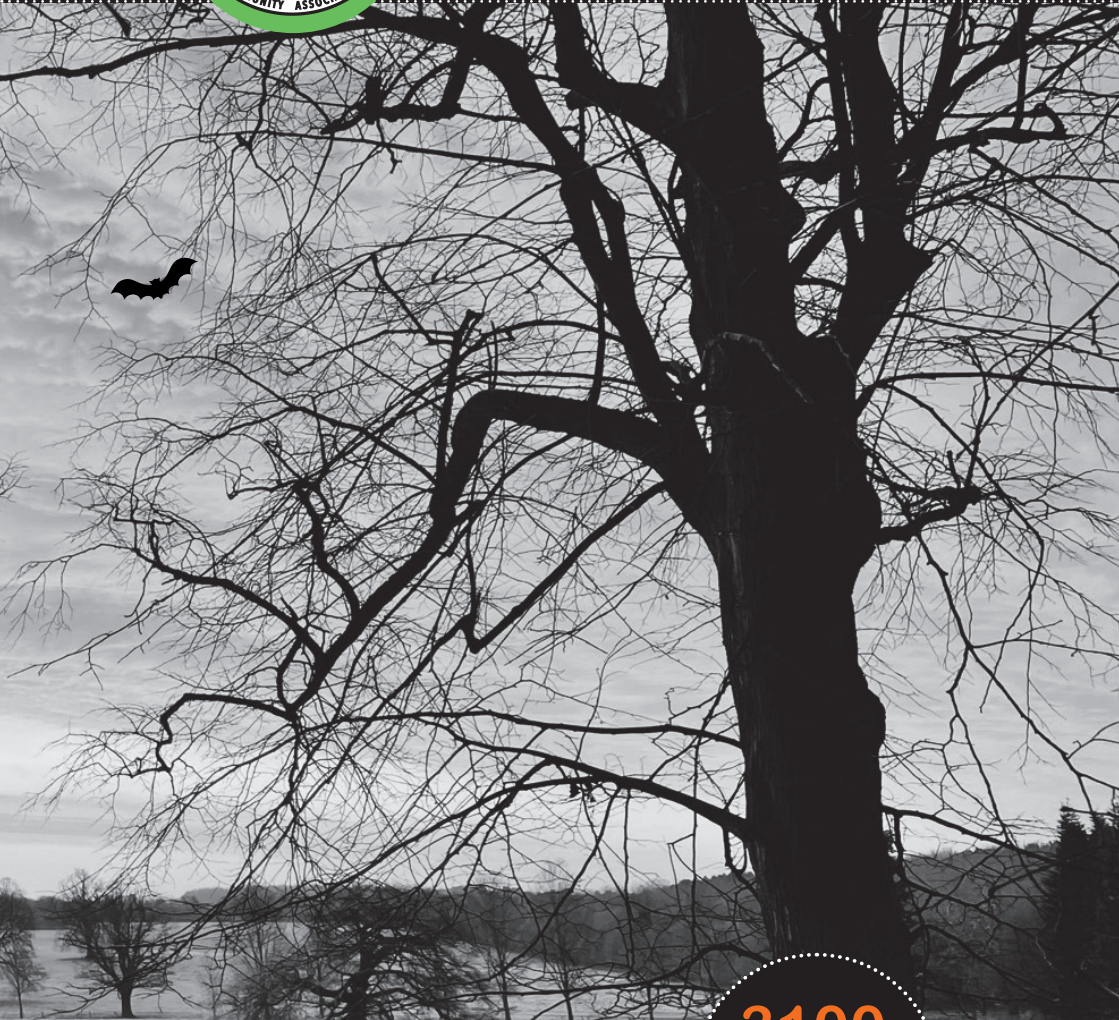




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October Greetings

A warm welcome to this months edition of your favourite read. As always we are packed full of the latest information of what's going on in the community - and there's plenty!

If you fancy partaking in yet another good old knees up, then the Rotary Club of Hagley may have just what you need. They'll be putting on a night of music and laughter at the Community Centre in November. If you fancy bagging yourselves tickets for this very popular event then head over to page 10 for more details .

On page 14 and 15 we have Steve Colella's latest news articles regarding the Community Centre, Hagley PPG, Village Market and Neighbourhood Watch. Its well worth keeping up to date with these well utilised services and amenities

The RBL Poppy Appeal will be running again this year in the village. Look out for their gazebo outside Lex Allan Grove from Saturday 28th October. Turn to page 32 for further information and also to find details of this year's remembrance service, wreath laying and parade.

Hagley Parish Council have been busy with a fair amount of ground maintenance work on the playing fields and play area. We'd like to say a huge thank you to them for keeping this valuable and much used community space in as best condition as possible so that it can continue to be enjoyed by all. If you've not had a chance to see what they've been up to then check out their article - also on page 32.

On a final note - as the clocks go backwards at the end of this month and we head towards the darkness lets not forget the fun of Halloween in the village. We hope that the usual festivities are a safe, enjoyable and spooky experience for those fun loving folk amongst you who just can't resist a ghoul or two - along with a treat rather than a trick. Have a fab night! Get spooked!

Alison Akers Editor

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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.

On November 7th we welcome Bob Booth presenting 'The Sweet Life in Bournville'.

In 1879 George and Richard Cadbury, makers of chocolate and cocoa moved their factory from Birmingham city centre to the healthier environment of the countryside. They named their new village Bournville and planned a model village of well-built cottages with large gardens for their workers. The village would also have spaces for recreation and leisure.

Pictures from personal collections will be used in his presentation and aspects of the Cadbury legacy, the village architecture, the community, and some of the lesser-known facts about Bournville will be revealed.

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.

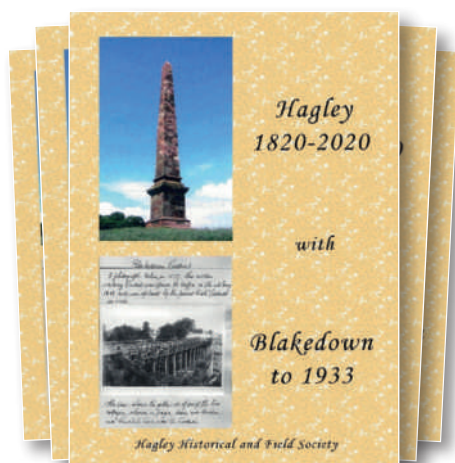
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Rachel Paget - Secretary**



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), 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.



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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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In memory of **Pete Barnsley**

We are devastated to say that our Dad, Pete Barnsley passed away in his sleep after a short illness. We would like to thank all our friends in Hagley who have again shown us such kindness and support. Hagley was Dad's home for 40 years and we are sure there are people who will remember him walking up to the village every day for years. We would like to give special thanks to Steph, and the other carers from Home Instead, who for the last year visited him at home and made him a lot of tea and sat doing countless quizzes with him. To everyone at Fig and Favour - your breakfasts were a highlight of his day, every day. And sitting with his family at his favourite table always put a smile on his face. His life wouldn't have been the same without you all. Dad didn't want a funeral and J.T. Brookes & Co have been understanding and compassionate in making the arrangements as he wanted. We will be making a donation to The Woodland Trust in his memory. Less than a year after losing Mum, it seems so unreal to be writing similar words about Dad but Hagley has again shown that it is a caring and compassionate community and having grown up here, and still being a small part of it makes us both feel very lucky. **Helen and Lou**



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Our diary for the month of October starts with the club's half year review with members expressing their views across the full range of club activities and voicing what they want included in the future programme. The following week sees us returning to another practical evening (subject to be decided) followed by a composite challenge of images from the summer. On 24th we are holding a 'practical tabletop' session centred on long exposure techniques. And the month concludes with a night asking 'what would the judge say' – a chance for members to gain feedback from a competition judge giving

his views on submitted images. So, another month of varied and interesting photography related activity.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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Further details: Keith Hunter **07920 740943**
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Facebook: Hagley camera club



VILLAGE LADIES

Hello Village Ladies. In this edition of the Village News we have a look back at our meetings that we held in August which will make this report shorter than usual as, of course, we were all still enjoying our summer break and we had no meetings! Now the wheels are very much back in motion, and we look forward to our two meetings this month.

The first one, on October 10th, is "Meet your Group" when we find out which one we will be part of for the coming year. Always eagerly anticipated, these small groups are a great way of making new friends.

Our second meeting in October is on 24th when local speaker, Paul Timmins, gives us an insight into "The History of Clent". It will be interesting to find out how much we know, or don't know, about our neighbouring village.

A reminder that we meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month in St. Saviour's Church Hall at 7.45 for 8pm. If you would like to join us and need more information, please ring our leader, Sue, on 01562 885799 or email her at sue.billington@gmail.com

Ann Pagett



HAGLEY U3A

Full general meetings are held in St Saviours Church Hall on the first Wednesday of every month, 1.30 for 1.45. Visitors (and new members) are always welcome. Our next presentation on 4 October will be by Elaine Barbour on Fairtrade. We also have a trip planned to Hartlebury Castle for a guided tour on Friday, 13 October; and a further Resuscitation and CPR Course by the British Heart Foundation at the Scout Hut in Top Hagley on Tuesday 26 October at 14.00. Further events are planned for November. Please note that the regular Poetry

group is hoping to move to the Library on a convenient Tuesday from October. Stay up-to-date by keeping an eye on our website at <https://u3asites.org.uk/hagley/welcome>. For further information, contact our Chair, Jane Mottram (**01562 888219**), or our Membership Secretary, Ian Powick (**883822**)



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.

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In August our Rotary Club of Hagley enjoyed its annual BBQ which was discontinued due to the pandemic, so a welcome return to our social program was enjoyed by all.

In September the club was actively pursuing its Ukraine Project as well as a full program of speakers and meetings including an evening dedicated to Banta and Bluster in

"Does The Team Think". For Rotarians the month of September is when we consider the need for Basic Education and Literacy

If you 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>

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The community centre is exactly that. The aim is that it becomes more of a centre for community events and activities. Just in case, we hire the hall and the committee rooms out

for all sorts of events including parties, clubs, theatre performances and societies. Please drop in when it's open and have a look around.

Further works have been completed including levelling up of the slabs at the entrance and soon there will be the upgrades to the external lights just in time for the winter.

**Steve Colella - Chairman
Hagley Community Association**

HAGLEY SURGERY PPG

A meeting was held with the surgery's senior Clinician and management team where we discussed a wide range of issues including.

'Home instead' is offering free dementia awareness training across Hagley and the offer is being extended to members of the PPG. If you would like to take advantage of this free training, please contact 'Home Instead'.

The surgery has received its results from the national NHS patient Survey 2023. Overall, it is very pleased with the scoring and proud of the service it offers to our patients. For more information visit <https://gppatient.co.uk/patientexperiences?practicecode=M81027> This is great news and on behalf of the PPG I congratulate Hagley surgery for a splendid set of results making it the highest scoring surgery in the Wyre Forest group.

There will be no further covid clinics at Hagley Surgery this annum. Clinic's will run centrally from Kidderminster Medical Centre and Stourport Medical Centre. Flu clinics will

run Saturday 23rd September and Saturday 7th October (08:00am-14:00pm). Qualifying patients will be contacted directly to arrange an appointment.

The surgery has 2 new GP trainees that have joined for a 12-month period. Dr Henry Duru and Tolulope Kazeem (both Male) will be working Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri, as well as 2 medical students commencing placement early September. (Both Female) working Mon/Wed/Thurs.

Hagley Surgery is a 'War Veteran' accredited practice. Dr Ayodele Ola is the GP veteran coordinator for the practice. On Friday 10th November it will be handing out envelopes of poppy seeds at Reception to mark the occasion.

More details will be made available soon in relation to how the surgery manages patient's triage.

**Steve Colella - Chairman
Hagley PPG**

HAGLEY VILLAGE MARKET

The Village market had a good summer with an average of over 600 visitors at each of the monthly markets. We were sure if the footfall would be lower due to holidays, but visitors have been fantastic. Thank you for everyone that's been able to come and visit us. Hopefully those that haven't found the time will come and visit. It's a lovely atmosphere with friendly traders and volunteers, in a lovely setting of the playing fields. A great place to spend a few hours on a Saturday morning.

As a reminder it's the last Saturday in the month, except for the special Christmas December market which is Saturday 16th December. All proceeds go to the repair and

maintenance of the community centre and the market committee are all volunteers.

We're planning now to have a special Christmas themed market (16th December) and hope to have a Halloween theme for the October market. We've raised over £2,200 since March 23 and hope to double that by March 24.

A special work of thanks to the committee from the bookings and promotions team to the day event team responsible for setting the event up and safely managing the carparking and visitors. Without such dedication none of this would be possible.

Steve Colella

HAGLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I thought I would let you know that PC Marc Ginder is leaving the Policing Neighbourhood Team and will be posted in Bewdley, as is PCSO Sue White who is moving to Stourport. I wish them both well and thank them for their help and support over the last several year and look forward to welcoming their replacements in due course.

We have seen a spate of burglaries over the summer and criminals targeting Range Rovers. As always, we need to be vigilant not only for our own property but for our neighbours too.

There was an incident in Middlefield Lane, during 24th August where a front window of the property was broken and the wires to the alarm system 'cut'.

Prior to that a burglary overnight on Worcester Close occurred where a blue Range Rover partial reg CVZ was stolen with keys and three watches.

A burglary took place on Hoarstone between 1:30am - 2:30am 26th July. The 2 offenders were tall, dressed in black coats with hoods up and left in a white sporty car where two more offenders were waiting.

A further burglary to an outbuilding on Brake Lane occurred where the offenders have come through the roof and have stolen 2 chainsaws.

These latest incidents show that Hagley remains vulnerable to the criminal fraternity. I am in regular contact with the Policing Teams and asked for greater patrols are undertaken throughout the day and night to discourage these all too frequent incidents.

**Steve Colella - Co-ordinator
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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**

ART CLUB

October is an odd month for the club in that we do not have a professional artist demonstration. Instead, the evening is turned over to the members who can bring one or two of their recent works to be professionally appraised. On this occasion, October 11th, our appraiser will be David DJ Johnson, for which we all send up a silent prayer of gratitude. It's not easy to have your precious work, over which you have shed blood, sweat and tears, torn to pieces in front of a baying crowd. Fortunately, that doesn't happen here. DJ is one of the kindest and most generous appraisers, who'll give you masses of encouragement as well as genuine advice and you'll want to rush home and start another piece immediately. Although the evening is mostly for members, there is no reason for non-members to shy away. It is a fun evening and an opportunity to see

the range of talent within the club and maybe pick up a tip or two as well. Who knows, you may want to join the fun.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Contact us: 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

HAGLEY PROBUS CLUB

The meeting of Hagley Probud Club, held on Monday 21 August, was attended by 49 members and guests. After lunch we received a presentation from Carol and Archie. Archie however remained a mostly sleeping partner, he being a 7 year old retired guide dog. It transpired he had also been a busy stud dog having sired 400 puppies including with bitches in Holland and America – so he deserved to sleep!

Carol is an active participant in "Guide Dogs for the Blind" having started as a puppy walker 40 years ago. She described the infinite patience necessary in training dogs to cope with all foreseen circumstances, so that eventually they provided freedom and companionship to people with impaired or no vision. The puppies are bred in homes and after 6-7 weeks they go to the national breeding centre in Leamington, from where they go for about 6 months of intensive training. Eventually

they are gradually introduced to prospective owners through "sleep overs". If the puppy and potential recipient match they go to a hotel for 2 weeks for further bonding. The cost of this incredible process which enriches the lives of their owners' costs £55,000 per dog, financed by public donations.

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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at Blakedown Parish Rooms at 7.30 pm our talk will be given by David and Pam Humphries entitled "Those Damn Tin Cans". Do come along and join us, visitors are welcome.

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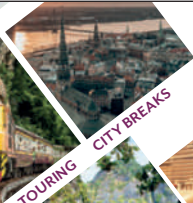
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HAGLEY STRING ORCHESTRA

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



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

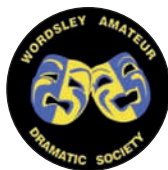
Dear Diary, HE'S ALIVE! Yes, my experiment has been a success. Two weeks ago, on October 11th to 13th of this year I was able to bring life to my creation at the Crestwood School in Kingswinford. I am therefore resolved to undertake the process again! Let the stage of Hagley Community Centre witness my return. My plan is to whip up a storm on October 27th and 28th 2023 for the good people of Hagley and the surrounding area to marvel at my genius. The artistic and scientific community around there will be agog, indeed beyond agog. I am making sure that everyone is welcome to attend, by providing tickets on the website that I have invented, www.wordsleyamdram.co.uk, or on the electronic mail – I shall call it email I think, wordsleyamdram@outlook.com. Although I understand the personal touch

is required for some, so these good folk may telephone to Liz Green is an option for them, on 01384 270228. I can already feel the storms clouds arumbling! Such sparks will fly, and a good night will be guaranteed for all.

Doctor Frankenstein

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

This Summer we have heard lots of praise for The Lionesses, deservedly so. They did us Proud. The girls worked together and played together.

At the WI we also have that same unity amongst each other. Each month we have a competition which ranges from a quiz to who can make the silliest hat. Last month we had a word search of words to describe the WI. What words would you say describe Hagley WI? I think you'd be pleasantly surprised if you saw the answers.

September we really enjoyed our guest speaker, Alison Wakeman, who told us about the Interesting Life of Bees. October, we welcome drummer Ronnie Prudence, back by popular demand. A roomful of drums allows us all to have lots of fun making as much noise as we can! 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. November is our Christmas Craft meeting where we all enjoy a hands-on experience making Christmas Decorations. Then December is our Christmas Party where our programme planning committee will perform a pantomime, even Scrooge would laugh and enjoy

We meet the second Monday of the month in Hagley Community Centre at 2.00 – 4.00pm. If you would like to know more. Please do get in touch judipriest1@gmail.com. Or find me on Facebook and message me.

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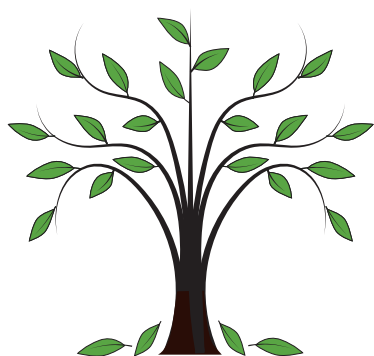
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HAGLEY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

HAGLEY VILLAGE ALLOTMENTS

Here on the allotments most of us have enjoyed the benefits of our labour and it's been a fruitful growing season. We've had runner beans and courgettes coming out of ears, couldn't give them away quick enough and the pumpkins are coming into their own and ready for picking.



Don't be fooled thinking October is time to start winding down in the garden or on the plot. Here are some top jobs for the month ahead:-

- Start to cut back any perennials, mulch over
- Prune those climbing roses
- Lift any dahlia and gladiolus and then prep for winter storage
- Clear leaves ready for making leaf mould
- Move tender plants under cover
- Mow the lawn

You may be lucky enough to still be harvesting a few last tomatoes but may have plenty green ones yet to ripen. If this is the case then you can hang the plant upside in a greenhouse or make green tomato chutney.

This time of year I like to force bulbs such as hyacinths and amaryllis for beautiful indoor displays. October is the time to get those broad beans in the ground to overwinter, this way will also help deter any black fly in the spring as the tips will not be so sweet and enticing.

Abi at Plot 42 @the_anxious_allotmenteer



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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.

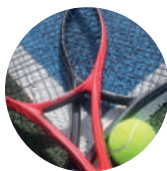
BLAKEDOWN & HAGLEY TENNIS CLUB

In case you were wondering if we put our feet up during the winter, the answer is definitely NO. There are still the usual friendly mix-in sessions each week plus regular men's, women's and mixed team matches in the Hereford and Worcester League.

We are always being told how important it is to keep fit and enjoy the outdoors, both for our physical and mental wellbeing, especially during the winter months when the tendency is to hunker down and stay indoors. Playing tennis is a great way to get out there and have some fun. Whether you are a seasoned player,

haven't touched a racquet for a while or a beginner you would be most welcome. If we have whetted your appetite just head over to our website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BlakedownTennisClub> See you on court!

Sandy Thomas



LITTLE KICKERS

Little Kickers football sessions are the perfect introduction to football and sport for children aged 18 months to 7th birthday. We've been running sessions at Hagley Community Centre on Wednesday afternoons for several years now. Whether you've a child who would benefit from playing organised sport with their peers, a budding footballer who you'd like to introduce to the game or simply get moving to burn off some excess energy, then Little Kickers is the place for them! We run fun, friendly football sessions which meet most early learning objectives in a pressure free environment. Full details

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HAGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

We're pleased to report that we've installed a swing that is fit for use by the physically impaired and it can be found on the existing swing frame within the children's play area. Hagley Parish Council would like to thank County Councillor Karen May for covering the cost of its supply from her divisional funds. We've received many reports that the swing is a real success and creating much enjoyment.

Ground maintenance work has been undertaken on the playing fields to weed and feed the grass and a new safety surface had been laid under the single point swing to help reduce the impact of any falls. The memorial bench is back in place after vandals decided to remove it and we've also replaced the young Lime tree that was ripped out by some antisocial individuals. Whilst we were at it, we've also planted other new trees. We're currently in the later stages of a procurement process to secure new contracts due to start in January 2024 for the Grounds Maintenance (grass, hedges etc) and Environmental

Operative (litter, bins and risk management). We're committed to providing a pleasant place for all to use.

As the nights begin to quickly draw in, we'd like to remind our residents about being vigilant with home security. Make sure that your homes have plenty of lighting, valuables are not left in your cars and that they're securely locked.

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

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POPPY APPEAL IN HAGLEY 2023

This year our major presence in the village will be concentrated on our gazebo in Hagley, in the space kindly provided by Lex Allan Grove in Worcester Road. The stall will be open every day (except Sunday) from 9am to 4pm from Saturday 28th October until at least Saturday 4th November and may be open until Saturday 11th November. We will be able to take payments electronically. We are looking for volunteers to help on the stand – if you could spare a couple of hours please contact the RBL Branch Chairman, Alan Kelly, on **07886 000052** or **akelly@britishlegion.org.uk**

The Poppy Appeal is the Royal British Legions major fundraising event of the year and contributes to the £2,000,000 spent every week in meeting the welfare needs of ex-servicemen and their families. In Hagley we raised just under £10,000 last year, and with your help, we hope to beat that target in 2023.

An important part of the role of the Royal British Legion is that of "Custodians of Remembrance" and, in conjunction with Hagley Parish Council, we will be holding our usual Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service at Hagley War Memorial and St John's Church on November 12th. We will also hold a wreath laying service at Blakedown War Memorial on Armistice Day, November 11th. Contact Jonathan Plant on (07813)785496 or jon.plant@outlook.com for further details. Timings will be issued in the November issue of Hagley Village News.



ACTIVE SENIORS

October 20th marks World Osteoporosis Day – held each year to highlight the ongoing campaign to raise global awareness of the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of the bone disease.

For those who aren't sure what Osteoporosis is – it causes bones to become weak and fragile so that they break easily – even as a result of a minor bump or fall. Osteoporotic fractures affect one in 3 women and one in five men over the age of 50 worldwide – so do you know your risk??

Why not visit the Royal Osteoporosis Society website www.theros.org.uk and check out their Osteoporosis Risk checker.

So why is Active Seniors highlighting this?? because being physically active as we age is so important. To be effective at keeping our bones strong we need to include weight bearing exercise with impact and muscle

strengthening exercise into our weekly exercise routine. This is something we do each week in our strength and balance classes at the community centre – led by a qualified and knowledgeable instructor with years of experience of dealing with clients with osteoporosis.

For more information about the classes on offer please ring Angela for a chat on **07512 546480**. There are a variety of classes available during the week including Tai chi.

Hope to see you in a class soon to exercise those bones !!

Angela



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 October so that we can continue to be out and about.

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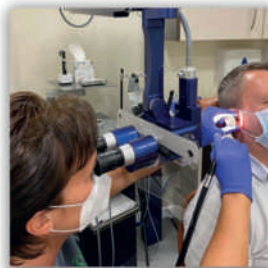
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22nd October 2023		Mrs. Hazel Quelch
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Sunday 8th October: Music for Sanctuary Concert, St John's, 3.00 pm. Robson Duo – music for piano duo. Free entry – collection for charity.

Monday 16th October: Hagley and Clent Parish Quiet Day at Holland House.

Thursday 19th October: Hagley Mothers' Union: 2.30 pm St Saviour's Church Hall talk 'My Trip to Gambia' by Julie Willetts

Date	10.30am
01st October 2023 Harvest	Holy Communion at St John's Worship 4 All at St Leonard's
08th October 2023	Holy Communion / Sunday Club at St Saviour's Holy Communion at St Leonard's
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