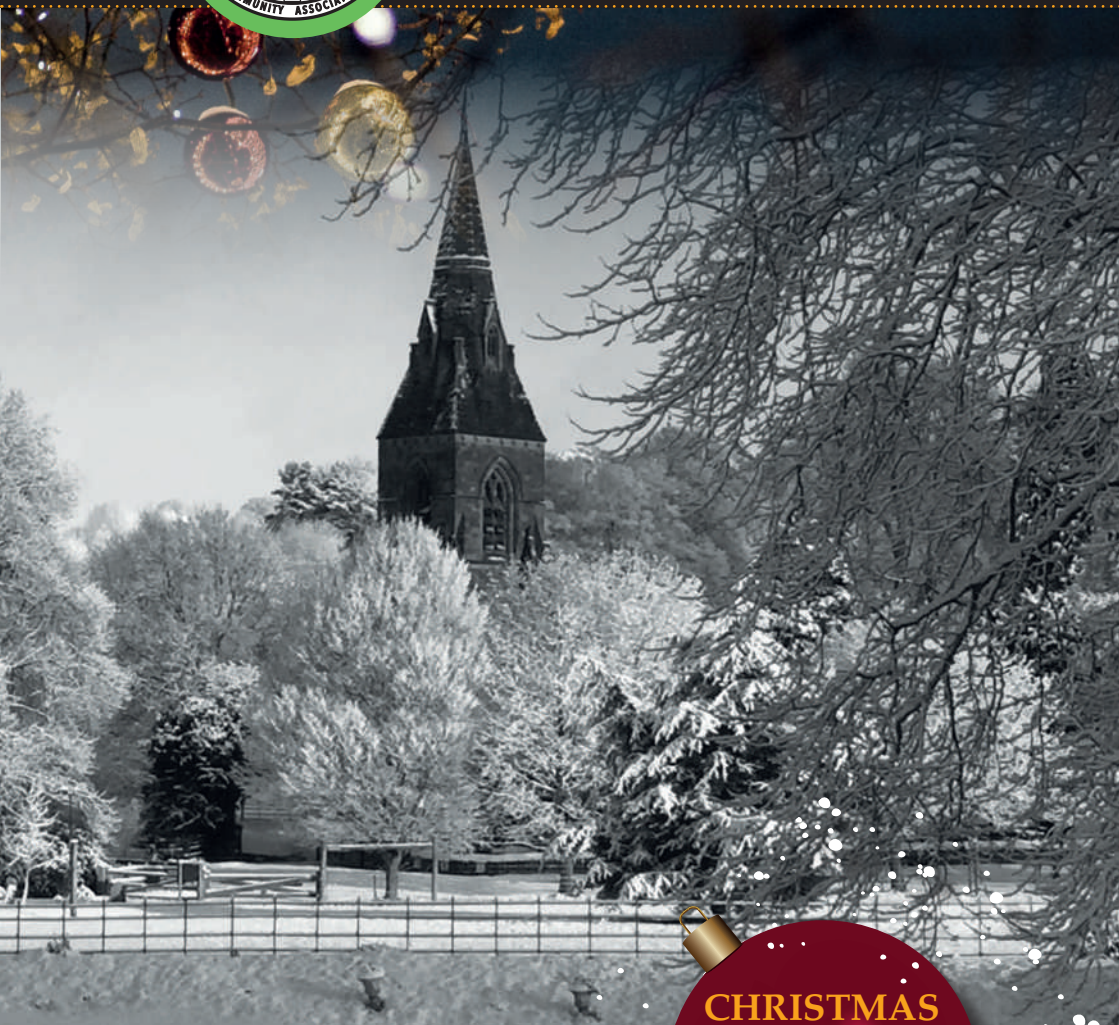




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Seasons Greetings

It's the most wonderful time of year.....again! And Hagley is well ready for it. As we light up the High Street again this year we can also look forward to our annual Christmas event in the village. Courtesy of Hagley Parish Council this will take place on Saturday 2nd December from 4-8pm - please do make allowances for the closing of Worcester Road during this time. We're sure that as always this will be a well attended and delightful evening for all. More details of what's on offer are available on page 32.

Staying on a festive theme - the December Community Market will take place on Saturday 16th and will indeed be a very Christmassy experience. Pop along and get yourselves into the spirit! And we're pleased to bring you even more good tidings - The Hagley Hub was launched on 7th November. This wonderful initiative will provide a free, safe, warm and comfortable space where hopefully many cherished friendships will develop over the next few months. Please see Steve Colella's report on page 14 for more information.

A date for your diary - the HCA AGM will be held on Wednesday 10th January at the Community Centre (the time is still yet to be confirmed). Please do come along and find out more about the management of the centre and future plans for the building and how it will benefit our community.

A small reminder of the importance of us all taking pride in and caring for our beautiful surroundings. There has been some concern about dog poo being left in public places i.e park, fields, footpaths. I think we can all agree that it's not a very pleasant experience when one lands one's foot in it so to speak. Folks we all love our local pooches and there's some real beauties out there, but we don't like their poo too much - so it's just a little plea to pick up , use the bins and keep an eye on your loveable canine just in case he/she is craftily setting one down without you noticing 🐾

That's all for now - hope you all have a fabulous Christmas!

Alison Akers Editor

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Our first meeting of the new year will be on 2nd January, when our speaker will be Nigel Metcalfe.

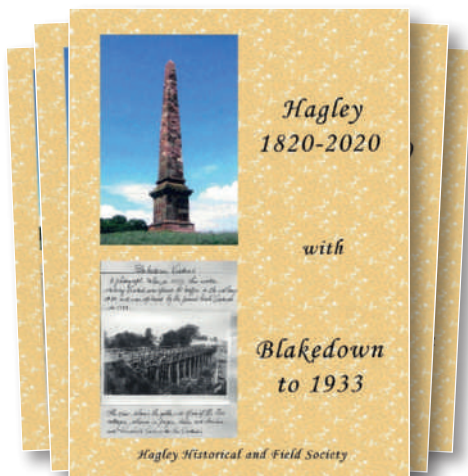
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Rachel Paget - Secretary**



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.



HAGLEY COUNTRY DANCERS

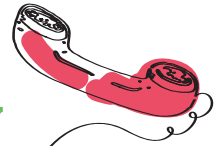
Another successful year for the Hagley Country Dancers ends on December 11th, when we are planning to finish with a festive occasion and an extended session. Entertainment will be provided by members displaying their talents on guitar, piano accordion or spoons or whatever skills they have. Favourite dances may be requested and all callers will be available. We continue to attract new members, who quickly become proficient dancers, thanks to the help given by our more experienced colleagues. We restart on January 8th at 2 p.m. as usual and on following Monday afternoons. 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**

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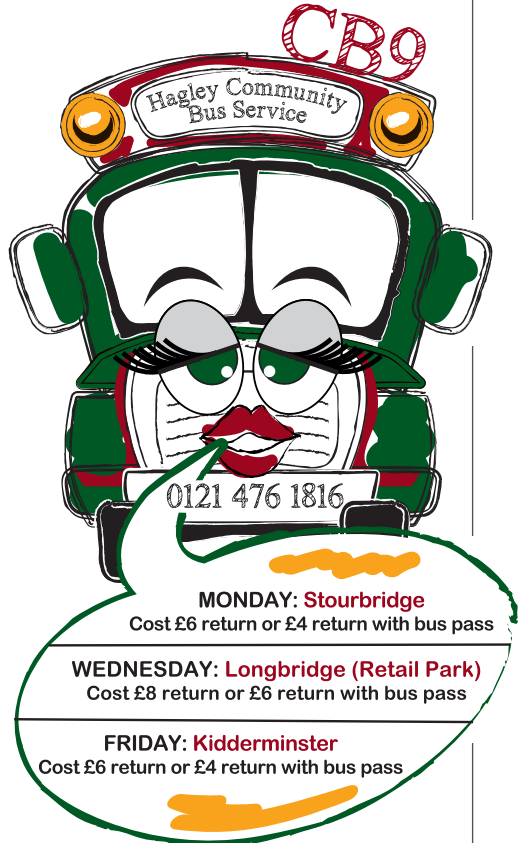
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THE ARTS SOCIETY - STOURBRIDGE

The Society enters the Christmas season early this month and in keeping with its festive traditions has the format of a lecture followed by a lunch. The venue moves away from Stourbridge Town Hall to Stourbridge Rugby Club. This month's lecturer, James Campbell, has a particular interest in the work of E.H. Shepard, the illustrator of the A.A. Milne's Winnie the Pooh stories and Kenneth Graham's The Wind in the Willows. This event is only open to members of The Arts Society so if you are interested in

finding out more about joining us please contact Neill Robb either on **07484 830487** or email to **neillrobb@btinternet.com** as soon as possible



HAGLEY VILLAGE ALLOTMENTS

Hopefully October and November have been kind to you in the garden or at the allotment and by December the winter brassicas should be at their peak and a good frost will sweeten up those parsnips, swedes and turnips.

It's a good time now to plant garlic and rhubarb and if the ground isn't too hard, you can now also plant bare-root fruit trees and bushes but be mindful that December really is your last chance if you didn't do so last month.

December is also the month for housekeeping and putting the plot to "bed" for winter. Where possible start to feed your soil with well-rotted organic matter, pull up any perennial weeds and cover to protect.

There are many benefits to covering beds over winter, both in the garden or at the plot as follows :-

- Suppress weeds
- Keeps off heavy rain
- Helps to warm the ground for spring
- Prevents leaching of nutrients
- Protects from frosts

An all-time favourite for ground cover in the garden is leaf mould and I can often be found shovelling up buckets of fallen leaves in my street. If like me, you have left any perennial tubers and/or bulbs in the ground then make sure you give those an extra helping of mulch, just in case!

To finish off, during December it's a great time to think and plan for the next growing season, reflect on what worked well and what didn't work so well, re-plan and work out crop rotation and perhaps any other structural changes, like adding an extra bed or some arches for vertical growing and with that I'd like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Abi at Plot 42 @the_anxious_allotmenteer



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VILLAGE LADIES

Hello Village Ladies. October seemed to whizz by, but we remember some lovely sunny autumn days and two very enjoyable Tuesday meetings. The first was on 10th and was the evening when we heard which house group we would be in for the coming year. This is always a get-together that is looked forward to when plans for the coming months can be discussed and a million and one other topics chatted about all washed down with a cup of coffee or tea. On 24th October we were treated to a 'History of Clent' by Paul Timmins, a lifelong Clent resident who brought with him some delightful old photographs, pictures and maps to illustrate his story. A wonderful look back to times gone by. Now here we are almost at the end of 2023 and this month we only have one meeting and this is on 12th Dec when we have our own 'Christmas Celebrations'.

Again, this year, we will be having an informal evening with a Christmas theme and a shared supper. We hope that as many as possible of our members will join in and help to make it a happy start to Christmas. Like all our Tuesday meetings this special one begins at 7.45 for 8 pm in St Saviour's Church Hall.

Wishing you all a very, very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Ann Pagett



HAGLEY CAMERA CLUB

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Our diary for the month of December is very brief with only two meetings planned before breaking for Christmas. On 5th Dec we are preparing for our first event of the new year when we will be competing against Bromsgrove and other clubs in a digital image competition and then on 12th Dec, we will hold our social evening prior to breaking up for Christmas and New Year. Our first meeting in 2024 will be held on 9th January. We wish

all members, supporters and readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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.

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Facebook: Hagley camera club



HAGLEY PROBUS CLUB

The talk to members and their guests at the latest meeting of the club was given by Andy Griffe. An ex-journalist and BBC executive, Andy has turned his hand to writing crime fiction.

He reminded us of famous crime fiction writers from Agatha Christie to the recent books from Richard Osman. The crime novel requires three main elements, namely people, place and plot and in seeking a niche market Andy chose to base his crime stories around canals. The main character, Jack Jackson, lived on a boat with his border terrier Eddie. Female interest was provided by Elma Wilde and to date these characters have appeared in three titles, namely Canal Pushers, Oxford Blues and River Rats. He explained the canal environment was a rich source of potential crime as there was a good deal of antagonism between the various groups who frequented

the canals, hence fishermen hated boaters whilst pedestrians and dog walkers disliked cyclists. Thus, the odd body in a lock was not necessarily an accident.

Apparently, there has been a surge of interest in crime fiction in recent unsettled years, attributed to their "feel good factor" since, although there was often violence, the baddie was always caught and punished.

Hagley Probus Club welcomes retired professional businessmen to join the club. For further details please contact Alan Hess (Hon Sec) on **07967 590219**



'STEP BACK IN TIME'

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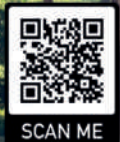
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Dr Jo Cox (f) Tue, Wed, Fri
Dr Louise Evans (f) Mon, Wed, Fri
Dr Anna McDonald (f) Tue, Wed, Fri
Dr Ayodele Ola (m) Thur, Fri
Dr Christopher Troth (m) Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri

The nurses are, Miss Joanna Fitton, Mrs Susan Butler, Mrs. Samantha Humphries, and Advanced Nurse Practitioner Samantha Stott.

Health Care Assistants who usually do Phlebotomy, Health Care Checks, Long term condition checks are Mrs Diane Coles, and Miss Francesca Edwards.

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.

**Steve Colella - Chairman
Hagley PPG**

HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was really great to see so many people come to the October's Halloween themed community market. Thank you too for everyone who dressed in Halloween costumes and painted faces to add to the atmosphere.

The December market will take place on Saturday 16th 9:00am to 1pm and will be a special Christmas themed market with lots of festive features such as Santa, his elves and lots of goodies to get you in the mood for Christmas without the stress.

Continuing the theme of Hagley Community events, I'd like to take the opportunity to promote a new initiative called the Hagley Hub which launched on Tuesday 7th November at St Saviour's Church Hall.

Open every Tuesday from 10:00 to 12:00, the Hagley Hub will provide a free, safe and comfortable warm space to connect with others and enjoy a cuppa, cake and company over the winter months.

We'd love to invite you to come along to this community initiative and meet friends, new and old, in Hagley this winter.

Many thanks to the Woman's Institute, Hagley Life Central, St Saviour's Church, Hagley Free Church, Home Instead and other individuals and local businesses who are helping to support this community initiative. Hope to see you there.

An important date for your diary is 10th January 2024 for the Community Associations AGM. We'd love to see you there and hear your views and opinions of how the community centre can improve and be even more attractive to users and visitors.

**Steve Colella - Chairman
Hagley community Association**

HAGLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A very Happy Christmas and a safe New Year.

At the time of writing, I'm meeting the North Worcestershire Community Safety Officer to discuss the merits of setting up a 'Community Watch' in Hagley.

With crime and Anti-social behaviour in Hagley increasing again I'm interested in how the community can support the Policing Team in making Hagley safe. I'll circulate the outcomes from my meeting both here and on the 'Hagley Neighbourhood Watch' Facebook page.

With the darker night's now with us for a while there are simple ways to protect your home. It is much easier for burglars to have a clearer understanding if a property is unoccupied or

not. The ones in darkness with obvious signs of there being no one at home will make the easiest targets. If you can leave a light on, or even have a light set on a timer, you will reduce the risk of an opportunist burglar targeting your home.

With Christmas gifts being exchanged there is the reminder, not just for Christmas but at anytime to put valuables out of sight. More crime prevention advice can be found <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention>

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



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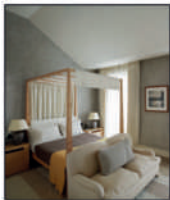
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HOPE HAGLEY

When you think of Christmas you think of Santa, mince pies and Christmas movies!

And I love them all, but the season of Christmas is actually all about HOPE.

Hope can sometimes be taken as wishy washy like making a wish but the Bible talks of a certain HOPE that came into the world on Christmas morning, saying:

John 1:5 'The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.'

It can be difficult to be hopeful in dark times when life is difficult, but I love this quote from The best Exotic Marigold Hotel:

'Everything will be all right in the end... If it's not all right, then it is not the end.'

Every Monday evening in the new year we will be meeting in Hagley to help work out this HOPE together.

For more information, please call Luke on **07508 392605** - Hope Hagley



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A local Pilates class is now running on a weekly basis from the Hagley community centre in the village. You only need to be generally active and moderately fit, have reasonable mobility of the joints and have average strength abilities to be able to comfortably take part in this class.

The class is mainly mat based and aims to improve both the strength and the endurance capabilities of the core (abdominal and lower back) and all other major muscle groups. You should also experience an improvement in your joints range of motion through stretch and mobility exercises. The program concentrates on having good posture of the body and performing movement correctly both during exercise and in everyday

activities and tasks. Correct breathing techniques are employed during exercise and again has great functional adaptation and can be related to everyday tasks, making you less prone to injuries in your daily lives.

Pilates is ideal for those suffering with the likes of lower back pain, sciatica, and aches and pains of the shoulders and neck area by working towards correct balance within the body.

The class is held every Tuesday morning at the time of 10:45am. If you are interested in becoming a member of the class, please text or call Wayne for further information about the class on: **07969 797709**

HAGLEY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

We are very much looking forward to playing at the Christmas Carol Service in St Saviour's Church on Sunday December 17th at 6.30pm.

Besides accompanying the carols, we will be playing 'Fireside' from Vivaldi's 4 Seasons at the beginning of the service, 'Lullaby' from Andrew Downes' Christmas Cantata in the middle, and 'Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring' by Bach at the end. We hope to see you there!

Our rehearsals are on Thursdays 7th & 14th December, 5.30-7pm, and on the day of the service from 4-6pm, all in St Saviour's. If you would like to join us in the orchestra, please phone or text **07545 773139**

Cynthia Downes - Musical Director

HAGLEY U3A

The season's greetings, everyone! Our monthly meeting for Wednesday 6 December is our Christmas Party and entertainment in St Saviour's Church Hall. Please note that this has a 12.30 start and entry is by ticket: £21.50 per person, including a seasonal buffet and free drink. Tickets are available from our Chair, Jane Mottram (**01562 888219**), or our Membership Secretary, Ian Powick (**01562 883822**). Our other activity that week is on Friday 8 December at 14.00 in the Church Hall, when Catherine Clark will lead

a Christmas wreath-making session. Some materials will be provided, but please bring decorations and foliage of your own as well. Entry is £10.00.

In the New Year our first meeting is on Wednesday, 3 January, 13.30 for 13.45 as usual in St Saviour's Church Hall.

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Aged 22, Herbert was a professional cellist when he was selected by Brahms to perform in an orchestra conducted by Liszt. He married an opera singer and they joined the Metropolitan Opera in New York. Aged 29 in 1888 he was appointed assistant conductor of the New York Philharmonic, touring the USA, his Serenade for String Orchestra being premiered on 1st December. The following year he was the cello soloist in the US premiere of Brahms Double Concerto for Violin and Cello. He became conductor of both the Boston and Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestras. In 1914 he founded the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. After his death aged 65, he was commemorated in the film The Great

Victor Herbert, commemorated in a postage stamp and had a WW2 ship named after him. This very attractive Serenade for Strings has five movements – Prelude, Polonaise, Love-Scene, Canzonetta and fast Finale – Herbert writing a demanding part for his own instrument the cello.

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We have enjoyed a varied programme this year and our November talk is yet to come at the time of writing. It will be entitled *Crimson Fields, Frontline Nurses and Surgeons of the Great War* on 8th November at 2.30pm. Our December meeting to be held as usual at Blakedown Parish Rooms is billed as 'A Christmas Surprise', so if you want to know what's going to happen on Wednesday 13th December at 2.30pm, you will have to come along to find out.

Our new programme will begin in the New Year and I'm sure that it will contain interesting talks and trips which members enjoy so much. The January meeting will be in the afternoon at 2.30pm then in February we resume our normal pattern of having talks on a Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. We offer you a warm welcome if you would like to join us.

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Toni Allison on behalf of WFDCNT



HAGLEY WI

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY

I can't believe I'm saying that already. Our Christmas celebrations at Hagley WI started in November when we all had a lovely afternoon decorating rings and baubles. We did 10in Christmas welcome rings, painted wooden Christmas baubles and decorated curtain rings to hang on the tree. The WI also takes part in the Christmas Tree Festival held in Worcester Cathedral. This saw our craft group busily designing and making the Hagley Bauble. So now the countdown has begun to WI Christmas fun and frolics.

Rehearsals are well underway for the Christmas Panto where the committee will be entertaining the members with their rendition of Cinderella, all in rhyme...!

As president I am included and will do my best as Flossie, one of the ugly sisters. I'm sure all the members will have fun booing me. Homemade cakes and sandwiches make the occasion even better.

If you would like to sample our homemade cakes, why not visit Hagley market, last Saturday of the month, and stop for a cuppa and cake in the WI café, I assure you; you'll not be disappointed.

All that remains is for me to wish you all A Very Merry Christmas.

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

If you would like to know more. Please do get in touch Judi Priest, judipriest1@gmail.com or find me on Facebook

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GIRLGUIDING IN HAGLEY

At the time of writing Girlguiding units are pausing for half term. What a fantastic half term it has been new Rainbows, Brownies and Guides have been welcomed into the District with many already making their promise.

2nd Hagley Brownies had a Pamper Party Sleepover. The activities that they participated have been developed into a Pamper Party Challenge Badge that will be available for units across the country to take part in. The unit has developed some fun activities such as making bath bombs, yoga exercises and relaxing hand massages.

1st Hagley Rangers visited the Black Country Food Bank and really enjoyed their tour around the warehouse. Hopefully when they are older some of the Rangers will volunteer at this fantastic charity.

1st Hagley Brownies had a successful Australian themed Pack Holiday at our county campsite Blackmore in Malvern. They just about avoided some flooding and had great fun playing games like fling a flip flop.

We remain really keen for more people to join our leadership team. There is a full training programme which now involves online modules that are very flexible. All new leaders in training are assigned an experienced mentor to guide them through the programme. Come and Join us in the New Year. For more information look at the Girlguiding website: www.girlguiding.org.uk

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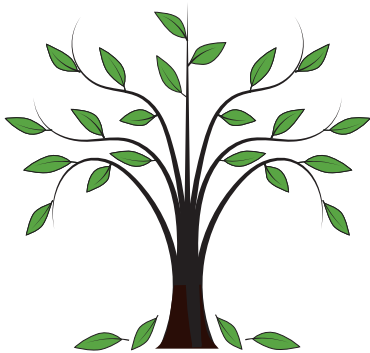
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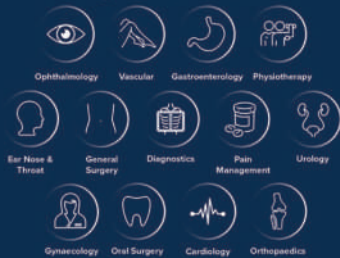
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And yet there is something to look forward to and that is our December demonstration. As Monty Python famously said "and now for something completely different" as we have Jane Aston to demonstrate Colour/Mark Making Exercises: just what is needed to get the creative juices going again.

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



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To access the archive visit: www.hagleyvillage.org see Hagley Village News section where the back issues are located.

Happy Reading!



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.

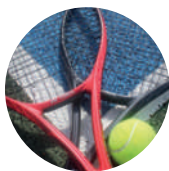
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In case you were wondering if we put our feet up during the winter, the answer is definitely NO. There are still the usual friendly mix-in sessions each week plus regular men's, women's and mixed team matches in the Hereford and Worcester League.

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



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Our 'Christmas in Hagley' street event is taking place on Saturday 2nd Dec, 4pm – 8pm and we hope that you can all join us.

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around the village then he'll be joining us at the event on his sleigh. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more details.

We would like to wish all the residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please note, the Parish office will be closed from Friday 22nd December and will reopen on Tuesday 3rd January.

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There are classes to appeal to people with a range of abilities so there is sure to be something you could try out. If you've never done any organised exercise, there is nothing to fear - give Angela a ring to chat through

your options and then come along and try out a class. Perhaps you have been along to a class a while back, but something happened to stop you coming or perhaps you didn't return after Covid - well we would love to hear from you again! Sending you all every good wish for the festive season.

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In November our Rotary Club of Hagley enjoyed our cabaret evening on the 24th of November at Hagley Community Centre. Dougie Parker with Ashcroft and Lewis entertained us with music and laughter, the proceeds from which are mainly going to local good causes for Christmas.

For Rotarians November is when we consider the Rotary Foundation which is the central fund used to transform your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

Our Rotary club is always open to speakers who would like to come to a meeting and tell us about their experiences and charities, so if you would like to tell the club more, give us a call on one of the phone numbers below.

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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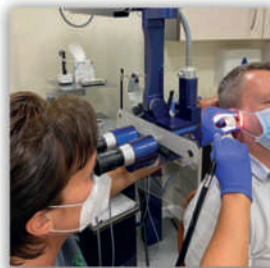
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SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2023

Date		Morning 10.30am
03rd December 2023	Communion	Rev. Tim Mullings
10th December 2023		Rev. Peter Bates
17th December 2023	Carol Service (4pm)	Rev. Tim Mullings
24th December 2023	Christmas Eve Service	Rev. Peter Bradley
25th December 2023	Christmas Day Service	Rev. Tim Mullings
31st December 2023		NO SERVICE

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Thursday 7th December: Clent Mothers' Union meeting, 2.00 pm at Clent Parish Hall – Christmas music with Harry Grove.

Thursday 14th December: Hagley Mothers' Union Advent Service 2.30 pm in St Saviour's Church followed by seasonal refreshments in the Church Hall.

Date	Services
03rd December 2023 Advent Sunday	Holy Communion at St John's - 10.30am Christingle at St Leonard's - 10.30am
10th December 2023 Advent 2	Holy Communion/Sunday Club at St Saviour's - 10.30am Holy Communion at St Leonard's - 10.30am
17th December 2023 Advent 3	Holy Communion/ Sunday Club at St Saviour's - 10.30 am Carol Service at St Saviour's - 6.30pm Carol Service at St Leonard's - 6.30pm
24th December 2023 Christmas Eve	Nine Lessons and Carols at St John's - 10.30am Crib Service at St Leonard's - 3.00pm Crib Service at St Saviour's - 5.00pm Midnight Holy Communion at St John's - 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion at St Leonard's - 11.30pm
25th December 2023 Christmas Day	Holy Communion at St Saviour's - 10.30am
31st December 2023 Christmas 1	Holy Communion at St Saviour's - 10.30am

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