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Editor's Welcome NOVEMBER 2023

Hello again everyone

And here we are in the penultimate month of the year yet again! As we're all well aware it's this time of year when we celebrate one of our oldest traditions of Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night. The Hagley Scouts won't be holding their usual event this year, but we'll be keeping an eye out for it's return in 2024. Be careful folks - enjoy your bonfires and have a lovely time and lets all be mindful as always of our neighbours and of course our gorgeous furry friends - family pets, horses and farming livestock included.

On pages 14 and 15 we have Steve Colella's usual reports including an in depth write up from the Hagley Surgery PPG. Please do take time to read through this as it contains important information about the forthcoming move towards a 'total triage' system which will be beneficial for all users of the surgery.

The success of the monthly Village Market continues as a very popular community event. And there is also another new initiative on the horizon which indeed sounds very promising for the community - 'Hagley Hub'. More details of this can be found in the Hagley Community Centre report - head over to it and have a good read, see what you think.

On a more sombre note, we have a special report from the Royal British Legion for you on page 11 - this includes details of their Acts of Remembrance taking place this year. Please also visit the local church pages for information on their Remembrance Sunday services. **Lest We Forget**.

Have a good November all and we'll catch up with you again next month.

Alison Akers Editor

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The helpline is now working again from 10am - 12 midday. Please note though that due to a shortage of volunteers to man the Office, it will only be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for the foreseeable future!





HAGLEY HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

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.

We welcome popular speaker Max Keen on 5th December who will be sharing 'Oliver Cromwell: Royal Executioner or Our Chief of Men?' Regarded as one of the most important figures in British history, Cromwell has been variously described as a military dictator by Winston Churchill, and as a hero of liberty by John Milton, the debate over his historical reputation continues. As a recently retired teacher and avid historian, Max is a regular speaker in Hagley, and often dresses appropriately to the period of the talk!

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

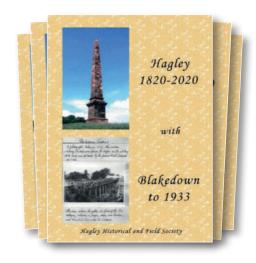
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NEW BOOK AVAILABLE FROM HAGLEY HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

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 Familiies 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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THE ARTS SOCIETY - STOURBRIDGE

Our November lecture on the 9th November at 10.55 am in Stourbridge Town Hall is given by Linda Collins, a lecturer for Historic Royal Palaces and The National Trust as well as Tate Modern and The National Gallery. Her subject is "The National Gallery: Ten favourite paintings and why I like them." There is a choice for her of works from the early 13th century up to the Impressionist masterpieces of the 19th century. Linda tells me that the stories behind the pictures are interesting, amusing and often unexpected and even surprising. Amongst these are the most enthusiastic angel in the Gallery, a portrait of a female rhinoceros (who

toured Europe and set a fashion in hairstyles) and an extremely handsome blue-eyed Sicilian, known only as 'Portrait of a Man'.

If this interests you and you want to hear more, please contact Neill Robb either on 07484 830487 or by email to neillrobb@btinternet. com as soon as possible.



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.

Our diary for the month of November starts with the club at an 'away meeting' at Stourbridge with the ever popular 'match an image' competition followed in week 2 by a planned model evening. Week 3 sees members being challenged on 'how well do you know your camera' with projects set for over the Christmas break. And we round up the month with the final internal members competition which will be a 'triptych'

competition. So, another month of varied and interesting photography related activity.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Contact us 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 Facebook: Hagley camera club



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**



VILLAGE LADIES

Hi Village Ladies. After our summer break we were all set for our first meeting of the 23/24 season on 12th September when we registered as members for the year ahead. Of course, we are delighted to welcome new members at any time during the year so if you would like to know more about our friendly group contact details are at the end of this report. There was much happy chatting on the 12th as new and old friends met up again after the break.

Our second meeting, on 26th, gave us good and bad news. The bad was that the planned speaker for the evening had cancelled at short notice. The very, very good news was that the husband of one of our members, Clive Lambert, stepped very ably into the breach and we were treated to an evening of listening and laughing to Clive's funny stories of characters and situations he had encountered during his long teaching career. A very enjoyable evening.

Now we are in November and on 14th we welcome Bernard Mills who is telling us the story of 'A Shop in a Book - Kays' and on 28th November we hear about 'Christmas Beginnings' from Phillip Bowen, both intriguing titles to look forward to.

We meet on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month at 7.45 for 8pm in St Saviour's Church Hall. For more information please ring Anne Poole **01562 885556** or Ann Pagett, **01562 882692**



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 there own and ready for picking.

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. Hopefully you've managed 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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Hagley Rotary Club Needs Your Help

During September Hagley Rotary Club consolidated their project to send humanitarian aid to Ukraine. In addition to the transport, we continue to ask for urgently needed:

- Medical Equipment and PPE
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If you have any of these or would like to make a donation, please get in touch with Dr Ian Nisbet, on 01562 886128. We can and will collect.

In November our Rotary Club of Hagley is looking forward to our cabaret evening on the 24th November at Hagley Community Centre. Dougie Parker with Ashcroft and Lewis will be entertaining us with music and laughter. For Rotarians the month of October is when we consider the Economic and Community

Development when Rotary focuses on the economic development of the less fortunate at home and overseas.

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 Pop-Up Poppy Stall will be in Hagley Village until Saturday, 4th November, between 9.30am and 3.30pm every day except Sundays, for a wide selection of Poppy Stock. It may also be open the following week depending on the availability of volunteers. Sadly, due to limited resources, our collection in the village this year is restricted to schools and the Poppy Stall. We need someone to volunteer as Poppy Appeal Organiser to return to previous arrangements.

ACTS OF REMEMBRANCE HAVE BEEN ARRANGED AS FOLLOWS.

ARMISTICE DAY

Saturday November 11th

There will be an Act of Remembrance and Laying of Wreaths at Churchill War Memorial at 10.55 am (aiming for the Two Minutes Silence at 11.00am).

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, Sunday November 12th

The Act of Remembrance and Laying of Wreaths will take place at Hagley War Memorial at 9.30am. After this service, there will be a parade from the Park Road Service Road opposite the Lyttelton Arms up to St Johns for the Remembrance Sunday Service commencing at 10.30am.

We would also like to thank Hagley Parish Council for organising the Parade, and SARA for their support in traffic control.

We have a limited supply of wreaths made by ex-servicemen at the Poppy Village. If any individual or organisations would like to lay a wreath at either service, please contact Jonathan Plant on **07813 785496** or **jon.plant@outlook.com.**

ALL WILL BE WELCOME AT THESE EVENTS.

Neil Coldicott

We must sadly announce the death of our Branch Standard Bearer and loyal friend, Neil Coldicott, a few short weeks ago, at the age of 68. Over the past ten years or so, Neil carried our branch standard at all our Remembrance Events, including the RBL Pilgrimage to Ypres in August 2018, where he paraded the standard through the City up to the Menin Gate. He also has been a keen volunteer on our Poppy Stall and ran it last year after his retirement from the Prison Service. He would always proudly wear the medals he was awarded during his time with the Royal Artillery. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Sharon.



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HAGLEY SURGERY PPG

The PPG will soon be producing its Autumn 2023 Newsletter to update residents in respect of aspects of Hagley's Doctors. The PPG is a small group of volunteers, who meet regularly both as a group and at least 4 times a year with the Surgery's senior clinician and Site Management. We welcome any general issues of concern, or praise, or just observations, that we could take up with the surgery. Feedback is important to our function. Please contact the Chairman on s.colella@bromsgrove.gov.uk. This newsletter contains some very important information, and we would ask that you keep it safe for future reference. I've taken the newsletter and will split it over two or three editions of the Village News.

Hagley surgery continues to take patients' concerns about ready access to medical facilities very seriously and as a result it is moving towards "total triage" to better address the issue. Triage simply means an in-house process to decide the most appropriate response to each patient's concerns. It requires the cooperation of patients in providing the necessary information. The clinical response could be communication from a GP, or a faceto-face consultation, an appointment to see another member of the clinical staff such as a nurse or a physiotherapist, or a change of medication. The GPs are committed to offering face-to-face appointments unless responses are more appropriate in a particular case. The surgery places the utmost importance on the continuity of clinical care of the highest

quality service. Moving to this system will reduce urgent waiting times and delays in getting through telephone queues. When the Online system is completed, your request will be seen instantly by the Clinician team (during working hours). When a patient contacts the surgery, by whatever means, they will be asked to provide the necessary information. This will be an intrinsic part of an on-line contact, but if a patient prefers to speak to someone the information will be processed for them. The response to a request will frequently be made on the same day, and always within 48 hours (allowing for weekends).

There have been difficulties with waiting in telephone queues. This has led to delays and is frustrating for patients. This is to change. From now on, all calls, will be treated as part of the "total triage", to allow the surgery to manage the demand and ensure that it does not compromise patient safety.

Any changes can be daunting, so the new system will be introduced gradually to help people get used to it. However, the surgery will be happy to explain should you require any further help. The surgery is confident that once the new system is embedded and patients get used to it, everyone will be far more satisfied with the service and patients will receive better, prompt overall welfare.

Steve Colella - Chairman Hagley PPG

HAGLEY VILLAGE MARKET

The good news is that the Village market has had a successful year so far and the even better news is that we plan some special events starting with a Halloween themed market on 28th October and a special Christmas Market on 16th December.

We aim to bring as much fresh food as possible, kids activities and craft makers at the same time as championing the importance of sustainability. We aim to support local independent artists and businesses and at the same time as investing in our community and our community centre. If you haven't been able to come and visit us yet, we'd love

to see you there. Since we opened earlier this year we've readily attracted over 700 visitors each month. Even during summer, during holiday periods the footfall has been over 600 people. We're looking forward to welcoming back some of our popular traders after their summer breaks, whilst at the same time introducing new stalls to the market.

If there is a particular wish or need for something to be added to the event, please do let me or one of the volunteers know.

Steve Colella - Chairman Hagley Village Market

HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

I would like to start by saying a big thank you to fellow community association committee members for their commitment and dedication in supporting the community centre. We've made good progress on several fronts including some important repairs and maintenance, embedded the Village Market and received much needed boost to income, reviewed our booking policies, and have a rebuild of the website in sight.

This is in addition to moving well with the aspirations around the refurbish/rebuild of the centre itself. In a few year's time the centre will be officially 60, and we would like to celebrate that anniversary with a new lease of life. The hall is the centre of the community and continues to attract a wide range of users and hirers, although we would welcome more and encourage anyone interested in

finding out more by visiting the centre's HCA Home Page (hagleyvillage.org) and contacting **bookings@hagleyvillage.org.** With our superb kitchenet we can cater for birthday parties, christening parties as well as large and small group meetings.

Watch this space for what we hope will be a successful addition to the Hagley Community. An idea for a weekly 'drop-in' for residents, businesses, local health care providers, churches and police is being explored. It's along the lines of the 'Warm Space' initiatives but wide ranging across the community. The 'drop-in' will also look to have short presentations and discussions with the Police, health care providers, special interest groups etc. We aim to launch on Tuesday 7th November and call it Hagley Hub.

Steve Colella - Chairman Hagley community Association

HAGLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Policing team has announced that it is taking steps to tackle parking concerns in and around school locations.

The Policing Team go on to say that inconsiderate or illegal parking can put pedestrians and other road users in danger. It can also create an obstruction for emergency vehicles and other road users.

With this in mind the Policing Team will be talking to motorists and advise them of the law, liaising with council parking enforcement officers over local concerns, and issuing parking fines to persistent offenders.

Visit https://www.westmercia.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/asb/asb/antisocial-behaviour/nuisance-parking for more information.

A Suzuki GW250cc, partial registration BK65 motorcycle was stolen from Eton Walk, overnight between 10pm Tuesday 25th September and 7.30am on Wednesday 26th September. If you have any information on

this incident, please report it to the Police, or crime stoppers on 0800 555 111 or www. crimestoppers.org.uk quoting incident number 00105/1/26092023

There has been an incident of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage in the playing fields where one of the trees closest to the Library was snapped off at the base. The Park's CCTV surveillance has recorded the actions of an individual male late at night and the images have been passed on to the policing team. The incident number is DP-44433-23-2222-01. If anyone has any further information, please get in touch with 101.

Otherwise there have only been a few reports of criminal activities in Hagley over the last few weeks. However, please remain vigilant and continue to take steps to protect your person and property.

Steve Colella - Co-ordinator Hagley Neighbourhood Watch



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HAGLEY COUNTRY DANCERS

November is not everyone's favourite month. The evenings are dark, the skies are grey and the weather usually damp and cold. However, we can get some sunshine and the autumn colours are at their best, which is compensation. And, rain, fog or welcome Autumn sunshine, Hagley Country Dancers liven up each Monday afternoon with a selection of dances chosen to suit all tastes. New members are always made welcome and are given every assistance. There is plenty of parking behind the Free Church. There is no charge for a first visit, subsequently the cost is £3.50 per person. For more information, ring June Waterhouse **01562 700639**

ALPHA IN HAGLEY

Just over 30 of us have been having a great time meeting every Monday in the Hagley Community Centre for an Alpha course.

It's a very relaxed and warm environment. We eat together and after watching a short informational video we openly discuss around smaller tables our points of view on a range of topics around the idea of faith and God. It's

Space Today!

not really for people who necessarily believe in God but are curious and want to share their thoughts as well as learn from others.

If you're interested it's not too late to and are welcome to join us on any Monday at 6:30pm till 8pm in the community centre. For more information please call Luke on **07508 392605** or email **info@hopehagley.org**

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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 though 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**

ART CLUB

So, it's November. How did that happen? This year seems to have rushed by and now the dark days and nights beckon

However, one bright light on the horizon is our 34th ANNUAL EXHIBITION 2023. The second weekend in November usually Armistice weekend, November 10 - 12th at the Community Centre will see a large range of artworks, cards and crafts to peruse (and buy!) not to mention tea and homemade cakes. This year's exhibition is tinged with sadness, however, as we mourn the passing of Graham Lockett, a very talented artist and member, who ironically won last year's public vote with his beautiful painting "Boy on a Sunset Beach". We're fellow artists, well honour his memory with our own exhibits and much fondness.

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



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HAGLEY STRING ORCHESTRA

When I was a boy singing in the church choir at Solihull, we sang an anthem:

'When Jesus Christ was yet a child, He had a garden small and wild, Wherein He cherished roses fair, And wove them into garlands there.'

Tchaikovsky wrote the music as part of his Songs for Children and it's called 'The Legend of the Crown of Roses'. This music inspired the Russian composer Anton Arensky (1851-1906) to arrange Tchaikovsky's music for a string guartet which, in 1894, became Variations on a Theme of Tchaikovsky for String Orchestra, which we are playing this term. Arensky came from a wealthy family in Russia, and he studied with Rimsky-Korsakov at the St. Petersburg Conservatory, eventually becoming a Professor of Composition at the Moscow Conservatory, one of his pupils was Rachmaninoff. He was only 44 when he died of tuberculosis. Regrettably, he loved to drink and gamble, both to excess, which eventually ruined his health. Thankfully, his music is very attractive and it's great to play.

Our players are such a friendly group and Tuesday morning meetings are a highlight of my week. We will warmly welcome violinists, viola, cello and double bass players to the hall of Hagley Free Church where there is plenty of space in the car park.

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Our last meeting at the hall was a most interesting talk about Grace Darling and the Art of Saving Lives at Sea. There was a large audience who found it a most enjoyable evening. Our next meeting is on Wednesday November 8th at 2.30pm will be a talk entitled "Crimson Fields, Front Line Nurses & Surgeons in the Great War".

Why not come along and join us, we have talks, and trips throughout the year

and next year we will be celebrating The 40th Anniversary of our existence with a special lunch in April. Our talks take place at Blakedown Parish Rooms, Belbroughton Road and start at 2.30pm in the Winter months resuming our evening meetings in February. For further information see your website **www.wyreforestntcentre.co.uk**

Toni Allison on behalf of WFDCNT



WORDSLEY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY - WADS

The hour has gone back, the night's a drawing in, and another play is over.

It was a huge pleasure to bring our version of "Frankenstein" to the community centre. Thank you to everyone that came to see it, and we hope that you enjoyed seeing our own special creation!

So what happens next? Next year, as we have mentioned before, will be a very busy year for us, as we celebrate out centenary - 100 years ago since the first WADS actors trod the boards. Now is probably a good time to get a holiday in before the fun starts. We have booked a Nile cruise – that should be nice, and we have an experienced tour guide – someone by the name of Agatha Christie. Apparently when she is about, "things" happen and if the title of our next production "Murder on the Nile" is anything to go by, things could take a very sinister turn.

At the moment of going to press, the journey will begin on February 16th until the 17th, and I am sure you can come along with an appropriate passport. We'll bring details of your travel arrangements soon – and the more the merrier!

In the meantime, keep in touch through our Facebook page or email on wordsleyamdram@outlook.com.

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Andrew Rock



HAGLEY WI

How has this year gone so fast? That is something we all say very often, where has the time gone? Well time doesn't change but maybe we do..... The WI is all about evolution. We evolve our meetings by adding new clubs and new ventures keeping our meetings up to date and importantly, always interesting. We have various projects presently using lots of crafts and abilities for women of all ages and capabilities. WI Life is never boring.

Last month we enjoyed making 'music' with Ronnie Prudence and his drums..... Maybe I should rephrase that to banging rather than drumming but it was a great afternoon which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

November is our Christmas Craft meeting where we all enjoy a hands-on experience making Christmas Decorations. This year we are choosing between painting Christmas Decorations that can be hung either on the tree or in the home and making a Christmas Wreath. I'm sure fun will be had with everyone taking home their decoration to hang with pride.

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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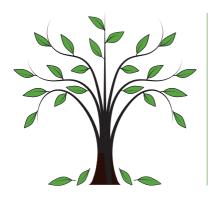
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HAGLEY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

GIRLGUIDING IN HAGLEY

All units have had a busy start to term embarking on new badges and seasonal activities. 1st Hagley Rainbows made some wonderful wooden spoon scarecrows. 2nd Hagley Brownies are having a Pamper Party Sleepover. 1st Hagley Brownies are off to Blackmore for an Australian themed pack holiday. Guides have been bowling and working on the Programme. Rangers are working on their take action theme and are working with the Black Country Food Bank.

URGENT HELP NEEDED 3rd Hagley Brownies is sadly facing closure if a new unit leader can't be found. The unit has a team of experienced

and reliable unit helpers but needs someone to take on the leadership role. If you want to get involved and take on the unit full support from the District and training from GirlGuiding. It is a role that could be done by an individual or shared. We have a unit of 24 Brownies and many names on the waiting list. It will be so sad if the unit has to close. If you are interested please contact Rachel Coton on rachel.hagleyrangers@gmail.com



HAGLEY U3A

Our monthly meeting for November is on Wednesday 1 Nov St Saviour's Church Hall, 13.30 for 13.45, when popular speaker Max Keen will be talking about Richard III. The 6 December meeting Is DIFFERENT, please note, starting at 12.30. This is our Christmas Party and entertainment: tickets are £21.50 each and include a seasonal buffet and free drink.

There are also three special activities over the two months. CRAZY WHIST returns on Tuesday 10 November at 14.00, led by Diana Edwards. Tickets are £5.00 with cake and hot drinks included. Then on Friday 24th November at 10.30 there is a visit to Ruskin Glass Centre, Stourbridge, arranged by Ian Powick. Entry is

£3.00 but please book ahead as there are only 15 tickets available. Finally Catherine Clark will lead a Christmas wreath-making session in the church hall on Friday 8 December at 14.00. Some materials will be provided, but please bring decorations and foliage of your own as well. Entry is £10.00.

Tickets available at the 1 November session, or from Chair, Jane Mottram (01562 888219), or Membership Secretary, Ian Powick (01562 883822)



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 mixin 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



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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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Little Kickers

HAGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

We're quickly approaching the end of the year and it feels like it's flown by, but we have plenty ahead of us to really look forward to.

Plans are nearly all finalised for our 'Christmas in Hagley' event which will take place on Saturday 2nd December, 4pm to 8pm. Father Christmas and his Elves will spend the afternoon touring around the village (we'll publish the route as soon as the North Pole admin Elves have updated his diary), then he'll be joining us at the event on his sleigh. The street will be closed to cars from 2pm and some of the local shops will be opening for late night shopping. There will be markets stalls, food, drink, beer tent, BBQ and lots more. Festive performances will take place all based on a fully equipped sound and light stage. Entertainment includes choirs from our local schools along with other performers - keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more details.

Other Business: Remembrance is part of the fabric of our history and continues to unite people across all backgrounds and generations. We will be showing our support and remembering the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from Britain and the Commonwealth, by laying a wreath on Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial. We

will remember them.

We're appealing for witnesses after one of the Lime Trees on the field was destroyed along with a sign that was removed from its footings and graffiti daubed on the Pavilion. These mindless acts of vandalism happened on Sat 16th Sept from 5pm. We have obtained footage which is now with the police so hopefully we can identify the culprits. Please contact the Clerk via the email address below or call if you have any information. All information will be treated in the strictest of confidence..

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ACTIVE SENIORS

It was good to see a large article in the Guardian Saturday supplement this week entitled 'how to age better inside and out'. It was not surprising to find Exercise as No 1 on the list of things to do! It probably doesn't take a genius to work out that leg strength is absolutely vital for an independent life as we age and the article lists leg strength as a 'top priority'. As a test of this to try the 'sit to stand' test. Sit in a chair with your arms folded across your chest and without touching the chair with your arms for support stand and sit 5 times. Bhanu Ramaswamy (member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy's Older People and Neurology networks and a very experienced physio that I have had the pleasure of training with) states you should be able to do this in less than 16 seconds and if you can't you definitely need to work on your leg strength. The article went on to a section on 'Learn how to balance' The

ability to stand on one leg (without touching anything!) for 10 seconds is a predictor of longevity it reports. Balance exercises are recommended in government guidelines at least twice a week for older adults. Exercises like standing on one leg, squats, walking heel to toe or tai chi are all good ways to start.

If you would like an experienced instructor to help you with your strength and balance then please get in touch to discuss classes (and tai chi) at the community centre each week.

Look forward to speaking to you.

Angela - 07512 546480



HAGLEY PROBUS CLUB

Did you know that bees have been around for 100 million years, that there are 270 varieties of wild bees and 40 bumble bees and that 90% of honey bees are owned and live in hives? – I didn't until today. That was after hearing "Queen Bee" Mariet Duncan regale us with these and many more interesting facts when she was guest speaker at the latest meeting of Hagley Probus Club. As well as being an enthusiastic bee keeper, Mariet is a children's author, having written several bee-themed books to educate and interest children in these fascinating creatures.

Bees forage between 3 and 5 miles to collect nectar, pollen, sap and water during their short life of 6 weeks. Astonishingly bees travel 55,000 miles, visiting 2 million flowers to produce one jar of honey. An intricate "waggle dance" directs the bees to the source of food. Today,

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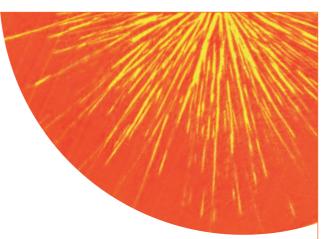




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WORSHIP AND EVENTS FOR HAGLEY AND CLENT - NOVEMBER 2023

Thursday 2nd November: Clent Mothers' Union meeting at 2.00 pm in Clent Parish Hall.

Sunday 5th November: All Souls service 6.30pm at St Saviours This is a special service, which we hold each year, during which we especially remember those who have died in the last twelve months. Those who come will have the opportunity to light a candle. Everyone is very welcome.

Thursday 16th November: Hagley Mothers' Union meeting at 2.30pm in St Saviour's Church Hall.

Date	10.30am	6.30pm
05th November 2023 All Saints' Sunday	Holy Communion at St John's Worship 4 All at St Leonard's	All Souls at St Saviour's
12th November 2023 Remembrance Sunday	Remembrance Service at St John's Remembrance Service at St Leonard's	
19th November 2023 2 before Advent	Holy Communion at St John's Family Service - Café Church at St Saviour's	
26th November 2023 Christ the King	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).

There is a said service of Holy Communion in St Leonard's at 10.30 am on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month, and in St Saviour's at 10.30 am every Thursday.







ST JOHN'S BELLRINGING

The sound of church bells across the countryside is very reassuring sound. We continue to ring with as many ringers as we have available, although at times it can be difficult to get the numbers. We are always looking to recruiting new ringers, so if you are interested then please do get in touch.

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

Email: hagleyringers@gmail.com



TODDLER GROUPS - parents/guardians stay

MONDAY

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

BOUNCE & RHYME 0-2 Hagley Library 10-10.30am and 11-11.30am Email: halib@worcestershire.gov.uk

THURSDAY

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

LITTLE TREASURES

Hagley Community Centre 10.00-11.30am

STORYTRAIN Hagley Library 10-10.30am Email: halib@worcestershire.gov.uk

WEDNESDAY

TODDLERS

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

BOUNCE & RHYME 0-2

Hagley Library 2.15-2.45pm

Email: halib@worcestershire.gov.uk

FRIDAY

RAINBOW STAY & PLAY 0-5

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

Email: Zsuzsi at zsuzsannatandy@gmail.com

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We have lots of exciting children's activities at the library for your little ones. Bounce & Rhyme is for babies and children age 0-2 years on Mondays 10-10.30am and 11-11.30am. We also run a session on a Wednesday 2.15-2.45pm. Active Tots is for children age 2-4 years on Mondays 2.15-2.45pm. All sessions are Term time only and involve rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and fun! Storytrain is for children age 2-5 years on Thursdays 10-10.30am. Come and listen to a fun story and make a simple craft to take home. Lego Club is for children age 5 years and above and runs every Saturday 2.15-3.30pm, come and make a Lego creation linked to a weekly theme. All our activities are FREE and run term time only, apart from Storytrain and Lego Club which run through

the school holidays too. Please book a place by emailing halib@worcestershire.gov.uk or phoning us on 01905 822722 or popping into the library. We also have a great selection of books for readers young and old, you can browse our catalogue on our website at:www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries and order books for collection, renew your books online and have access to many online resources, including our popular e-books and magazines. The library offers free computer use and we have a printing service too, 15p for a black and white printout, 50p for a colour. Our friendly staff and volunteers are always happy to help you, so pop down to your local community library, we look forward to seeing you soon!

THE HAGLEY LIBRARY HEALTHY WALKING GROUP

The Hagley Library Healthy Walking Group: Want to get more active and socialise at the same time? Then we're here to help! Walking is a great way to get fit and explore what's on your doorstep. Our friendly group meets in the library on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10.30am. We now have a new Walk Leader to take you on some lovely one-hour long walks around the local area. Our next walks in the new year are:

1st & 15th NOVEMBER • 6th & 20th DECEMBER.

We look forward to seeing you!

LOCAL COUNCILLOR/MP CONTACTS

HAGLEY PARISH COUNCIL: Hagley Pavilion, Hagley Playing Fields, Victoria Passage, Hagley DY9 0DA 015	562 885253
LOCAL M.P.: Sajid Javid - Constituency Office	527 872135
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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FOR HAGLEY WEST: Steve Colella	562 882996
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Hagley Village Directory

AFFILIATED CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

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"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them."



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