wet Monday evening hunting for eggs that helped them to solve an anagram all around the village.

The Rangers went to London for the Monopoly Run where they took part in this super event which involved 8000 Scouting and Guiding groups taking part in a huge game of Monopoly finding places on the Monopoly board in a race

against other teams. It really was a superb event and we were made to feel very welcome at the Pax Lodge World Association of Girl Guides and Girls Scouts (WAGGGS) centre.

Both Hagley Guide Units and our Rangers unit took part in the more local Brumopoly event organised by Worcestershire Girlguiding. Teams spent a day searching for clues across Birmingham and completing small challenges for points at different locations across the city. At the end of the day all groups met at Trefoil House to enjoy pizza and a prize ceremony.

If you would like to get involved in Girlguiding please visit [www.girlguiding.org](http://www.girlguiding.org) and register your interest.

**Rachel Coton - District Commissioner**



## HAGLEY STRING ORCHESTRA

We're enjoying a varied programme of music this Summer Term. This includes Grieg's Holberg Suite and works by Hindemith, William Lawes, Mendelssohn, Rameau, Sibelius and Schubert. Our chamber work is Dvořák's second Quintet which includes a part for the Double Bass. The Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg (1843-1907) was born in Bergen, his mother being a music teacher who taught him the piano when he was six; his paternal ancestors were Scottish. When he was 15 he was advised to study music at Leipzig Conservatoire, but he disliked the college discipline. He eventually became a concert pianist and met both Liszt and Tchaikovsky. He was awarded honorary doctorates at both Cambridge and Oxford Universities, and in 1897 he gave a private concert at Windsor Castle for Queen Victoria. Grieg's 5-movement Holberg Suite was initially written for piano; he later transcribed it for string orchestra. Grieg is probably best known for his Peer Gynt Suites and the popular Piano Concerto in A minor.

If you're a string player, we'd love you to join us in Hagley Free Church hall on Tuesday mornings 10.00 – 12.00 Noon.

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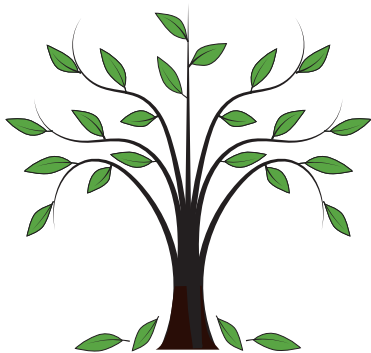


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We would be so grateful if someone would help. For further information please contact Sheila Munden **01562 636333**



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## THE ARTS SOCIETY - STOURBRIDGE

Our Society's meeting this month is on Thursday 18 May and the topic is The New Yorker Magazine and its cartoonists. The lecturer is Barry Venning, an art historian with a wide range of interests in the field of art from medieval European to contemporary global. He is a consultant and lecturer for the Open University and a long-standing lecturer for The Arts Society. We have a small tradition in our Society of inviting lecturers with an interest in a particular cartoonist to address us with that and each year they have generally been one of the intentionally

entertaining trips to Stourbridge Town Hall. You are invited to give our Society a try by joining us as a guest on the 18th May. If this sounds tempting, please Neill Robb either on **07484 830487** so that a warm welcome will be guaranteed



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## PILATES AT THE HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

These are daytime classes for those that would like to start participating in a weekly exercise class of Pilates. There will be two new classes opening, a beginners and an intermediate class, both classes will first and foremost concentrate on the principles of Pilates. Paying particular attention to body posture, exercise technique, quality of movement and correct breathing technique.

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Classes will be held on Tuesdays, Intermediates at 11:00am and Beginners at 12:30pm To find out more information and to ask any questions you may have related to the class, please text or call Wayne on **07969 797709**

## HAGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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**[www.hagleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/kings-coronation-party-in-the-park/](http://www.hagleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/kings-coronation-party-in-the-park/)**

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### Hagley Parish Council

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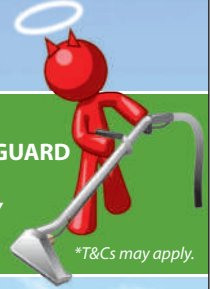
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## ACTIVE SENIORS

Well here we are in a month of Bank Holidays and Coronation celebrations. As this magazine hits your mat everyone will be gearing up to a weekend of parties and events to celebrate the Kings Coronation. This will be the 3rd Monday Bank Holiday in 5 Mondays and all usual Active Seniors classes at the Community centre will have been put to one side whilst we enjoy the extra time with family and friends. Voting day on Thursday 4th May also means the centre is unavailable so all classes EXCEPT the Tuesday 1.20-2.20 class taken by Lisa are cancelled that week whilst I take a break for the week.

Although most classes on Mondays and Thursdays are pretty full we do have a few spaces in the Tuesday afternoon classes

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## ART CLUB

It seems unbelievable that it could be May already but here it is! April will have seen the second of our fabulous abstract workshops with Kinver based artist Marie Roberts and an Easter Monday watercolour demonstration from John Maule Finch.

We also had several of our members exhibiting at Himley Hall's recent Art and Artisan Food Festival. May will see another oil artist Dianne Marshall with a perennial favourite, animals.

At our members' request we are introducing more practical sessions as well as professional demonstrators and kicked this off with our first en plein session at Trinity Farm. It was cold, but there were still some brave souls there. Hopefully more at the next one.

This is going to be a feature, the last Saturday of the month, and possibly specific sketching opportunities on demonstration evenings:

times and venues will be advertised on our Facebook page.

### NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Contact us at [hagleyartclub583@gmail.com](mailto:hagleyartclub583@gmail.com) or turn up at Hagley Community Centre 2nd Monday of every month 7.30pm start. (£5 guest fee) If you love all things arty you won't regret it. Why not join at £25 per year and a small entrance fee, we are incredible value without compromising on the calibre of visiting artists

### Sallie Gurney - Website Editor



**HAGLEY ART CLUB**

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Our Diary for the month of May Starts with the 'Hagley Challenge' where we invite 3 other local camera clubs to compete against us, with the Hagley Trophy up for grabs.

With Bank holidays, the Kings Coronation and potential works going on at our meeting venue our diary for the rest of the month is a little 'fluid'. But plans include a possible speaker presentation, 'photo walks', an image review evening and other related activities.

## HAGLEY U3A

Our Annual General meeting was held in April after which members signed up for the various interest Groups held throughout the year. New members are welcome to come along and see for themselves what we can offer.

On May 3rd Leslie Carr will be coming to talk to us about the Severn Valley Railway and its activities and on 7th June Chris O'Grady will be talking about Antiques and hopefully doing some valuations- more information to follow.

On Friday 19th May we have arranged a visit to Winterbourne Gardens and house following a very interesting talk by their Curator, Lee Hale who told us about the history, the present and their future plans. Naturally members will enjoy tea and cake following this visit!

Please make contact beforehand if you would like to come along to ensure the club meeting is at the venue on a particular date. We hope 'normal business will be resumed shortly'. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Contact us **[chair@hagleycameraclub.co.uk](mailto:chair@hagleycameraclub.co.uk)** or just come along to St Margaret's Church, 123 Hagley Road, Hasbury, Halesowen B63 4QD on Tuesday evenings from 8.00pm. Try us out as a 'no-obligation' visitor for a few weeks then if we suit you sign up as a member to enjoy all the benefits. Further details: Keith Hunter **07920 740943** website: **[www.hagleycameraclub.co.uk](http://www.hagleycameraclub.co.uk)** **Facebook: Hagley camera club**



Our Social Committee meet monthly to plan an entertaining programme for our members. Monthly meetings, with a Speaker, 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, visitors and new members are welcome.

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

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## HAGLEY COMMUNITY MARKET

The launch of the Hagley Village Market went really well with almost 1,200 visitors in the four hours it was open. The queues formed before the doors opened and most of the pies, pasties, Indian snacks, and sourdough produced was sold out within the first hour and half, leading to one trader saying we need to "bake more bread". I think this is a brilliant way to sum up the market, and I think life itself. All traders reported brisk trading and everyone saying that they would love to come back. We will definitely ensure that there is more of the fresh baked products for next time. The market received some

fantastic feedback, giving the committee confidence that the mix of traders and the overall objective of the market has been a success. We had a welcome visit from Nina Das Gupta of BBC Hereford and Worcester fame who has produced a superb video clip of the day on the BBC H&W Facebook page. Plans now move to April's market on 29th. Surplus monies from the hire of the market trader pitches go towards the Community Centre's repair and maintenance. All committee member's time is done voluntarily.

**Steve Colella - Chairman  
Hagley Village Market Committee**

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## HAGLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I am very pleased to report that a meeting of the Safer Roads group was held in March, attended by Safer Roads Partnership, Worcestershire County Council, the road safety officer, and the Policing Team. Roles and responsibilities were understood, and actions taken away. A meeting was held with the Bromsgrove Safer Partnership looking at crime and Anti-Social Behaviour. A presentation was made into the various initiatives available to complement and support Hagley Neighbourhood Watch. Actions have been taken away to explore which initiatives could be implemented in Hagley and how. Alarmingly, a house was

burgled on Station Rd between 23:00hrs 17th March and 07:10hrs 18th March. The offenders broke in through the back door taking car keys and steeling 3 cars off the drive. A black BMW partial reg RMU, a black Mini partial reg GXU and a black Audi partial reg RDZ were stolen. Please can residents check their CCTV or/and ring doorbell footage to see if it has captured anything. Any information please contact police quoting log 00125\_I\_18032023 or ring crime stoppers on 0800 555 111.

**Steve Colella -  
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator**

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## PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG) HAGLEY DOCTOR'S SURGERY

I'm proud to have been appointed as the new chairman of the PPG and welcome Ann Blakeman as deputy Chairman. On behalf of the PPG, we would like to sincerely thank Helen Jackson for her seven years of fantastic service, support, and leadership of the PPG as chairman and David Tubbs for his service and support as the PPG's deputy chairman. Both will continue the PPG as members as their knowledge is invaluable. These changes become effective from 1st April.

My first duty will have been to represent Hagley PPG at the Wyre Forest Chairs Meeting, thereafter, meeting the surgeries management and working with the group on the next newsletter. If you do have any questions of the PPG or on the PPG's role and activities do get in touch, we'll be very happy to help where we can.

**Steve Colella Chairman  
Hagley Surgery  
Patients Participation Group (PPG)**



## HAGLEY VILLAGE ALLOTMENTS

Spring has sprung and the month of May is here, bringing longer days and the weather getting warmer. It's full steam ahead on the plots for the growing season with seeds being sown and planting outdoors but whether you have an allotment or you 'grow your own' at home, do be mindful that late frosts can happen in May so keep some horticultural fleece on hand. The month of May also sees the welcome of Mental Health Week from 15th-21st May and I'd like to take this opportunity to share some of the benefits that gardening can have on us.

- By spending time in nature and growing with our friends and family, deeper connections are made.
- Exercise during gardening and planting helps to boost our physical wellness.
- It builds your self-esteem, and you get a sense of accomplishment and pride at the plants you've grown.
- Being out in the garden grows our mental wellness, boosting serotonin, flow and creativity.

May is a great time to start sowing some staple 'home' favourites like runner beans, French beans or peas. These can be sown indoors and outdoors but remember to protect seedlings outdoors with a cloche. For those that like to recycle, then a simple cloche can be made from a clear, disposable water/juice bottle. Just cut it in half, pop some air holes in and place over your seedling. Lettuces, salad leaves, radishes, beetroot and carrots can all be sown, undercover too! Who doesn't love picking fresh salad from the garden. Bon Appetit.

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow"  
*Audrey Hepburn*

### Abi at Plot 42 @the\_anxious\_allotmenteer



## HAGLEY WI

We certainly have celebrations this month with May Day and Spring Bank Holiday but the main event being the Coronation of King Charles. Once again the whole country comes together with street parties and gatherings in parks. The WI being no different showing their presence at the Hagley Coronation Party and also celebrating after our monthly meeting with a lovely afternoon tea for our members.

The Hagley Village Market proved a huge success. I hope you all enjoyed the homemade cakes we offered. WI ladies will be there every month with refreshments and cakes which you can sit and enjoy.

We always try to have variety in our monthly meetings with demonstrations, activities and our talks. Last month, following Dr Mark Baldwin with his Enigma Story and Enigma Machine, we enjoyed Mr Alan Stanley from SARA – Severn Area Rescue Association. How

lucky we are to have these very brave people who risk themselves to save others.

May is the month when we have our Annual General Meeting. This is the time when members vote for Committee and President. As it coincides with the Coronation it will be a social event where we can all drink tea, eat cake and have a good old natter.....

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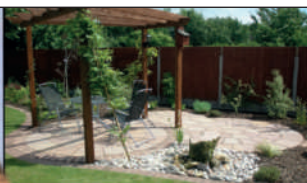


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At our March lunch meeting we were entertained to a slide show entitled Worcestershire Remembered by Ray Sturdy. The slides related to the Victorian and Edwardian eras and threw a fascinating insight to how our County looked in days gone by. There were also historical updates, about the background of Edward Elgar and his family and their affection for Worcester. Our next meeting, held at Hagley Golf Club, is on Monday 22nd May when our speaker will

be Max Keen talking to us about the history of the Austin Motor Company. We offer a warm welcome to retired professional gentlemen. For details please contact **Alan (Hon Sec) on 07967 590219**



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## WORDSLEY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY - WADS

Now my dears! You don't know me! Oooh, but you might though. My name is Letitia Cropley, and I am the Gordon blew master cook that resides in the village of Dibley. That nice Mr. Horton, the Chairman of the parish council, asked me to write to you about a play that some group called Wordsley Amateur Dramatic Society are performing in your Community Centre in Hagley on 19th and 20th May. He said he asked me to write because then I wouldn't be cooking. He's a bit of a cold fish, like the ones I use as a special ingredient in my Trifle Surprise.

Anyway, this play is about the Vicar of Dibley, and it's about the Vicar if Dibley surprisingly. All my chums on the parish council are in it, that Jim Trott and Farmer Newitt. It all sounds like a recipe for disaster if you ask me – a bit like one of mine So come along and

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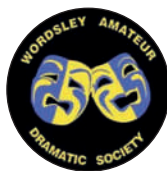
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**Letty Cropley**



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HCK Badminton Club has re-opened 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.



## BLAKEDOWN & HAGLEY TENNIS CLUB

The Club continues to thrive and is looking forward to the start of the Summer League, having performed well in the Winter matches. Each year we enter teams in the Hereford and Worcester League and the Kidderminster League. There are Ladies, Men's and Mixed teams and it's a great way to meet players from other clubs and enjoy competitive tennis played in a friendly spirit. Our Junior payers have been making their presence felt too with 6 year old Harry Allsop being selected for the County Squad and 15 year old Alfie Zimmerman being awarded the John Neale Trophy by the Kidderminster League for his good conduct and sportsmanship. Well done to both of them. We're a very friendly club with social mix-ins

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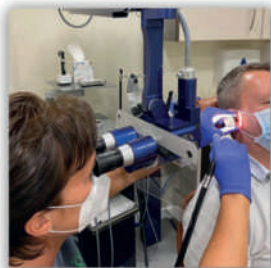
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What were those words we used the other week? Connecting in chaos?? That's what our Connect Group does... it builds relationships with each other and God so we have support in the chaos of our daily lives.

My Connect Group is my answer to prayer... a group of loving, genuine, Christian friends who I can do life with... the good bits and the not so good. Thank you God!

I don't know what I would do without my Connect Groups. I call it my mid-week booster session with God. It really helps lift me especially if I am going through a particularly challenging week. Having other Christian friends to connect with really helps too as we can learn so much from each other! Would highly recommend it to anyone thinking of joining.



**Our outside pop up coffee shop is now open on Sunday join us and enjoy**

I'm not one for joining groups so when asked to go along to a Connect Group I didn't intend to stay. God had other plans. Now just a couple of years later I look forward to each meeting and being part of a wonderful, caring group. It has helped me feel comfortable sharing my faith and any questions I'm struggling with.

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### SERVICES FOR MAY 2023

Date		Morning 10.30am
07th May 2023	Communion	Rev. Tim Mullings
14th May 2023		Rev. Peter Bradley
21st May 2023		Rev. Tim Mullings
28th May 2023		Mrs. Marjorie Davies

**MAY:** In some denominations the month of May is observed as Mary's month. In the Renaissance period of art, Mary's head is depicted adorned with flowers. In the Hebrew tradition May is the month of Light. We celebrate Spring at its peak and look forward to the coming Summer. As the Mother of Christ, Mary is our mother too. We look to her for our guidance and protection in the same way we look to our mothers on earth. Let us pray for the grace of repentance and the pardon and remission of all our sins.

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**THURSDAY 4 MAY:** Clent MU meeting: Parish Hall at 2.00pm. All are welcome

**SUNDAY 14 MAY:** Music for Sanctuary Concert (flute and piano): St John's at 3.00pm.

**THURSDAY 18 MAY:** Hagley MU outing to a church in Droitwich.

Date	10.30am	5.00pm
07th May 2023 Coronation Weekend	Holy Communion at St John's Worship 4 All at St Leonard's	
14th May 2023 Christian Aid	Holy Communion / Sunday Club at St Saviour's Holy Communion at St Leonard's	
21st May 2023 Sunday After Ascension	Family Communion at St John's	Worship on Zoom
28th May 2023 Pentecost	Holy Communion at St Saviour's Holy Communion at St Leonard's	

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<b>STAY &amp; PLAY 0-5</b> Churchill Village Hall 9:30-10:30am and 10:45-11:45am Call Laura 07525 476339
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