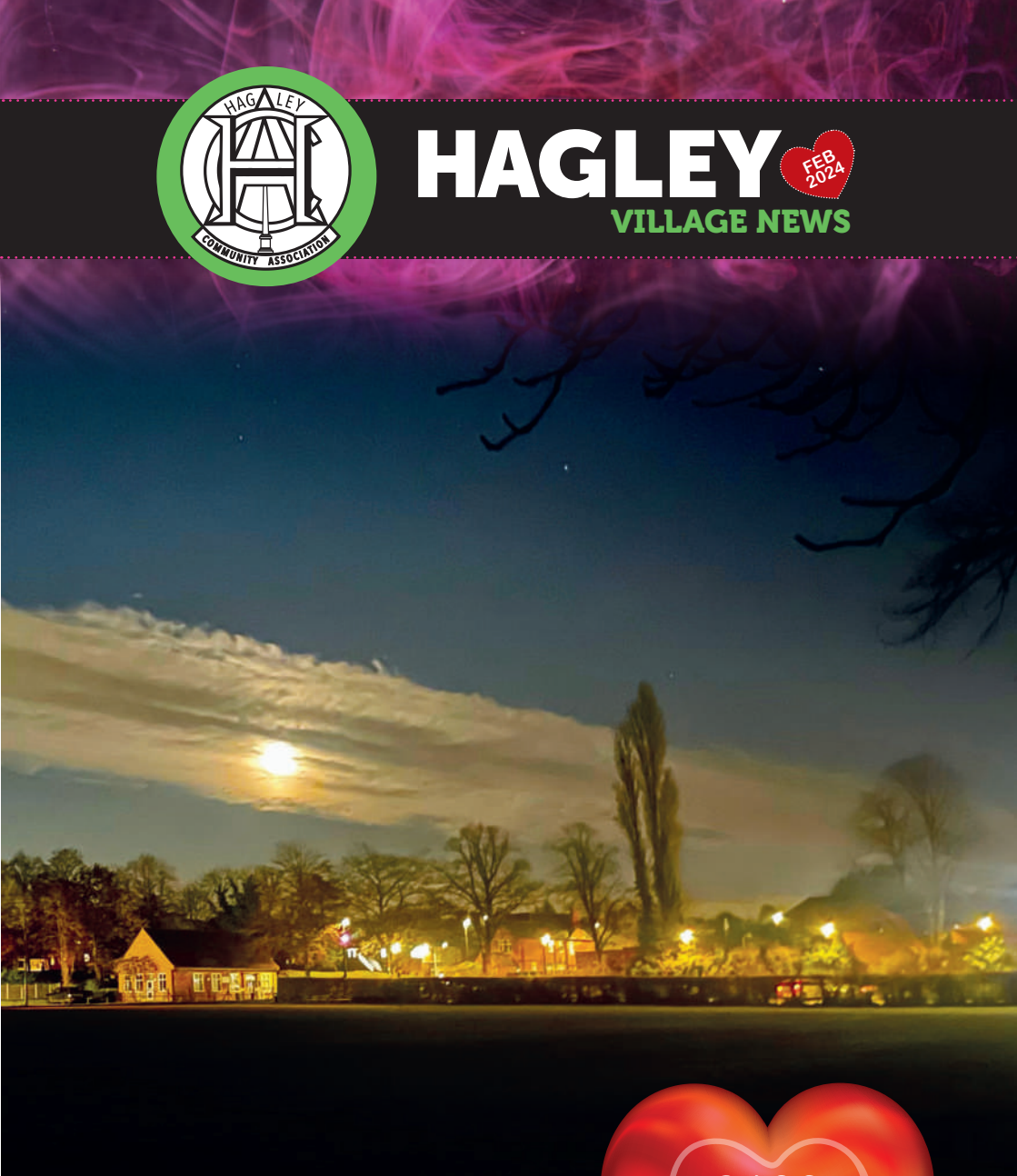




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Hello again Folks

And here we are in the romantic month of February and St Valentine - it's also a leap year so you can do your thing if you want to ladies and get down on one knee to the man in your life and pop the big question! Otherwise just enjoy the spirit of the month with a special evening out or a moonlit evening walk - we have a particularly atmospheric cover photo of the village this month to get you in the mood, many thanks to Victoria for this beautiful image.

We'd like to say a big thankyou to David Trewin who has been our Distribution Manager for the last ten years. He's stepping down from this role for a well earned rest and will be handing the boxes of HVN's over to Chris Rees - welcome Chris, it's good to have you on board!

For those of you who are feeling a bit of a couch potato you'll be interested to know that the 'Couch to 5k' new season has started. It's local, it's free and you don't have to book - see page 15 for further details.

As always we have Steve Collella's updates on the Neighbourhood Watch, Community Centre and PPG - these are available on pages 10 and 11 along with a report about the recent proposals to install telegraph poles for broadband services in the village. This has been a cause for concern among local residents who may be affected by these and many of you may be interested to read of developments so far and how the county and local councillors are approaching this issue.

So fellow folks of Hagley - lets hope you enjoy this month's reading. Have a lovely Valentine's with your nearest and dearest and lets all keep spreading that love and romance ♥

Alison Akers Editor

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The 'Nine Worthies' 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.

On 5th March we welcome Alan Peace presenting 'Himley Hall, Past, Present and Future' For many years, Himley Hall belonged to successive Earls of Dudley. The Hall began as a Hunting Lodge and after many redevelopments it steadily grew into the

grand house we see today. Between 1920 and 1936 it was so grand that Edward, Prince of Wales, later to become King Edward VIII, frequently visited the house for weekend shooting parties, he also made use of the indoor swimming pool, which was equipped with a water chute and cocktail bar! Alan will share the stories of the house and park, gathered over 27 years' experience as a Himley Park Ranger.

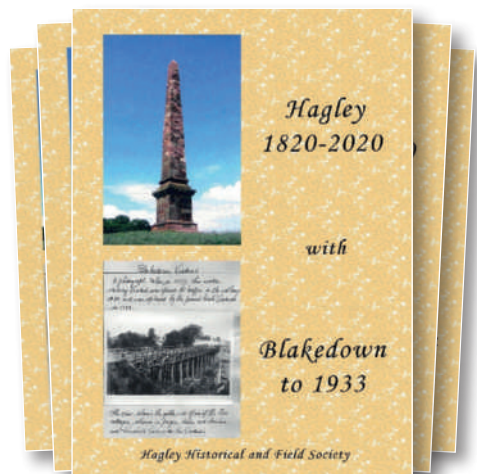
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Rachel Paget - Secretary**



NEW BOOK AVAILABLE FROM HAGLEY HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

Hagley Historical and Field Society's research group have put together a book which covers many of the fundamental historical facts about Hagley parish over the period 1820 to 2020, including Blakedown when it was included within the parish (up to 1933).

The book is now available, priced at £5, from Jean Atkinson (01562 886549 or 07799 383517 or HHFSociety@gmail.com), Happy Families in the village and Hagley Library. Alternatively it can be purchased at the society's meetings which are held at 8pm in St Saviour's hall on the first Tuesday of each month.



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| | Wayne PILATES 11.00-12noon | | Wendy YOGA 11.00-12noon | | |
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THE ARTS SOCIETY - STOURBRIDGE

The Society's February lecture is given by Michelle Brown, Professor Emerita of Medieval Manuscript Studies and is entitled: "The Luttrell Psalter – England on the verge of the Black Death." Made in the 1330s for Sir Geoffrey Luttrell of Irnham Manor, Lincolnshire, this Book of the Psalms gives a valuable glimpse into the England of that time. Its pages are inhabited by a menagerie of outrageous grotesques which lead us into the mind of a leading baronial patron and the artists who served him. This event takes place in Stourbridge Town Hall on Thursday 1st February 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.



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HAGLEY VILLAGE ALLOTMENTS

Welcome to February. The winter brassicas should have been at their peak and a good frost would have sweetened up those parsnips, swedes and turnips. Hopefully you also had time to plant garlic and rhubarb and if the ground wasn't too hard, to also plant bare-root fruit trees and bushes.

If you fed your soil with well-rotted organic matter, pulled up any perennial weeds and then covered for protection then you should benefit from the following:-

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VILLAGE LADIES

Hello Village Ladies. Before our Christmas break we only had one meeting in December. This was on 12th and was our Christmas Celebrations when we enjoyed a lovely evening singing carols together, listening to jolly Christmas readings and sharing a delicious supper with a delightful variety of goodies brought by our members. Many, many thanks to Marjorie Davis who very kindly played the piano to accompany our singing, thanks to all our excellent readers, to Roger Seabury who wrote the pantomime with a difference, to the committee for their supreme acting skills (!!) and to everyone who contributed in any way. Everything combined to make a great evening. Now here we are in February and although it may be a bit dull and grey, we can begin to think that Spring is not too far away and we are already enjoying longer days. A reminder that, as Rev. Newton needs the hall for the church Pancake Day celebrations on 13th

and this is our normal meeting date, our evening has been cancelled. Hopefully it will be rescheduled for a later date. So, our only meeting this month is on 27th when we hear from Terry Green about 'The Unseen World of Hedgehogs'. As usual, we meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month in St Saviour's Church Hall at 7.45 for 8pm. If you are thinking of joining us we would love to welcome you and if you would like more details please ring Anne Poole, **01562 885556** or Ann Pagett, **01562 882692**.

Ann Pagett



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Our diary for February starts on 6th with a guest speaker, David Keep giving us his presentation on underwater photography which I'm sure will captivate us all. This is followed on 13th by our first planned model night of 2024, which of course, given the date will be following a Valentines theme. We have yet to finalise arrangements for 20th and 27th but most likely will involve some practical work to help members keep their camera skills up to date. Check our website for more information.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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Further details: Keith Hunter **07920 740943**
website: www.hagleycameraclub.co.uk
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HAGLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

During 2024 I would like to establish a group to form a Community 'Street Watch'. This is a community led watch scheme which allows you to make a difference where you live. It is made up of groups of volunteers who carry out street walks but have no police powers. It allows local people to help improve the neighbourhoods they live in by walking their own streets and providing visible reassurance and appropriate engagement in local issues that matter most. The groups are managed by a coordinator, who keeps a volunteer list, provides advice, guidance and support and is usually the contact that speaks with the local policing team. If you would like to be part of this group, please contact me. I'm also exploring ways of introducing Community 'Speed Watch'. This is a community driven road safety

initiative, coordinated by West Mercia Police but managed and run by volunteers in the community. The trained volunteers from the community monitor the speeds of vehicles with approved, hand-held speed measurement devices. Where vehicle speeds are found to be inappropriate, a letter is sent to the registered keeper by the police with the aim of encouraging them to reduce their speed when driving in the future. Again, if you're interested in getting involved, please contact me. I'm also looking at ways in which youth outreach provisions can be introduced into Hagley. I feel that there is a lack of youth engagement within our community. I will keep you posted on any progress.

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

HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

At January's AGM we reflected on an increasingly busy year and some of the achievements, as well as the successful setting up of the monthly Village market. A Chairman's report was received along with reports from the treasurer, Maintenance officer, bookings officer, Village News Editor, and an update in respect of the 'Future look of the centre'.

Since becoming the Chairman, it has struck me that we have a strong and tight knit committee who continue to support each other and have a determination and commitment towards the Community Centre. I thank all committee members for their hard work and commitment and for their help and support.

We heard that over the last year we have made several repairs and upgrades to the heating, lighting and safety of the building.

Bookings remain healthy, although there is availability of both the hall and committee room at certain times of the week. The Village News continues to grow in content and is a very important source of income for the centre. The advertising revenue ensure that the magazine is free, and surpluses go straight into the Community Centre's working balances.

The Village Market has grown from a couple of ideas into a major community event regularly seeing 600 to 700 people visiting it each month. In turn the receipt from the traders means that it is on course to bring over £4,000 towards the centre.

We welcomed comments from the public attendees, and we shared our committee's thoughts and plans for the future of the centre.

**Steve Colella - Chairman
Hagley community Association**

HAGLEY SURGERY PPG

At a recent meeting of the PPG, we met with the Doctor's Surgery management team and senior Clinician. We discussed the latest Newsletter and I very pleased to know that printed copies are available at the surgery and at locations in Hagley such as the Library and various Churches. We also discussed the recent changes to the triage system and welcomed the news that it is going well and is greater efficiency and effectiveness to managing patient needs. It is being rolled out slowly and it is hoped that in time it will become second nature when contacting the surgery for your patient needs. We briefly discussed Government initiatives to introduce 'Pharmacy First services' to Pharmaceutical services. This is designed to take some pressure off Surgery Practices by empowering Pharmacies to be

able to diagnose and treat minor ailments, such as minor eye infections, minor skin infections, insect bites. A meeting is being arranged with Well Pharmacy and further details will be made available in the premises and I'll provide further information ASAP in this update. Over the last year I'm pleased to report that the PPG has welcomed more members and has raised its profile within the Hagley community. I thank the editor of the Village News for allowing me to write my monthly updates here. Many thanks to the members of the PPG for their interest and support during the last year, without their continued hard work and drive this very important group would not be able to be a valuable part of the Doctor's Surgery.

Steve Colella - Chairman, Hagley PPG

TELEGRAPH POLES PROPOSALS

HAGLEY RESIDENTS RAISE CONCERNS ABOUT PROPOSALS TO INSTALL TELEGRAPH POLES FOR BROADBAND SERVICES.

Residents in Western Road and in other parts of Hagley have raised their concerns with County Councillor Karen May about a proposal by BRSK -a broadband provider to instal large telephone poles in their roads to provide broadband speeds of up to 1GB.

This initiative only became obvious when sub- contractors were recently seen marking positions for placing the poles on pavements in Western Road and other roads in Hagley.

Cllr Karen May invited Hagley residents to a meeting in Hagley Free Church on 11th December. Councillor Steve Colella attended together with two Officers from Worcestershire County Council, and a number of representatives from BRSK.

BRSK gave a presentation. They explained that their surveys had not yet been completed and where possible they would use existing underground facilities, and existing telegraph poles providing they would be allowed to do this by the current broadband providers.

There was a strong and forthright debate. Many residents objected to the use of poles carrying wires back and forth. It was seen as a retrograde step compared to using underground ducts and piping. Also, current providers such as Openreach and Virgin were already offering up to 1GB broadband speeds using existing infrastructure. However, some residents welcomed the development where current providers were unable to increase broadband speeds.

Cllr Karen May gained assurance from BRSK that when they had completed their surveys, they would meet with her and Councillors Steve Colella and Ruth Lambert to discuss their proposals. In turn, Cllr Karen May said that she would call another public meeting so that these proposals could be fully aired. Once Hagley residents were fully aware of the proposals and of any potential negative visual impact of poles in their roads then they would consider forming a strategy to object in the strongest manner possible. Residents should raise their concerns and comments with Councillors May, Colella and Lambert – contact details are in the back of the Hagley Village News.

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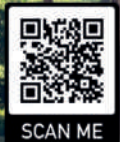
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From a very small percentage of your Council Tax contributions, it allows us to finance various services that benefit all of us. We work with the County Council to keep the library operating and ensure that The Hagley Community Bus runs to Stourbridge, Kidderminster and Longbridge. We take care of the play equipment on the playing field, employ a ground maintenance team who keep the cemetery and playing fields tidy. We have a litter picker who covers the playing fields, shopper car park and the main shopping street, and of course we continue to look after the street lighting that falls within our remit and manage the allotments for the pleasure of residents. There are more details about all of this and other projects on our website.

The Pavilion is available for community groups to hire outside of West Hagley FC's use. Our offices are based in the pavilion and the office hours are 9am - 2pm, Mon - Fri.

Some great exercise opportunities are available: **Community Wellbeing and Ageing Well:** Several different types of exercise sessions throughout Bromsgrove. To view details of these sessions, go to: <https://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/things-to-do/active-bromsgrove/health-exercisesessions/community-exercise-sessions.aspx>

Walking Football: There is a local 'Walking Football' Team who play at Hagley Playing Fields every Tuesday between 10:30am and 11:30am. All are welcome, so please come along.

Couch to 5k: A new session has started on Fridays' at 9am. It is a 9-week course, and each session lasts approximately 45 minutes. All are welcome so please come along to Hagley Playing Fields if you wish to join.

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

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The Tuesday tea club is friendly group of about 20 ladies, who share a couple of happy hours together. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 2:30 in the Free Church Hall. For further information please contact Sheila Munden on **01562 636333**

HOPE HAGLEY

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 with the birth of Jesus, 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**

WORDSLEY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY - WADS

Dear Agatha,

Here I am on this lovely Nile steamer with my aunt. It's been a wonderful trip, though I have to say it's been eventful - there's been a murder! Yes, here, on the boat! And you won't believe who it is that has been - you know. I daresay it's been in the papers and the police are baffled. I wonder if you, dear Agatha can come up with a solution.

I have some friends in Wordsley Amateur Dramatic Society who would be very interested in your work if you are interested. "Murder on the Nile" by Agatha Christie - it sounds wonderful! My friends can perform it at Hagley Community Centre on March 8th and 9th 2024 at 7.30.

Tickets will be available at the usual number, **01384 270228**, or on their newfangled email thing **wordsleyamdram@outlook.com**.

They also have something called a website, **www.wordsleyamdram.co.uk**, which they will have all the details on.

Actually, I gather they will then take it on to their new venue; they are moving to Bank Street Methodist Church in Brierley Hill, DY5 3DB. I think you had better get writing Agatha darling, and I do hope you can solve this terrible crime. You usually do my dear.

Love to you,

Christina Grant



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.

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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 joined 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 performed 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 Fire dances. The Orchestra Leader was Anna Downes and the Conductor Anthony Bradbury. We hope that all those who came enjoyed this nostalgic evening of beautiful music.

Cynthia Downes - Musical Director

HAGLEY U3A

Our regular full meeting fell on 1st January, at 1.45 pm in St Saviour's Church Hall. This gave members a chance to catch up with friends after the Christmas break. The next meeting will be on 5th February, Worcester author Simon Fairfax will give a talk.

On 23rd February, there will be a Barn Dance at 2.00 pm; tickets are £5.00 and will be on sale at our regular meetings.

Stay up-to-date by visiting our website at **<https://u3asites.org.uk/hagley/welcome>**

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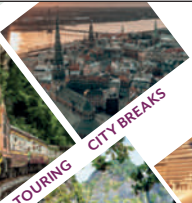
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Meetings are held at Blakedown Parish Rooms, 20 Belbroughton Rd, Blakedown, Kidderminster DY10 3JG. We do hope that you will join us. For further information see our website www.wyreforestntcentre.co.uk

Toni Allison on behalf of WFDCNT



HAGLEY COUNTRY DANCERS

If you are still undecided on a fresh leisure activity for the (fairly) New Year, you might like to consider giving the Hagley Country Dancers a try. We are a very friendly group, always eager to welcome and help new members and open to anyone who likes some company, a bit of gentle exercise and a bit of a laugh. All of our dances are well suited to Seniors, being towards the sedate end of the Country Dancing range, although we do try a livelier one from time to time. There is always plenty of help and advice available from our more experienced dancers. We meet at the Free Church Hall at 2 p.m. on Mondays. There is no charge for a first visit, subsequently the cost is £3.50 per week. There is plenty of parking via Chapel Street. For more information, ring June Waterhouse, **01562 700639**

HAGLEY STRING ORCHESTRA

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912) was born in London to mixed race parents. His father, Daniel Taylor, who was from Sierra Leone and descended from African-American slaves, studied medicine in London where he met, but did not marry, his English girlfriend Alice. He returned to his home-land not knowing that Alice was pregnant with a son, whom she named after the poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Alice's father paid for Samuel's violin lessons and for his study at the Royal College of Music where he also studied composition. On graduating, Samuel taught at Crystal Palace and conducted an orchestra in Croydon. Elgar supported him and August Jaeger (who inspired 'Nimrod' in The Enigma Variations) called Samuel 'a genius'. Aged 29 Samuel married a fellow student from the RCM and had a son named Hiawatha. This inspired his first major composition Hiawatha's Wedding Feast and increasing fame, leading to tours to the United States, where he was received by President Roosevelt. Despite this

success, Coleridge-Taylor struggled financially, this debilitating stress led to pneumonia and his death at the young age of 37. We are playing his 4-Movement Novelletten for string orchestra which Samuel composed in 1903 when he was 28. This work's UK Proms premiere was as recent as last September, so perhaps HSO is a 'trail-blazer'!

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



HAGLEY WI

As we start to settle into 2024, we will be enjoying an extra day this year...Leap Year of course. All you young ladies out there, it's your turn to propose! A strange custom really, I don't really know how it originated. Something to investigate.

Also, wishing all you Leap Year Babies A Happy Birthday, although I'm sure you celebrate on the 28th at other times. As a September baby myself, it must feel strange celebrating on different dates. We celebrate with our ladies every month for birthdays, and I know we have a February 29th birthday so we should make that special.

Last month we enjoyed a very interesting and uplifting talk from one of our own members. Mita Barnes told us about the time as just 18 years old, she went to Africa to work. It was so inspiring; all our ladies were captivated.

February sees us crafting again. We all have name badges, so all our new members and visitors don't have to worry about learning names, always daunting. So, this month we are making new badges and each decorating to our own design. I'm sure mine will be sparkly.

We will be meeting on Monday February 12th at 2.00pm, Hagley Community Centre. If you would like to meet our lovely ladies and discover new friendships then come and visit us, no obligation, we have something to offer all year round. Refreshments always available for your enjoyment. If you would like to know more. Please do get in touch Judi Priest, judipriest1@gmail.com



GIRLGUIDING IN HAGLEY

At the time of writing the Girlguiding units across Hagley and Blakedown are on their Christmas break. This is time for the leaders to take a well deserved rest and time to plan for spring activities with the excitement of lighter nights and the chance to get outdoors for meetings once more. I'm expecting that units will take advantage of the many new badges being released by Girlguiding to celebrate outdoor adventures in sport, adventures in climbing, adventures on land or adventures on the water.

In Girlguiding we do love a badge. For some members a badge stays in a drawer to be uncovered at a later date. For others a badge is sewn on to a uniform and worn with pride. For those of us who have been Guiding for a long time those badges make their way onto a cluttered old camp blanket that has the faint smokey smell of many a camp fire about it. Winter nights provide a perfect opportunity for sewing those badges onto a blanket. Wherever

the badges end up, when we look at them they evoke a memory of how the badges were achieved. Perhaps it is a Pamper Challenge Sleepover Badge, perhaps it is an interest badge that recognises a new skill learnt, perhaps it is a badge to commemorate a national event such as the King's Coronation or a badge to recognise a memorable day out. My own camp blanket is a reminder of what a privilege it is to be involved with an organisation that offers so many amazing experiences to young people and a record of many happy memories as a Brownie, Guide and Rangers (I'm so old that Rainbows did not exist when I was 5).

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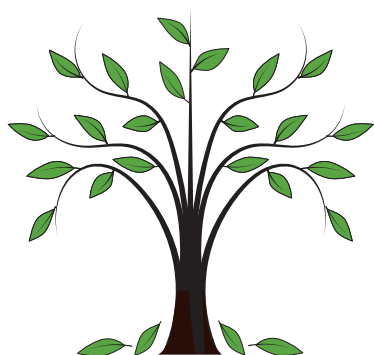
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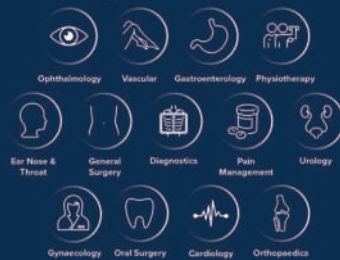
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The competitive badminton season has finally restarted post covid, with a good win for our mixed team over manor badminton club. We are looking forward to a good season on and off court, with Friday club nights thriving and a number of social events planned.

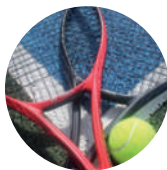
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In case you were wondering if we put our feet up during the winter, the answer is definitely NO. There are still the usual friendly mix-in sessions each week plus regular men's, women's and mixed team matches in the Hereford and Worcester League.

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 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.!

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.

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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.

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 was 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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ACTIVE SENIORS

Shortly after you receive this magazine celebrations for Chinese New Year will be underway with Chinese New Year falling on 10th February. At this time the Year of the Rabbit is taken over by the year of the Dragon.

The Year of the Dragon ushers in new beginnings and is supposed to be a great time for starting new projects so what better time to take action to start something new with tai chi with Active Seniors? We have two tai chi classes each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4.15pm for an hour.

We start each lesson practising the Baduanjin – otherwise known as the eight silken brocades, which is a form of qigong and has been practiced worldwide for thousands of years. It can offer many benefits to the body and mind. We then work on whichever form we are looking at that week – all broken down into

manageable steps which we practice together. Tai chi helps our strength and balance as well as our co-ordination so is well worth the time invested so why not give it a go?

If tai chi doesn't appeal then don't forget there are 5 other classes at the community centre each week so there is bound to be something to suit you whether you are looking to improve your strength and balance or work on your stamina and general fitness in our cardio class. All classes at the Community Centre. Please ring for details.

Angela 07512 546480



HAGLEY PROBUS CLUB

In November Sue Clegg, a retired police inspector gave a talk at our Hagley Probus Group meeting. 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.

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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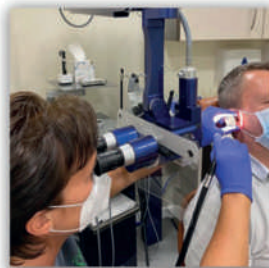
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SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2024

| Date | | Morning 10.30am |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 04th February 2024 | Communion | Rev. Tim Mullings |
| 11th February 2024 | | Rev. Peter Bradley |
| 18th February 2024 | | Rev. Tim Mullings |
| 25th February 2024 | | Mr. Ian Carnell |

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As we move away from Christmas and head towards Lent and Easter, our worship during February centres on the life and teaching of Jesus. This month's Family Service, planned and led by our families, is in St John's on 18th February. **Ash Wednesday** is on

14th February. There will be a service of Holy Communion with "Ashing" Service at St Leonard's at 10.30 am and at St Saviour's at 8.00 pm, to mark the beginning of Lent. Details of **Lent Groups** will be available on the website, in the weekly Pewsheets, and in Contact.

SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR HAGLEY AND CLENT - FEBRUARY 2024

| Date | 10.30am |
|--------------------|--|
| 04th February 2024 | Holy Communion at St John's Worship 4 All St Leonard's |
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