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### Welcome to Autumn

Hello again good gentle folk of Hagley. Here we are already in September with autumn upon us and last season now behind us. We do hope you all had a good summer whether it was in scorching hot Europe, cooler climates elsewhere or here in wet and windy but loveable old Blighty - land of ancient hills and beautiful greenery!

As our young folk look forward to returning to or starting their schools, colleges, universities and apprenticeships we would like to wish them all the best in their endeavours and the future ahead.

For those in the community with younger children it's definitely worth taking them along to the Little Treasures playgroup at Hagley Community Centre. It's run by Pauline Hollis of Lifecentral Church, Hagley and is a fantastic couple of hours for pre-schoolers to make friends and enjoy the many activities on offer. See page 38 for more details and contact information.

We are very fortunate to have a lovely park and play area in the village and we're delighted to report that the latest addition to this is a new accessible swing. We have a picture on page 6 of a smiling young Lily putting it to very good use.

If you fancy a good local night out for a good cause then get yourself tickets for the LVIV AID event at the Community Centre next month. The Suits will be providing the music and a licensed cash bar will be providing the drinks. What's not to enjoy! See page 27 for more details.

And we have an interesting bit of Hagley history for you. If the name Kay Wilkinson rings a bell then take a look at page 14 - we just love a bit of good old nostalgia.

Happy reading all and we'll look forward to catching up with you all again next month.

**Alison Akers** Editor

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## COMMUNITY CENTRE TIMETABLE 2023

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## HAGLEY HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

On 5th September 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 on the 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.

On 3rd October we have a very short AGM followed by Ned Williams presenting 'Here Comes the Circus!'

Ned is a local historian and the author of several books including 'Fairs and Circuses in the Black Country' and 'Midland Fairground Families'. This talk promises to take us from the legends of circus history through to a survey of the lively, modern circus scene.

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.

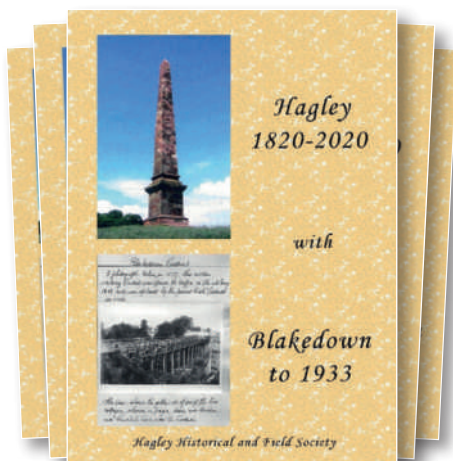
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Rachel Paget - Secretary**



## NEW BOOK 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)), Happy Families in the village and Hagley Library. Alternatively it can be purchased at the society's meetings which are held at 8pm in St Saviour's hall on the first Tuesday of each month.



## HAGLEY SCOUT HUT TIMETABLE 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Emilie YOGA 10.00-11.00am	Jess PERFORMANCE HUB 8.30-1.00pm
			Wendy YOGA 11.00-12noon		
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Lily's family would like to thank Hagley Parish Council and Steve Fitzpatrick along with Councillor Karen May who arranged funding for this new inclusive swing.



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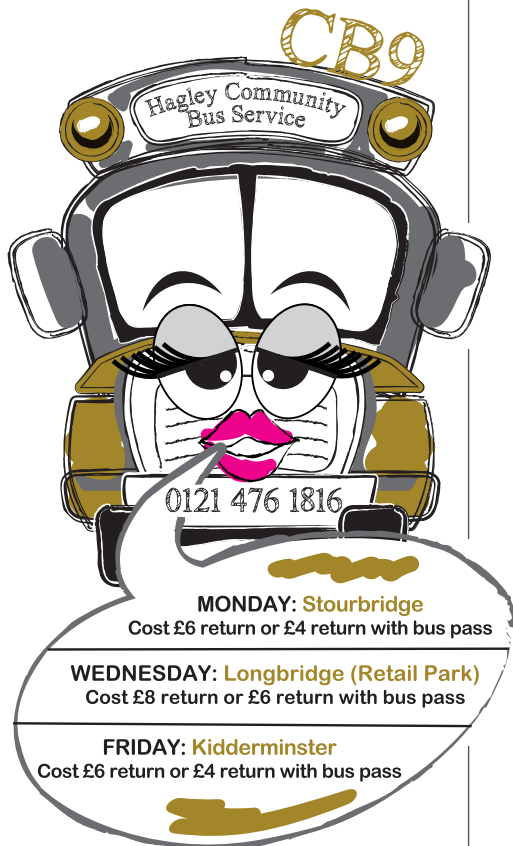
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## THE ARTS SOCIETY - STOURBRIDGE

This month we welcome back our members and their visitors for the start of our 2023/24 season. Our first lecture in the Town Hall, Stourbridge is on Thursday 7th September beginning at 10.55 am. It will be given by Keith Bonser, a local lecturer who we are very much forward to seeing, and the title of his lecture is "Caravaggio, painter extraordinaire, a flawed genius and ...a murderer! How I became a Caravaggisti." Keith will be describing how Caravaggio (1571 – 1620) came into his life – a personal journey which has changed his life.

If this interests you and you would like to hear more, then please do contact Neill Robb either on **07484 830487** or by email to **neillrobb@btinternet.com**



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In July the club was pleased to receive members from Kinver Rotary Club and the Haybridge High School and Sixth Form Student Lottie Buffery-Latham who has been awarded the Rotary 2023 Shield Award for Endeavor.

In August the club is looking forward to a full program of events including a happy return following the pandemic of the Rotary BBQ. For Rotarians the month of August is when we consider Membership

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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On 19th Sept we return to our regular meeting with a presentation from a guest speaker on the 'Lofoten Islands'. And the month concludes with one of our members taking us through a practical 'masterclass' using a proprietary software editing programme. So another month of varied and interesting photography related activity.

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**



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## VILLAGE LADIES

Hello Village Ladies. We brought our 2022/2023 season to a close with our one meeting in July which was our AGM on the 11th. We enjoyed a very informal evening being reminded of all the speakers we have welcomed over the last year. We held, in total, 20 meetings most of them were with speakers, 3 or 4 were social evenings and we also had 2 day trips out which were very successful. We have an excellent committee and leader and the group runs very smoothly and efficiently.

Now refreshed after our break we look forward to our usual two meetings each month. The first one on 12th September is when we register for the year ahead. We hear what's in store for us for 2023/2024 and there will be plenty of time to catch up with all those friends that we haven't managed to see over the summer. The second meeting is on 26th when Michael Morton will be describing his life 'Managing an Airport'.

Village Ladies meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month in St. Saviour's Church Hall at 7.45 for 8 pm.

We are a thriving outgoing friendly group and are always ready and very happy to welcome new members.

If you would like to join us but need a bit more information, please ring our leader, Sue, on 01562 885799 or email her on [Sue.billington@gmail.com](mailto:Sue.billington@gmail.com). She will be delighted to chat and fill you in with all the details.

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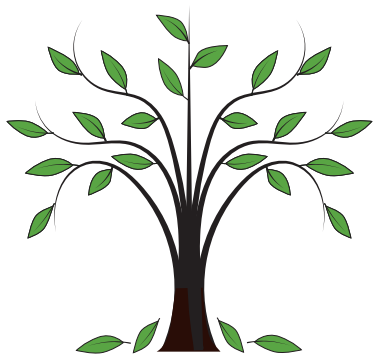


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KAY WILKINSON

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



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## ART CLUB

An exciting change of pace for members and non-members alike comes with our September offer, a demonstration from Chris Fothergill, architectural illustrator and artist, showing us the skills of Pen and Wash with Urban Sketching, a challenge for us "can't draw a straight line" merchants. It's hard to be galloping into the Autumn, but nevertheless this will be our last demonstration before appraisals, and would you believe it, the Annual Exhibition? So last chance at something new before you gather your thoughts, get your experimental stuff ready for the gentle administrations of DJ Johnson, our appraiser this year and be ready for exhibition in November.

Before those winter offerings make you too depressed, weather permitting, they will be at least one more sketch out in September and don't forget that the Churchill Painting

Circle meets every Tuesday afternoon 2 – 4 for more hands on opportunities. All details on the website and Facebook page

**NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

Contact us: [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

**Sallie Gurney - Website Editor**



**HAGLEY ART CLUB**

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## HAGLEY COUNTRY DANCERS

Thanks to ending our term before the July deluge, we were able to finish in style with our traditional garden party and have a whole afternoon of conversations uninterrupted by dances. The interruptions will resume on Monday September 11th, at the usual time and place, 2 pm in the Free Church Hall. The start of the Autumn term is always a good time to begin a new activity, particularly for anyone who has found that they now have a free Monday afternoon. Some gentle exercise, some friendly company, and a lot of fun gets the week off to a great start. 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**

## 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 was 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.

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



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## HAGLEY PROBUS CLUB

The latest meeting of Hagley Probud 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!

Hagley Probud Club is open to retired professional businessmen where a warm welcome is on offer. For further details please contact Alan Hess (Hon Sec) on **07967 590219**



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We resume our monthly talks on Tuesday 17th September at 7.30pm at Blakedown Parish Rooms. The speaker will be Dr James

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## HAGLEY STRING ORCHESTRA

We began our Autumn Term on the 5th September and have fourteen rehearsals until we close on 12th December. This gives us time to enjoy our new programme of works ranging from JS Bach to Benjamin Britten and including the Russian composer Arensky, the Danish Carl Nielsen with some Haydn and Telemann. Two of our players will be the soloists for Bach's Concerto for Two Violins in D minor, and we'll be exploring a Serenade for Strings by the American composer Victor Herbert (1859-1924).

Do you or any of your friends play a string instrument (violin, viola, cello, double bass) fairly well e.g. AB Grade 6 or above? We are a very friendly mixed ability group who meet on Tuesday mornings in the excellent hall behind Hagley Free Church 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 Noon, and warmly welcome new players. We play simply to enjoy the music and each other's company, and do not give public concerts – nearly all of us regularly perform with other ensembles.

Do consider joining us; please come along one Tuesday morning, and bring a drink with you to have at our 10+ minutes break time. For more information, contact **Haydn Thomas (01562 885 252; sanhay50@gmail.com )**

**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**



## WORDSLEY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY - WADS

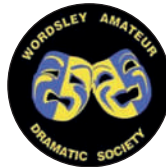
Happy September! Could that be Autumn, dare I say it? Looking to the future and what we are working on is certainly special... Electrifying you could say! Our original production of "Frankenstein" is well into rehearsals and will have audiences on the edge of their seats! We will be performing at Hagley Community Centre on October 27th and 28th, following performances at the start of that month at Crestwood .

Films, such as the Hammer Horror versions of "Frankenstein" have concentrated on images of gore and horror; our production is rather... different. Written and directed by one of our members, M.A.Edwards, we want to transport the audience into Victorian times in an immersive experience that no-one will want to miss. We would like to assure our audience that this is not just a scary horror; we have no horrifying jump scares, ghosts, ghouls, or gore. Our play is a re-imagining

of Mary Shelley's novel, following Victoria Frankenstein's quest to create life, and the almost Dickensian characters she meets along the way.

We cannot wait to see you in October, but in the meantime, why not follow our Facebook and Twitter, or X (I think that's what it's called at the moment). We will keep you up to date with WADS going on, and you can get in touch with us through those pages, by email: **wordsleyamdram@outlook.com**, or telephone Liz Green on **01384 270228**.

**Andrew Rock**



## HAGLEY WI

At Hagley WI, everyone is welcome with no obligation to join us, just see what WI Life is about and how very different it is to the old perception of 'Jam and Jerusalem'. I am very proud to be a member of the Womens Institute and all the great work it does. I am also very proud of the history of WI and how it's always been involved in the welfare of all women. Over the years the WI has evolved and kept up with the times with something to offer all women from all walks of life.

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. We are now introducing a Book Club for our lovely ladies, where we can discuss our favourite authors and share books we have all read and enjoyed.

October is all about 'making a noise'..... We are welcoming back to our meeting Ronnie and his drums! We all have such fun last year with Ronnie, playing drums from Bongos to a full drum kit. I'm sure we were all in tune...!!!

We meet the second Monday of the month in Hagley Community Centre at 2.00 – 4.00pm

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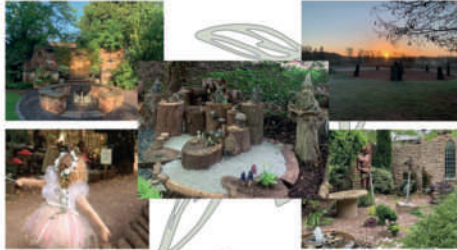
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## HAGLEY VILLAGE ALLOTMENTS

Welcome to September as we start the onset of autumn! At this time of year on the allotment or those who grow at home, it may be the last month for courgettes, French and runner beans, tomatoes and such but on the other hand, later crops like autumn raspberries, leeks and main top potatoes could be becoming into fruition. You may even have your first Brussels sprouts! All is not lost though as there is still the last chance to sow spinach, winter lettuce, rocket and hardy oriental leaves-under cloches if need be.

September is a good time to add everything you can to your compost heap-making sure what you add is disease free. Don't forget to give it a good 'turn' to aerate and stimulate decomposition, watering your heap of its dry, and cover to keep it warm. A sheet of plastic or an old piece of carpet should do the trick.

This month it's favourable to prune any blackberries and hybrid berries you may have on the allotment or at home. Prune canes that have borne this year's fruit, take out any old or dead wood and remember to leave new canes unpruned for next year's fruit. It's

also a great month to order any new bare-root fruit trees and bushes in time for planting in November. The local garden centres and nurseries will have a wide choice this time of the year.

And for the flower lovers out there, now is the time to stop fertilising, cut back any perennials that have finished blooming, divide and move perennials to fill any gaps, start digging up and store tender bulbs like dahlias and cannas and start planting spring bulbs such as daffodils, tulips and hyacinths.

"I think I have enough plants said no gardener ever"

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## HAGLEY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

We started up the Community Orchestra again, after a year's break, by playing for the St John's Church Patronal Festival service on June 18th. I had stepped down from running the orchestra in June 2022, because my husband (our resident keyboard player and composer), Andrew Downes, was becoming increasingly unwell. Very tragically, he died on January 2nd 2023. Deciding to resurrect the Community Orchestra has been a great comfort to me in my distress. We also lost our recorder player, Wendy Pettit, just after Andrew.

The rest of us will be playing again for the Harvest Festival service in St John's Church on 1st October (10.30am). The rehearsals will be in St Saviour's Church on Tuesdays 12th, 19th and 26th September, from 5.30-7pm, and we will rehearse at 9am on the day of the service in St John's.

If you would like to join us in the orchestra, please phone or text me on **07545 773 139**. Besides accompanying the Harvest hymns, we will also be playing music by Vivaldi and Andrew Downes

## HCK BADMINTON CLUB

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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## HAGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

We hope you've all had a good summer and made the most of what the village has to offer. We enjoy seeing everyone using the facilities we make available, especially the play-ground, skate park and surrounding areas.

Autumn is now upon us and with that comes the start of the school term and the usual before and after school traffic. We ask that everyone is mindful of where they are parking when dropping off/picking up, in particular around the primary school. We're constantly informed by residents of illegal parking on zig zags and double yellow lines and how some drivers hold up school buses and traffic by double parking. As a result, we have asked District Councillor Ruth Lambert to arrange for a traffic warden to be in the area more often from September around the schools. Please be a considerate driver and help keep our little ones safe on their journey to and from school.

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It been great to see lots of people making good use of the playing field, but please note that for any organised activities, for example, fitness classes, football training, friendlies, bootcamp etc, the Parish Council must be notified.

For all activities we must firstly ensure that there are no clashes with booked activities, and we need to make sure that necessary risk assessments and insurances are in place. Please contact the Clerk on: [clerk@hagleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hagleyparishcouncil.gov.uk) or 01562 885253

### A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

We've now started planning for our annual 'Christmas in Hagley' event, that will take place on Saturday 2nd December – Santa has confirmed his availability and pencilled us in his diary. More details will be released soon so watch this space and our Facebook page!!

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## ACTIVE SENIORS

Once again there is more in the news about the importance of strengthening exercises for our health. Dr Michael Mosley spent time on his podcast discussing with a Professor of Muscle Physiology from Copenhagen the value of strength training including its beneficial effect on the brain. Resistance training (working with weights and resistance bands) changes the muscle and preserves the elements of the muscle that will help us to maintain independent living as we age so it's really vital to incorporate into our life. She also said it's never too late to start which is good news if you lead a fairly inactive life but are up for increasing your activity levels!

There was also a piece on BBC news about the value of certain exercises in maintenance of good blood pressure and we can certainly all try to incorporate one of the exercises – a wall squat- into our lives and we practiced it in a few classes this week.

If it all sounds a bit complicated then fear not Active Seniors classes will be there to support you into becoming more active and to start doing some regular strength training and we will add in some balance exercises for good measure!!

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**Angela**



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## GIRLGUIDING IN HAGLEY

At the time of writing our Girlguiding Units are taking a summer break. Leaders will no doubt be busy planning activities for the Autumn. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated group of volunteers within Girlguiding in Hagley and I do hope they have taken time to rest from Girlguiding during the summer.

The end of the summer term saw plenty of fun activities with Guides and Rangers enjoying weather sports at Lakeside Campus of the University of Worcester. Rangers really appreciated the opportunity to try some wild swimming and jumping into the lake from

2nd Hagley Guides had a rather wet and stormy camp where they experienced a year in a weekend celebrating everything from Pancake Day to American Independence Day and even Christmas. No one seemed to be put off by the awful weather and all the tents stayed upright.

3rd Hagley Brownies celebrated their 50th Birthday Camp at Blackwell Court Manor House where the Brownies tried many adventurous activities. 2nd Hagley Brownies celebrated the end of term with a visit from the Ice Cream Van and plenty of fun games. 1st Hagley Brownies had an evening at Lush making some fabulous bath bombs.

Rainbows visited Hagley allotments and the grounds of Hagley Hall. Let's hope we have some dry evenings in September so that we can continue to be out and about.

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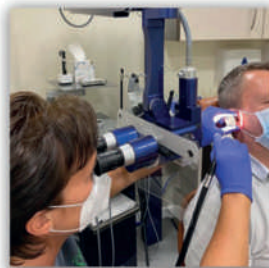
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### SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Date		Morning 10.30am
03rd September 2023	Communion	Rev. Tim Mullings
10th September 2023		Rev. Peter Bates
17th September 2023	Harvest Festival	Rev. Tim Mullings
24th September 2023		Rev. Edwin Boddington

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### WORSHIP AND EVENTS FOR HAGLEY AND CLENT - SEPTEMBER 2023

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**Thursday 7th September:** Mothers' Union: Clent Parish Hall at 2.00pm. Talk by Joyce Bush 'Let's look on the bright side of life' All are very welcome.

**Sunday 10th September:** Music for Sanctuary Concert, St John's, 3.00 pm. Favola Flute and Harp duo. Free entry – collection for charity.

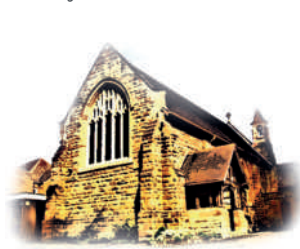
**Thursday 21st September:** Hagley Mothers' Union Games Afternoon at 2.30 pm St Saviour's Church Hall. All are very welcome.

– and a **Parish Quiet Day** at Holland House on **Monday 16th October**. Please contact the Parish Office, or see our Pewsheet, for details.

Date	10.30am
03rd September 2023 Trinity 13	Holy Communion at St John's Worship 4 All at St Leonard's
10th September 2023 Trinity 14	Holy Communion / Sunday Club at St Saviour's Holy Communion at St Leonard's
17th September 2023 Trinity 15	Holy Communion at St John's All together Family Service at St Leonard's
24th September 2023 Trinity 16	Holy Communion / Sunday Club at St Saviour's Holy Communion at St Leonard's

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to enquire about a baptism or wedding or to receive our church magazine "Contact" or weekly Pewsheet (details as above).

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