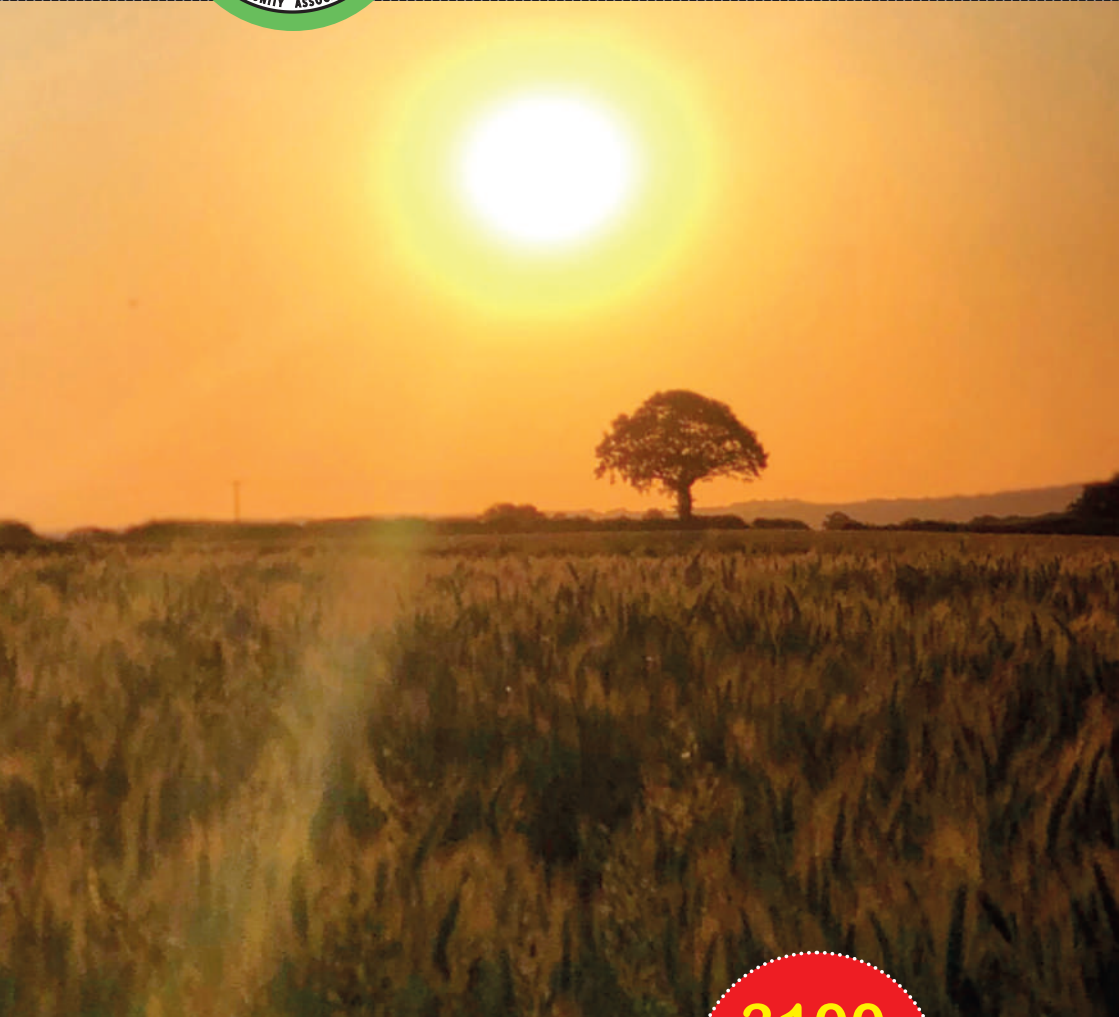




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## A big welcome to August

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Interestingly this month also sees one of the best celestial events of year. The Perseid shower is expected to feature 100 meteors per hour at it's peak - all bright streaks and fireballs galore! So all you stargazers out there need to get yourselves to a very dark place on the night of 12th August to witness this most stunning of spectacles.

A little news from Girlguiding in Hagley - 3rd Hagley Brownies celebrated their 50th birthday in June and we have the photo to prove it! Turn to page 9 to see all five Brown Owls from the last 50 years together - what a gorgeous image of these wonderful ladies ♥

If you're looking for some fun things to do this month then we have some info that may be of interest to you. Sanders Park in

Bromsgrove is hosting various workshops, shows and bandstand music throughout August - ALL FREE! We've put together some dates and times on page 27 for you to get an idea of what's on offer, but more details are available at [bromsgrove.gov.uk/events](http://bromsgrove.gov.uk/events)

On the subject of entertainment and also a little closer to home is Lifecentral's 'Party in the Park'. Taking place on Sunday 20th August there will be a children's entertainer, games, music, cricket and more. See page 38 for more details - take along a delicious picnic, relax, enjoy ice cream and have fun for a couple of hours.

So there you go folks - have a lovely last month of summer and we'll catch up with you all again in September

**Alison Akers** Editor

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## HAGLEY HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

There is no meeting in August for the Historical Society. We meet again on 5th September when we welcome Michael Loftus presenting 'Mr Mitchell's Quite Wonderful Wall' If you've driven in Kidderminster, you're sure to have noticed the extensive concrete relief decorating the retaining wall from Worcester Cross to Worcester Road Ring Road. William Mitchell (1925-2020) was a prolific and innovative architectural sculptor who worked in various materials but most notably concrete. Mitchell was particularly keen to give the wall elements which passers-by might find attractive and interesting. Mr Loftus and fellow members of the Civic Society campaigned for the 'Great Wall of Kidderminster' to receive listed status and after years of neglect, it

is now recognised for its artistic merit and was awarded Grade II status in 2020. One of the detailed panels designed to provide a backdrop for a waterfall was also reinstated in 2021, bringing happy memories to many in the town. 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.

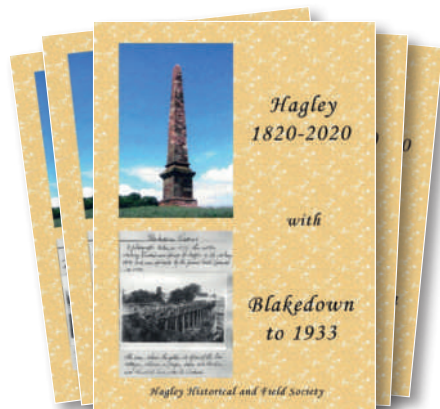
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Rachel Paget - Secretary**



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

Hagley Historical and Field Society's research group have put together a 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 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.

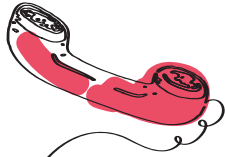


## THE ARTS SOCIETY - STOURBRIDGE

Our Society's lecture in June was the last one of our 2022/23 season. It took place as usual in Stourbridge Town Hall on Thursday morning the 15th at 11.00 and lasted an hour. The subject was the genius of Ivor Novello described by our speaker, John Snelson, in his title as "Much more than gathering lilacs..." John has been fascinated by musicals all his life and is now a leading expert in British musical theatre (the subject of his PhD).

Contact Neill Robb either on **07484 830487** or email to [neillrobb@btinternet.com](mailto:neillrobb@btinternet.com) Our 2023/24 season kicks off in September.





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			Wendy YOGA 11.00-12noon		
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## VILLAGE LADIES

Hi Village Ladies. Hopefully we are enjoying some warm weather but with it always comes the old question of why the grass has grown almost before you've put the mower away from the previous cut! Looking back to our, on the whole, very warm and sunny June, our first meeting was on 13th when, unfortunately, our speaker had to cancel at the last minute due to ill health. The evening was quickly re-organised and we held a quiz and chat evening which was very much enjoyed. Our second meeting was on 27th and was Our Own Evening which this year was a Bring and Buy Sale and fish and chip supper. This was another lovely evening and proved to be very popular.

Of course we do not meet during August so this is a reminder that we next meet on Tuesday 12th September when we will be registering for our 2023/2024 season. We meet at St Saviour's Church Hall at 7.45 for 8pm

**Ann Pagett**



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## ROTARY CLUB No 1328 District 1060

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In June the Rotary Club with partners visited Dunster in Summerset for the annual Presidents away weekend which included a visit to the steam railway. The club had a thoroughly enjoyable time for which the well-organized event closed the year on a high note for President Bill Harris. President Bill was delighted to hand over the clubs presidency to Derry Millington on the 26th June 2023 who has been president on three previous occasions so we are all looking forward to an informed and well-practiced coming Rotary Year.

In July the club will be pleased to receive members from Kinver Rotary Club and the Heybridge High School and Sixth Form Student Lottie Buffery-Latham who has been awarded the Rotary 2023 Shield Award for Endeavor. For Rotarians the month of July is when we consider New Leadership.

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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## GIRLGUIDING IN HAGLEY

In June 3rd Hagley Brownies celebrated its 50th Birthday it was lovely to see many of the old leaders and Brownies as well as the current Brownies and Parents. The unit was first opened in 1973 by Pauline Evans, the unit's first Brown Owl as there was a long waiting list at the time for the two other Hagley Brownie units.

3rd Hagley Brownies had 5 Brown Owls over the last 50 years and it was lovely that we had all 5 of them with us for the evening. Barbara Allen who helped Pauline Evans set up the unit as her Tawny Owl, later took over as Brown Owl from Pauline. Gill Quinlivan then took on the unit after being a unit helper and was Brown Owl for 27 years. Fiona Drewett took over the unit from Gill having previously also been a helper and was Brown Owl for 10

years. Amanda Everton, who was a Brownie herself in the unit back in the 1980's when Barbara and Gill were the Brown Owls, has recently taken over as Brown Owl in the last couple of years.

Other units have been busy making the most of the great summer evenings to get out and about with nature walks, local history walks, fun in the park, football skills and water games. Over the summer we will be taking a well-earned break ready to start with plenty of fun in September.

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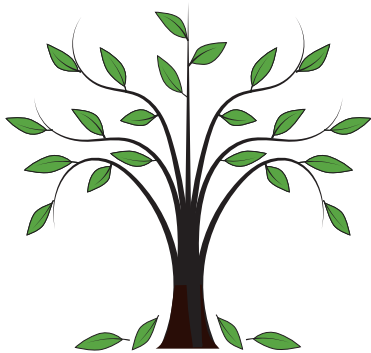


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The Community Association is in the process of considering an upgrade to its website and seeking suitably qualified support to help in its upgrade. We continue to review many of the centre's functions and amenities, checking formal documents, fire safety guidance, lighting and general kitchen and heating systems as well as correcting the paving outside to the main entrance. All these costs mount up just for the centre to 'stand-still'. The income being received from the

community market is certainly very welcome.

A nice point of interest is that the Village News is approaching its 60th anniversary with the centre itself being a little bit younger and won't be celebrating its 60th year until later this decade in 2029. Seems a long way-a-way but undoubtedly, it'll soon come around.

**Steve Colella - Chairman  
Hagley Community Association**

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## HAGLEY COMMUNITY MARKET

I think its worth repeating that the Community Market is organised by an independent, not for profit committee group of volunteers and proceeds from the hire of the 'pitch fees' go directly to the community centre's repair and maintenance. We've been able to raise £1,300 to date and hope that the hard work and effort put into the initiative will make a difference to the centre and as such will help create a place where the community can continue to meet and enjoy

its surroundings. We look forward to seeing you at the market over the coming months. As a further reminder it's the last Saturday in each month (except for December), in the community centre. I look forward to seeing you there, we're a friendly bunch and always happy to have a chat.

**Steve Colella - Chairman  
Community Market Group**

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

Over the next couple of months, we will be producing a newsletter to be circulated as widely as possible. As a group we're keen to publicise the work of this group and to enhance our engagement with the wider public. To this end since the beginning of the year we have welcomed several new members and widened our engagement with the Doctor's surgery management and senior clinicians. Topics that we've recently covered

include patient contact with the surgery, the impact of further growth in Hagley on the surgery, the issues with the pharmacy and to be discussed is the alarming rise in dimension referrals generally across the NHS. If the PPG can influence positive changes in the surgery, it will be time very well spent.

**Steve Colella - Chairman  
Patient Participation Group**

## HAGLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A continued success of the public meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner and his team earlier this year is the increase in the number of speed enforcement checks.

I can confirm that these checks have been extended to Brake Lane and include Newfield Rd, Middlefield Lane, and at the B4187, Worcester Road. These are in addition to the checks already carried out on the A456. These checks will be carried out on an adhoc basis as and when Police resources allow it and of course it won't totally stop speeding traffic but the increase in the number of checks does go towards speed awareness and delivering the message that safe driving through Hagley is being encouraged. My thanks go to the Hagley and Rubery Policing

Team for continuing to commit to promises made at the public meeting. I continue to chase the Safer Roads Partnership on actions agreed at the Safer Roads Working Group meeting. Site visits were agreed to assess the public concerns raised at this meeting and to return with an action plan.

Finally, a reminder to ask friends and neighbours to keep a watchful eye on your property whilst you're away. Prevention is better than cure and keeping your property safe from opportunistic thieves is vitally important at any time of the year.

**Steve Colella -  
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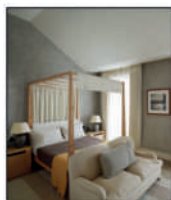
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There are also a few spaces in our Tuesday afternoon tai chi and qigong session at 4.15pm. No experience is necessary just a curious mind to try something new!

Please ring Angela on **07512 546480** for information on all Active Seniors classes at the Community Centre.

**Angela**



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## HAGLEY COUNTRY DANCERS

We take a break from dancing during August and hopefully enjoy the warm summer afternoons. We restart on September 11th. It has been a very successful few months, with several new members joining and good attendances. This has allowed our callers to arrange interesting programmes with a variety of dances and has helped to get newcomers into the swing, as it were. Anyone of any age is welcome to join us on our Monday afternoon sessions, 2 pm to 3.30 pm. In the Free Church Hall. 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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## HAGLEY U3A

U3A is run by volunteers on a local basis. No qualifications are required to attend modules and there are no exams. Members help each other to learn - for pleasure and to stay alert!

We welcome all from the surrounding area to take part in a varied programme of learning groups and events. The groups and times of meeting appear on our web page at **<https://u3asites.org.uk/hagley/groups>** Full general meetings are held in St Saviours on the first Wednesday of every month (except in August), 1.30 for 1.45. Visitors (and

new members) are always welcome. Our next presentation on 6 September will be on the Midland Air Ambulance, whose red helicopter some of you may have already spotted overhead.

For further information, contact our Chair, Jane Mottram (**01562 888219**), or our Membership Secretary, Ian Powick (**883822**)



## HAGLEY CAMERA CLUB

We are one of the smaller, more relaxed camera clubs welcoming everyone from beginner to seasoned enthusiast to take part in a varied program of interesting photography activities including; guest speakers, studio, and practical nights (still life and models), location shoots, club outings, member presentations, competitions (internally and against other clubs), tuition and appraisal evenings, workshops and much more.

The club continues to meet throughout the summer months and our Diary for the month of August starts with a presentation night of mobile phone photography from club members showcasing the increasing use (and acceptance) of mobile phone photography. We continue with a selection evening choosing images to enter a 3-way battle against other local clubs. The following week we have a guest speaker giving a presentation titled 'Street & Other Stuff' showcasing his approach to 'street photography' and the month concludes with one of our members

taking us through a practical night of using a proprietary software editing programme. There is no meeting the last Tuesday of the month (Bank Holiday week)

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)  
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## ART CLUB

August sees a new demonstrator for us with Leanne Ellis showing her working on a landscape in Oils, which will contrast directly with last month's experience of urban landscape in watercolour with Ray Blundell.

The good weather has tempted members out on "en plein air" activities, which has taken us from Himley Hall's waterfalls to a daisy covered bank at Lakeside, Wythymoor and a lovely Kinver garden overlooked by St Peter's Church. Who knows where we'll be next? Look out for our "Sketch Out" with date, venue and times to be posted on Facebook

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, which includes a raffle ticket, we are incredible value without compromising on the calibre of visiting artists

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## HAGLEY STRING ORCHESTRA

Together with music composed specifically for string orchestra, each term we also play as a group chamber works that were written for solo players such as string quartets. Quartets are usually without a part for a double bass, which is why last term our major item was a String Quintet by Dvořák, which has an essential double bass part.

Antonin Dvořák (1841-1904) was a Czech composer who joined his father in a folk music group playing the violin at the age of six! At 16 he was studying piano, organ, singing and music theory in Prague where he became influenced by Wagner's music. Two years later he was in the orchestra of the National Theatre being conducted by Smetana and Wagner. Dvořák is best known for his popular 'From the New World' Symphony (commissioned by the New York Philharmonic Orchestra) and his Requiem which was premiered in Birmingham Town Hall in 1891. He travelled to Birmingham from London many times, loving the steam railway journey.

He wrote his String Quintet No.2 in 1875 when he was 34. It's a technically demanding work of wonderful music which we have enjoyed playing.

**Jeremy Patterson - Conductor**  
**jeremy.patterson2013@yahoo.co.uk**



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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.

Week by week participants will gain body strength through the core muscles, and all other major muscle groups of the body. An increase in flexibility and range of movement through joints will be experienced enabling participants to achieve a better posture, and

a reduction in stiffness. All exercises carry adaptations of movement when needed, allowing all participants to perform the exercises, no matter what their personal strength and abilities may be. Pilates exercise sessions carry all the usual benefits of exercise both physiologically and psychologically for the individual participant.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays, Intermediates from 10am til 11am and Beginners from 11.30am til 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 VILLAGE ALLOTMENTS

July was a wonderful month in the garden and at the allotment. Summer is now in full flow, and you'll be beginning to reap the rewards of all the hard work you've been putting in.

But all that lush summer abundance can turn to chaos if you don't stay on top of things. Here is some advice from the Hagley allotmenters :

- Keep up with watering and keep on weeding says Plot 31. Plants need more water than ever at this time of year and being "water wise" will certainly help. Mulch around your plants to reduce moisture loss from the soil or use a drip irrigation system. As for weeding, little and often is generally best.

- For those strawberry growers at home and on the plot, Plot 30's advice is to use straw underneath your plants. This gives the fruiting bodies a nice, comfy bed, helps to stop any bruising or sitting on wet soil.

- Plot 18 says to reap the rewards from fruit trees and bushes, master pruning in conjunction with the seasons. Pruning at the wrong time could see you losing harvests before they have begun.

- Don't be afraid to ask for help or advice, in the garden or on the plot. Ask your neighbour or pop a plea on the Love Hagley Facebook page.

- Plot 10a gives us reassuring advice to not feel overwhelmed when taking on an overgrown plot or if the garden feels like a daunting task. Break it down into small, achievable tasks and do a bit at a time. Think about what's going to benefit you in the short term and start that.

"A beautiful garden is a work of the heart"

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



## HAGLEY WI

August sees the end of the WI year. This is generally a time for friends to get together and enjoy each other's company.

Hagley Ladies always put together a summer garden party. We have such a lovely time, enjoying delicious homemade cakes, courtesy of our members with a nice cuppa. As with all garden parties, we adorn our summer outfit with a summer hat! How quintessentially English and a real summer highlight.

September sees the start of a new WI year and we have a full programme lined up of various things for us to enjoy both in and out of our monthly meeting. We meet the second Monday of the month and September sees us welcoming Alison Wakeman who is going to introduce us to the Interesting Life of Bees. This will be fascinating and very enjoyable.

In addition to our monthly meeting is our Walking Group and Craft Group.

Also, our new monthly competition is proving very popular. Members are anxious to see their name on the leaderboard, hoping to win a prize at Christmas.

WI life is all about Inspiration and Friendship. We have both at Hagley. If you would like to come and visit us, no obligation, we meet at Hagley Community Centre, September 11th at 2.00pm. We would be happy to meet you.

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## WORDSLEY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY - WADS

Hello again from all at WADS! Midsummer has gone, the longest day has passed, the dream of a Midsummer night has melted into air, into thin air. Okay, that is a bit Shakespearean and I am mixing plays up but you get the picture. The next thing will be A Winter's Tale, I had better stop now while I am on a roll.

Yes, the winter. It doesn't bear thinking about while the days are still long and sunny, for the most part. But the Winter is when we will be amongst you again, performing our next production of Frankenstein – perfect for the evenings when the shadows lengthen – although the lightning required to bring things to life may be in short supply at that time of year.

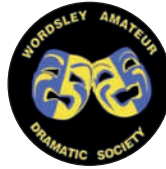
But there are other a'coming things before we unleash the beast! We are staging a night for our patrons at the British Legion Social Club in Kingswinford on August 3rd. This is normally free of charge to those who are members of our patrons' scheme, and for everyone else we make a small charge as a contribution to charity. The charity is chosen at our AGM, and as yet we don't know yet which one that will be. Details will be available on our Facebook

page and other social media, but of course you can get in touch with us directly by email on [wordsleyamdram@outlook.com](mailto:wordsleyamdram@outlook.com), or to Liz Green on **01384 270228**.

By the way – if you would actually like to become a member, or a Patron, you can get in touch with us about those as well. In fact I would positively encourage it! If you wish to tread the boards, help backstage, lighting or whatever, have a chat – the more the merrier is our motto.

I think that's it for the moment. More details about our centenary year in 2024 will be forthcoming in future editions, but in the meantime, as Shakespeare said "So long, farewell!" Nope, that's the Sound of Music, but the thought is the same.

**Andrew Rock**



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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.



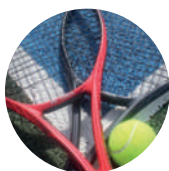
## BLAKEDOWN & HAGLEY TENNIS CLUB

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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We've received quite a few concerns from residents about the Big Issue vendors that are outside the Co-op and other shops. They are begging for cash in an intrusive manner and when people are buying them goods, they take said goods back into the shop asking for refunds. They have been targeting elderly vulnerable residents and as a result we've been in touch with the police and our County Councillor who are helping us to investigate the matter. We're also contacting The Big Issue and asking them to confirm if they are legitimate sellers. If they are, they are tainting a longstanding good idea to help people get on their feet as begging is simply not allowed for Big Issue sellers. If they are not legitimate sellers, they are taking away

from someone who could benefit properly. The police believe that they could be part of an organised gang, so we ask, if you want to help, please do not give money or buy items from the shops. We'll keep you posted once we have an update.

The Hagley Community Bus runs on Monday to Stourbridge, Wednesday to Longbridge Retail Park and Friday to Kidderminster and Longbridge. Please contact Shencare Transport for more details on 0121 476 1816.

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

### Hagley Parish Council

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## HAGLEY PROBUS CLUB

The latest meeting of Hagley Probus Club, held on Monday 26 June, marked the 40th anniversary of the founding of the club. The occasion was celebrated by 48 members and guests who enjoyed lunch at the Club's usual venue of Hagley Golf and Country Club.

Following the meal the audience was entertained to a diet of magic, music and comedy by entertainer David Moylan. This came as a welcome relief to all the doom and gloom pervading the current news!

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### LOCAL BLAKEDOWN SUPPORTER GROUP

Several members of our committee went to Sunnycroft near Telford in June. It is an impressive red brick house with a lovely garden. We were principally interested in the newly restored conservatory, built by R Halliday & Co and dating back to 1899, it is believed to be one of only a few remaining Halliday conservatories and has a unique design only found at Sunnycroft. It was indeed looking very fine, our centre had made a large donation to enable the restoration to be done. It made a delightful afternoon out for us all.

We have an outing planned for August 1st to Elton Hall near Peterborough travelling this time by coach. There has been a house on this site since the 1500's and has an award winning garden.

Our monthly meetings resume at Blakedown Parish Hall on September 12th when Dr James Taylor is coming to talk about Grace Darling and the fine Art of Saving Lives at Sea. The meeting begins at 7.30pm. Do come along and join us for what promises to be a very interesting evening.

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

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## TUESDAY TEA CLUB

The Tuesday tea club is enjoyed by a group of ladies and is run by a team of willing volunteer helpers who are finding it difficult to put out the tables and chairs.

Is there anyone in the village who would be prepared to help. We meet in the Free Church Hall on the first and third Tuesdays of the month and would need the tables and chairs putting out at around 1:30. It would take about 15 minutes.

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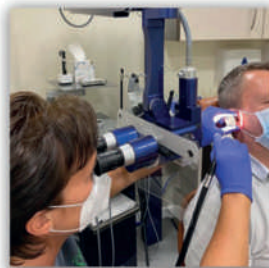
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Date		Morning 10.30am
06th August 2023	Communion	Rev. Tim Mullings
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28th August 2023		Mr. Blair Kessler

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**Sunday 27th August:** Clent and Hagley church cricket match at Hagley Cricket Ground, beginning at about 2.00pm, with tea between the innings. Afterwards, there will be Songs of Praise in front of the pavilion at about 5.00 pm. Everyone is very welcome.

Date	10.30am	5.00pm
06th August 2023 Transfiguration	Holy Communion at St John's Worship 4 All at St Leonard's	
13th August 2023 Trinity 10	Holy Communion at St Saviour's Holy Communion at St Leonard's	
20th August 2023 Trinity 11	Family Communion at St John's	Sunday Worship on Zoom
27th August 2023 Trinity 12	Holy Communion at St Saviour's Holy Communion at St Leonard's	Cricket 2pm Songs of Praise 5pm

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).

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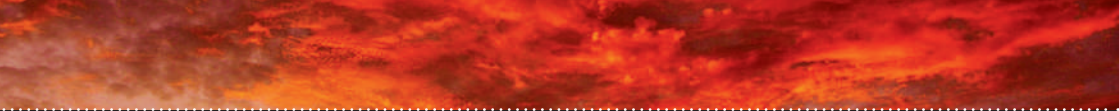
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