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Editor's Welcome JANUARY 2024

Happy New Year

Welcome to January and the start of 2024. We hope you all had a fabulous Christmas and enjoyed the festivities that the village had to offer in December 2023. We're pleased to say that the Christmas Market at the Community Centre and the Parish Council's Christmas Event on the High Street were both roaring successes – there's nothing like a bit of community seasonal spirit to round off the year!

As we head optimistically into this beautiful new year – we have much to look forward to. The Hagley Music Festival will be running again this year from 12th – 28th April – turn to page 11 for details of the various musical events taking place and get those dates in your diaries!

For those of you who are interested we now have more details of the HCA's Annual General Meeting on 10th of this month. Please see page 30 for the agenda and accompanying notes and do feel free to pop along if you wish - it's being held at the Community Centre. Just a quick note with regards to the Community Centre: We're really pleased that is such a popular venue for events, but we do have to re-iterate that fireworks are prohibited inside, outside and on any adjacent land. We do include this information on the booking forms which our hirers are required to complete and we just want everyone to be aware of this.

Hagley Library have set out the dates for this year's Healthy Walking Group – these are available on page 42 along with details of their new 'Knit and Natter' group . There really are plenty of friendly groups in Hagley and the surrounding villages for all those who fancy starting a new hobby, taking part in a sporting activity or would simply just like some company and a friendly chat. It's what our community is all about.

Take care folks - catch up again with you all next month.

Alison Akers Editor

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COMMUNITY CENTRE TIMETABLE 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ACTIVE SENIORS 9.30-10.30am 11.15-12.15pm	PILATES 10.00-11.00am (Intermediates) 11.30-12.30pm (Beginners)		LITTLE TREASURES 10.00-11.30am		
	ACTIVE SENIORS 1.20-2.20pm 2.45-3.45pm & tai chi 4.15-5.15pm	LITTLE KICKERS 1.00pm	ACTIVE SENIORS 2.45-3.45pm & tai chi 4.15-5.15pm	WEST GLEN HTM DOG TRAINING 2.00pm	
	MC PAWS DOG TRAINING 7.00pm	WEST GLEN HTM DOG TRAINING 7.00pm	VERVE TAEKWONDO 7.00pm		

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This thoughtful and kind act was because his mother had enjoyed the company and meal at the lunch club for many years previously. Thank you Roger a generous, unassuming, private

gentleman. RIP - Jean Deacy

HAGLEY HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

UPCOMING MEETINGS Our first meeting of the new year will be on 2nd January, when our speaker will be Nigel Metcalfe presenting 'Piers of the Realm'.

Pleasure piers were first built during the early 19th century, when the introduction of steamships and railways encouraged tourism to seaside resorts. The large tidal ranges at many such resorts meant that passengers arriving by steamer could use a pier to go ashore safely. Also, for much of the day, the sea was not visible from the shore and the pleasure pier allowed holidaymakers to promenade over and alongside the sea.

Nigel will take us from the first seaside pleasure piers in England and Wales, built in 1814, right up to the arcades and amusements of present day.

On 6th February we welcome Paul Timmins presenting 'The Nine Client Worthies'. This is a concept from medieval chivalry, with nine historical individuals chosen to embody ideal virtues. In 2013, The coats of arms of the 'Nine Client Worthies' were selected to adorn Client Parish Hall from nine families who have contributed to the life of the village over many generations. Paul will tell the story of the coats of arms and the families they represent.

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.

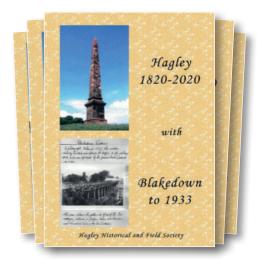
See hhfs.org.uk for details and contacts. Rachel Paget - Secretary



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 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.



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Open every Tuesday St Saviour's Church Hall, 10am - 12pm Tea, Coffee, Treats & Activities

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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!

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At a loose end? Fancy a cuppa?

The 'Chatter & Natter table' is a wonderful way of encouraging people of all ages to talk to others. During the days and times below, the table will be hosted by a friendly volunteer. Do come along and sit for a chat.

When: Every Wednesday; 10am - 11am Starting 6 September 23

Where: Clent Connect, Parish Hall, Church Ave, Clent, Stourbridge DY9 9QT

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FRIDAY: Kidderminster Cost £6 return or £4 return with bus pass





THE ARTS SOCIETY - STOURBRIDGE

The Society enters the New Year with a talk by Charles Hadjamach on two Frenchmen - Emile Galle and Rene Lalique - who were designers in glass in the latter half of the 19th century Art Nouveau and Art Deco styles. Charles was Director for some 30 years of the former Broadfield House Glass Museum, Kingswinford, and the author of numerous books and articles on glass. As such he is one of the top authorities on glass in the UK. This event takes place in Stourbridge Town Hall on Thursday 11 January at 10.55 and is only open to members and guests of The Arts Society. If you are interested in finding out more about joining us or simply coming to this lecture please contact Neill Robb either on **07484 830487** or email **neillrobb@btinternet.com** as soon as possible.



HAGLEY & STOURBRIDGE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Well, all the beehives have been fed until they are very heavy and that's the end of the 2023 beekeeping season, the 2024 season starts in about March next year. The end of the season doesn't mean that the beekeeper does nothing; managing ten hives is a whole day's work every week of the year, so while the workload is reduced there's always a job to do. Once a month you visit the apiary and check if everything is as you left it. There's hives to make or repair, frames to make-up, queen excluders to clean and lots of reading to do. If you would like to do a beekeeping course in 2024 please go to http://www.hsbka.org and search via Events

HAGLEY VILLAGE ALLOTMENTS

Happy New Year and welcome to January.

Hopefully by December the winter brassicas should have been at their peak and a good frost would have sweetened up those parsnips, swedes and turnips. It would also have been a good time to plant garlic and rhubarb and if the ground wasn't too hard, to also plant bareroot fruit trees and bushes. December would have been your last chance though. It was a good month for housekeeping and putting the plot to "bed" for winter. So hopefully you fed your soil with well-rotted organic matter, pulled up any perennial weeds and then covered for protection. These are the many benefits to doing just this over winter:-

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

December was a great time to think and plan for the next growing season, reflect on what worked well and what didn't work so well, replan and work out crop rotation and perhaps any other structural changes, like adding an extra bed or some arches for vertical growing.

Abi at Plot 42 @the_anxious_allotmenteer



"Gardening is the art of sowing hope"

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VILLAGE LADIES

Hi Village Ladies, hope you all had a lovely Christmas wherever you were and whoever vou were with and here's looking forward to a very happy New Year. As this is being written it is freezing outside (and almost the same inside!). Hope that, by now, the temperature has improved and we are thinking of dusting off the deckchairs! Or maybe not!! Let's take a look back to November 2023 and the evenings we enjoyed. The first, on 14th, was when Bernard Mills gave a very detailed story of 'Kays - a Shop in a Book' telling how catalogue shopping began so long ago. On November 28th Phillip Bowen shared with us 'Christmas Beginnings' a wonderful history of how it all began. After our Christmas break we begin 2024 with our usual twice monthly meetings. On Tuesday 9th Colin Millett's chosen title is 'A Collectors Tale of Worcester Porcelain' and Colin will value

any Worcester porcelain items you bring to the meeting. On January 23rd, well-known speaker Mary Bodfish is telling us 'The History of Smethwick'.

As usual our meetings are in St Saviour's Church Hall at 7.45 for 8pm. We would love you to join us and if you need more details please ring Anne Poole **(01562 885556)** or Ann Pagett **(01562 882692).**

Ann Pagett



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 January starts after our Christmas and New Year break on 9th January with a relaxed first night with our popular quiz night, a bit fun to ease us into the new year. On 16th we are not meeting at our usual venue but are away at an inter-club competition at Bromsgrove. Then on 23rd we are hosting an evening of macro table top photography followed on 30th by the first of our members print competitions. 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**



HAGLEY PROBUS CLUB

The talk at the 27th November meeting of Haglev Probus Group was given by Sue Clegg, a retired police inspector. The subject was "Fingerprints", an investigative technique at which Sue was the first female expert in the country. Sue first outlined the science underlying the technique used to identify criminals. The rationale behind the method relied on the fact that no two people, not even identical twins, had the same skin pattern on their fingers. By identifying 16 markers and characteristics of any fingerprint over 4,000 billion permutations were possible, hence the very high accuracy of the technique. This unique characteristic was recognised by ancient civilisations who used thumbprints as a means of confirming contracts and payments.

The national register of fingerprints contains only those prints of convicted felons and can be scanned to identify any re-offender whose prints are found at a crime scene.

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Sue illustrated the use of fingerprints in convicting the criminals in 2 investigations on which she worked, namely Donald Neilson the "black panther" who abducted and murdered Lesley Whittle and Michael Sams who kidnapped Birmingham estate agent Stephanie Slater. Although Sams was identified by his wooden leg, he was convicted on fingerprint evidence.

Hagley Probus offers a warm welcome to retired or professional gentleman from Hagley and District who would like to join the club for a monthly meeting. Please contact Alan (hon sec) on **07967 590219**.



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Hagley Community Centre

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Please visit the HCA website www.hagleyvillage.org for more information on past, current and future events



FRI 12 APRIL 7.30PM

THE URBAN FOLK QUARTET FOLK NIGHT St Saviour's Church Hall, Licensed Bar Tickets £15

SAT 13 APRIL 7.30PM

SOPHISTICATION STRINGS An evening of Bridgerton style music from the hit Netflix series, Performers in costume St John's. Licensed Bar - Tickets £12

SUN 14 APRIL 3.00PM

ENGLISH TROMBONE CONSORT Baroque and Boogie! Concert (with tea & cake) St John's. FREE entry. Donations for tea.

FRI 19 APRIL 7.30PM

RICH HUGHES JAZZ TRIO JAZZ CAFÉ St Saviour's Church Hall, Licensed Bar, Tickets £15

SAT 20 APRIL 12.30PM KING ED'S SIXTH FORM COLLEGE CHAMBER CONCERT St Saviour's. FREE entry

SAT 20 APRIL 7.30PM CONCERT BY WORLD-CLASS PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS (to be announced shortly) sponsored by the Master of the Worshipful Co. of Musicians Hagley Hall (with wine and canapés) Tickets £30

SUN 21 APRIL 7.30PM

COME AND SING VIVALDI GLORIA AND HANDEL'S ZADOK THE PRIEST Andrew Downes Violin Concerto World Premiere Soloist: Rupert Marshall-Luck Central England Ensemble Afternoon rehearsal for singers. Choirs welcome. Contact: Anna Downes 07967 728588 St John's. Tea and biscuits on sale. Tickets £12

THU 25 APRIL 7.30PM

HAGLEY PRIMARY WITH EX CATHEDRA Workshops in School Evening Concert in St Saviour's Bar - Tickets £10

SAT 27 APRIL 7.30PM

Viva Musica Choral Concert St John's - Bar - Tickets £10

SUN 28 APRIL 4.00PM

Choral Evensong Worcester Cathedral Choir St John's - FREE entry

There will also be a Shoppers' Coffee Concert on one of the Friday mornings in Hagley Free Church.

TICKETS ON SALE SOON www.hagleymusicfestival.com @hagleymusicfestival

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HAGLEY SURGERY PPG

At the PPG December meeting we met with the Doctors Surgery Management and Well Pharmacy Regional Manager.

We discussed the PPG Autumn Newsletter which you'll now see distributed around public places, we discussed the Surgeries new online triage system and how it's been accepted and how its performing and we discussed with Well Pharmacy how the recent changes to the Hagley branch staff are working. We continue to welcome new members to the group, and I feel that we've gone from strength to strength over the year and acted as a very valuable 'critical friend' to the surgery as it continues to improve efficiency and meet the needs of its patients.

Over recent months the surgery has completed Covid, Flu and Shingle vaccinations, which hopefully will help us enjoy a health winter. Happy New Year from everyone at Hagley PPG.

Steve Colella - Chairman, Hagley PPG

HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Everyone at HCA wishes you a very happy New Year, let's hope it's a good one.

Don't forget the Annual General meeting on 10th January, everyone is welcome. I do hope that you will not only come to hear about everything that's gone on in 23/24 but also, we'd love to hear some of your ideas that will make our community centre even better.

The Village Market (last Saturday in the Month 9:00 - 1:00 pm) is on course to make almost £4,000 this year, all of which will go to the repair and maintenance of the centre. At the time of writing we were preparing for the special Christmas Market which was a fabulous occasion.

Everything we do relies on volunteers giving up an enormous amount of their time and I know that we all really appreciate what every volunteer does for our Hagley community. Without their dedication and commitment none of what we regularly enjoy would be possible.

A further extension to creating a welcoming community is the recently introduced 'Hagley Hub'. Again, run by volunteers and supported by St Saviour's Church, we meet every Tuesday between 10: and 12:00 in St Saviour's Hall. This offers a warm safe place to meet and chat to fellow residents and enjoy informal activities and presentations. In the weeks to come we have a retired senior Police Officer giving a talk on keeping safe, as well Home Instead talking about access healthcare before Christmas.

Steve Colella - Chairman Hagley community Association

HAGLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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I'm continuing to work towards developing a Community Watch Group and working with the Police engag sement team. There should be something more to share in the new year, but in the meantime if you would like to know more, please do contact me directly.

I've talked about keeping ourselves and our property safe many times before and once again I'd like to highlight a few key points: Do ensure that valuables left in vehicles are kept out of sight, in a locked vehicle and parked in a well lit place. Leave a couple of lights on when you're out at night and ask neighbours to keep a watchful eye whilst you're not there. You can do the same in return. Keep passwords and key information safe and do not share with anyone. There are unscrupulous people out there with no regard to your wellbeing or safety. If we can keep ourselves and each other safe every day, then 2024 will be a great year.

Steve Colella - Co-ordinator Hagley Neighbourhood Watch

Village Information

REMEMBRANCE IN HAGLEY

A big thank you for those that took part in Remembrance this year. We had about 30 at the Churchill War memorial on Armistice Day, and 250 at Hagley War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, followed by over 300 at the service at St Johns. A special thank you to you all, especially the Scouts and Guides that took part, particularly to those who laid a cross at the War Memorial, with the name of one of the 65 from the local villages listed on our Roll of Honour.



The Pop-Up Poppy Stall was held in the village (courtesy of Lex, Allan, Grove) and together with a limited range of other outlets, we raised a total of £7818 as at the end of November. We had a great deal of support from new volunteers in manning the stall, which helped to make up for the difficulties we have faced this year. And of course a big thank you to those of you who came to see us at the stall and donated so generously to this cause.

Thank you to all who took part in the third annual Poppy Window Dressing Competition. The event was judged during the Poppy Appeal by members of the public chosen at random from visitors to the Pop-Up Poppy Stall and Lord Cobham. The results are as follows:

Winner: County Sports Hagley Limited **Second:** Walton & Hipkiss

Joint Third: Hear in Hagley & J T Brookes & Co **Highly Commended:** Flowers of Hagley & Lily Blue Gifts and Home Ltd

14 businesses took part, and the Royal British Legion would like to thank our competitors, our judges, and mostly the residents of Hagley for getting involved in making Remembrance a focal point at this time of the year.



To Contact us, please see our website which you can find by searching for "British Legion Hagley" or call Jon Plant on **(07813) 785496** and I will put you on to the person best placed to help.





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HOPE HAGLEY

The season of Christmas was actually all about HOPE. And 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

WORDSLEY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY - WADS

Hagley New Year Happy! I mean, Happy New Year Hagley! They say start the year as you mean to go on!

It seems a while since Frankenstein, so a New Year, a New Play seems to be the order of the day. Our author this time is the bestselling novelist in the world. And playwright – she squeezed that in as well, with the longest running play, still going in London since it opened in 1952. I really don't think you need any more clues as to who it is, though really clues were her business...

Yes, WADS are bringing one of Dame Agatha Christie's most famous works to the stage at Hagley Community Centre - "Murder on the Nile" it is! Yes, "Murder", not "Death", which is the title of the novel on which our play is based. She decided to change the title for the stage, and made one or two other changes as well – what these are you will have to come along to find out, so come and see us on March 8th and 9th 2024. Familiarity with the films won't help you!

If you would like to pop along and see who pops off, tickets aren't quite on sale yet, but you can always contact us on our Facebook page, on email at **wordsleyamdram.@outlook.com**, or our website **www.wordsleyamdram.co.uk**. You can become a patron, or even better, if you fancy a being a member, give us a ring on **01384 270228**.

Looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

Andrew Rock



PILATES AT THE HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

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

Members of Hagley Community Orchestra will be joining the Central England Ensemble, in the Memorial Concert of our beloved composer and keyboard player, Andrew Downes, on Sunday January 28th, in the Bradshaw Hall of Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. We will be performing 4 works by Andrew: Symphonic Fanfare, 'In a Modern City'; Celtic Rhapsody (Soprano Soloist, Paula Downes); Concerto for Piano & Symphony Orchestra (Soloist, Duncan Honeybourne); and Centenary Firedances. The Orchestra Leader will be Anna Downes and the Conductor Anthony Bradbury. We do hope you can come to this nostalgic evening of beautiful music. Tickets are available from **conservatoireevents@bcu.ac.uk** or telephone **0121 331 5909**

Cynthia Downes - Musical Director

HAGLEY U3A

We wish all members and prospective members a merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year. Our regular full meeting falls on 1 January, starting as usual at 1.45 pm in St Saviour's Church Hall. This will give members a chance to catch up with friends after the Christmas break and there will be a quiz. Then at the next meeting on 5 February, Worcester author Simon Fairfax will give a talk. Also on 23 Feb. there will be a Barn Dance at 2.00 pm; tickets are £5.00 and will be on sale at our regular meetings. Exclusively for u3a members as well, there is a national poetry competition, open until Friday 26 January; further details are on the u3a website: **https://www.u3a.org.uk/ learning/poetry-competition**





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Toni Allison on behalf of WFDCNT



HAGLEY COUNTRY DANCERS

Following our Christmas break, we restart on January 8th at 2 p.m. as usual and on Monday afternoons at the Free Church until Easter. Country dancing is enjoyed by dancers of all ages and all abilities. There is a vast range of material to call on, from the simple dances some of us remember from our junior school days to the more challenging figures of some of the Playford and modern dances. Whatever the selection, we think that our dances tick all the boxes for those looking for an enjoyable afternoon. We have gentle physical activity, memory work and, most importantly, a good social atmosphere where everyone is made welcome. Anyone who feels they need a bit of a boost on a cold winter afternoon could do a lot worse than come to one of our sessions and see what it is all about. 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**

HAGLEY STRING ORCHESTRA

A major work for us this Spring Term is Tchaikovsky's Souvenir de Florence. In the summer of 1890 when he was 50. Tchaikovsky visited Italy, and when in Florence he began work on his only String 6tet. He had recently been honoured by the St Petersburg Chamber Music Society who had made him an Honorary Member 'I give you my firm promise to write and dedicate to your Society some sort of chamber music work'. He wrote to his vounger brother Modest 'I began it three days ago and am writing with difficulty because of the novelty of the form. One requires six independent yet homogeneous voices and this is unimaginably difficult'.

Scored for 2 violins, 2 violas and 2 cellos it is in four movements Allegro, Adagio, Allegretto and a final Allegro con brio.

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



HAGLEY WI

January is a time for resolutions. For most of us that usually means 'weight losses.' We always want to shed the extra pounds those delicious mince pies and all the other festive confectionary we enjoy in December.

We had lots of delicious food at our Christmas Party, all made by our lovely members. However, before the goodies we had such fun and laughter at our very own 'panto'. The committee came together to entertain everybody with their version of Cinderella, all in rhyme! It was hilarious and got our Christmas afternoon off to a fabulous start. This was followed with our Christmas Raffle and congratulating our competition winner, ready to start 2024 monthly competition in January.

Hagley WI finished the year with laughter and friendship. What could be better? Now we all look forward to building friendships new and old. Meeting and making new friends and enjoying another year, full with events for everyone, whatever your likes and interests. We have a full programme ready for 2024, beginning of the year looking at WI Resolutions and listening to our member, Mita Barnes, telling us about her experience in Africa. Looking forward to hearing about that.

I wish you all A Happy New Year, it would be lovely to meet you in 2024.

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 Judi Priest, **judipriest1@gmail.com** or find me on Facebook



GIRLGUIDING IN HAGLEY

Girlguiding aims to offer exceptional experiences and opportunities for girls. The run up to Christmas certainly did that with lots going on. There were the usual Christmas crafts some units made decorations with local glass artists; 1st Hagley Rainbows made their own advent calendars. Some Brownies and Guides went to see Wish at the cinema. 2nd Hagley Guides went to see Beauty and the Beast at the cinema. Blakedown Rainbows created letters to Santa and had a hot chocolate and Christmas story night. Blakedown Brownies had a Christmas sleepover. 1st Hagley Guides went to the Pioneer Centre in Shropshire for a weekend of team building and adventure.

Hagley Rainbows and Brownies went on a visit to the Snowdome for the Winter

Wonderland Experience where they played in the snow, saw a show with Santa in it and visited the animals in Santa's village. Rangers participated in the Christmas in Hagley event and visited the Stratford Upon Avon Christmas Market. In the New Year we are all looking forward to visiting the Stourbridge Pantomime.

If your New Year's Resolution is to Volunteer in your community, please consider joining us as a volunteer. You will be given training and support in your role. Check out the Girlguiding website for more information. **www.girlguiding.org.uk**







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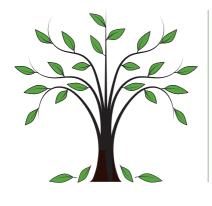
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HCA - NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Hagley Community Association will be held on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7.30 pm at Hagley Community Centre. All Members are invited to attend the AGM

AGM AGENDA

- **1.** Welcome
- 2. Apologies
- **3.** Approval of Minutes of the AGM held on Friday 20th January 2023
- 4. Treasurer's Report
- 5. Approval of Accounts to 31st March 2023
- 6. Section Reports
- (a) Bookings and lettings
- (b) Affiliation
- (c) Village News
- 7. Chairman's Report
- 8. Election of Honorary Officers
- (a) President
- (b) Chairman
- (c) Treasurer
- (d) Secretary
- (e) Other officers who, with the above, will form the Executive Committee:
 - (i) Minutes Secretary
 - (ii) Bookings
 - (iii) Affiliation
 - (iv) Maintenance
 - (v) Village News
- (f) Additional Committee members

9. Appointment of Auditors/Independent Accountants

10. Appointment of Trustees of the Lease of the Hagley Community Centre

11. Any other business

12. Closure

NOTES

1. The Association in AGM determines what other officers in addition to the President, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, may be required in accordance with the Constitution adopted 4th February 1963 and revised 21st November 2016.

2. A list of current serving members of the Executive Committee appears in the Hagley Village News.

3. Copies of the Minutes of the AGM held on Friday 20th January 2023 will be available at the meeting.

4. Copies of the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 will be available at the meeting.

5. The freehold of the Community Centre land is owned by Hagley Parish Council who let it to the Trustees of the Hagley Community Association on behalf of and for the benefit of the Association for 99 years from the 20th June 1966 at a peppercorn rent. There should be no less than two and no more than four trustees. The persons appointed to act as trustees are Mr. Jim Austin and Mr. Robin Hemmings.

6. If you wish to raise any matter under Any Other Business please notify the Secretary in writing beforehand.

Annette Templar, 8 Malvern Gardens, Hagley DY8 2XU



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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 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



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 of all our sessions, times, venues and prices can be found at www. littlekickers.co.uk(Go to 'Find A Class') and you can enrol here too subject to availability. And as a reader of this magazine we are happy to invite you and your child along for a free, none obligation taster to enable you to see what all the fun is about! Just give us a call on **07545 236917** or email **dhomer@littlekickers.co.uk** and quote the Hagley Village News to arrange this.

Little Kickers

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ART CLUB

A New Year usually indicates a change of pace, a reset and resolutions; for us, it also means bonus content, as anticipating potential bad weather, we offer our members the choice to join us online to watch some amazing artists from the comfort of their own homes. The first one is Chris Forsay, painting an atmospheric coastal scene in acrylics. But of course, we still have our usual meeting in January, with watercolourist David Wilcox. (Replacing Ian Ridley, who will feature later in 2024)

Our Annual Exhibition seems a long time ago but another successful year for our members. We had a steady footfall and sales and as usual the cafe did a roaring trade! So much work but over before you know it.!

I can announce the winner of the public vote. was "Crashing Waves" by Graham Locket, who also won last year. Tragically this was entered posthumously. In second place was Heather Taylor's "At the End of the Day" and third place was "Waiting for Spring" by Lesley Moore

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,we are incredible value without compromising on the calibre of visiting artists.

Sallie Gurney - Website Editor





ACTIVE SENIORS

Happy New Year to all! We wish you a healthy, happy and active 2024.

New Year is always a time to set our resolutions for the coming year and sometimes we mean to tick the 'get fitter' off our list but we find ourselves not making those first steps into becoming more active. Why not make 2024 your year to become strong and steady?

There are 7 Active Seniors classes at the Community centre each week focused on building strength, improving balance and increasing stamina so there is bound to be a class that is suitable for you. There is a class for those needing a slightly less energetic option (with some seated work) on Tuesday afternoons at 1.20pm so if you feel you need to start a little more gently then we have the perfect option for you. Other classes run Monday morning and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons- ring for details or pick up one of our leaflets from the community centre. Classes include two tai chi classes each week. Tai chi is a great form of exercise to strengthen and improve balance as well as focus the mind. If you would like to give it a go then call on **07512 546480** for further details.

Angela



ROTARY CLUB No 1328 District 1060

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Hagley Rotary Club Appreciates Your Help. Continuing with the humanitarian aid project for Ukraine, our Rotary Club held several fundraising events including Coffie Mornings in addition to other activities. The people of Hagley have been most generous with their donations and support for which the Rotary and people of Ukraine are very grateful.

The emergency supplies collected finally left our storage and was sent overseas to the needy people of Ukraine. We are continuing to collect on their behalf and hope to send another consignment early in the new year.

On the 27th November the AbenGarth duo entertained a full club and guest evening with country and folk music which was very well received, which continued throughout December with our annual Christmas Evening Party.

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. In December the Rotary month is dedicated to fighting and preventing disease. Rotary and Rotarians are committed to helping people to live healthy lives. Our signature project in this area is Polio Eradication. But polio is not the only disease or aspect of healthy living on which Rotarians have expended energies.

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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HAPPY NEW YEAR: January is a time when we look back at the previous year, which has passed into eternity, and look forward to the future. It's a time for decisions, speculation, planning, hoping, worrying and questioning – will this year be better than the last? There are no answers. But faith in God does not demand answers. It's about being sure of the things we hope for, and being certain of the things we cannot see. It's a new year, but still the same God – who is the same yesterday, today and forever! At HFC we are passionate about telling people about God's grace through His Son Jesus Christ. As we look ahead, we can have hope and confidence that God will continue to be with us and lead us on the path that He has for us. I wish you a blessed and happy New Year (Revd Tim).

SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2024

Date		Morning 10.30am
07th January 2024	Communion	Rev. Tim Mullings
14th January 2024		Mrs. Hazel Quelch
21st January 2024		Rev. Tim Mullings
28th January 2024		Rev. David Tennant

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We wish everyone a very happy new year. This month we will be celebrating Epiphany (when the wise men visit Jesus) on 7 January at 10.30 am at St John's, and Candlemas (when THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Mary and Joseph take the baby Jesus to the temple) on 28 January. Our monthly Family Service – planned and led by our families – is this month at St Leonard's .

Hagley Hub - Each Tuesday between 10.00 am – 12 noon, we offer a warm space, a friendly smile and a free hot drink, in St Saviour's Hall. Everyone is very welcome.

Date	10.30am
07th January 2024	Holy Communion at St John's
Epiphany	Worship 4 All St Leonard's
14th January 2024	Holy Communion/Sunday Club at St Saviour's
Epiphany 2	Holy Communion at St Leonard's
21st January 2024	Holy Communion at St John's
Epiphany 3	Family Service at St Leonard's
28th January 2024	Holy Communion/Sunday Club at St Saviour's
Candlemas	Holy Communion at St Leonard's

SERVICES FOR HAGLEY AND CLENT - JANUARY 2024

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We have lots of exciting children's activities at the library for your little ones. Bounce ϑ 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:

3rd & 17th January • 7th & 21st February • 6th & 20th March • 3rd & 17th April • 1st & 15th May 5th & 19th June • 3rd & 17th July • 7th & 21st August • 4th & 18th September 2nd & 16th October • 6th & 20th November • 4th & 18th December

We look forward to seeing you!

CALLING ALL PEOPLE WHO LOVE TO CRAFT

Hagley library has a new 'knit and natter' group on a Thursday afternoon, Hagley Library, at 2pm. Come along with your knitting/crochet/embroidery project and chat to others while you craft. It's a great way to meet new people in a warm, welcoming environment. Please do join us for this free group and why not borrow a book while you are here!

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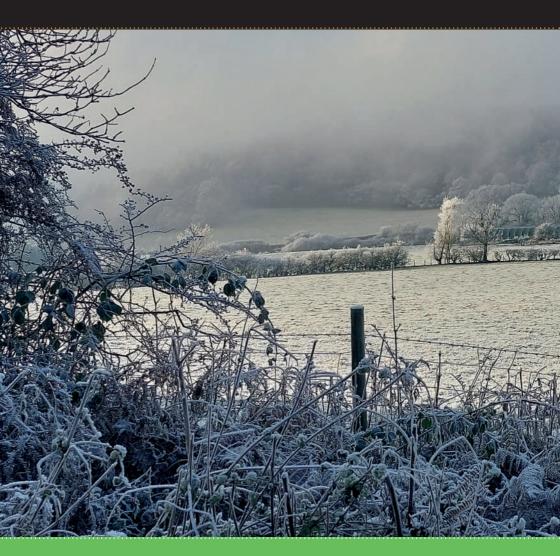
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