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Hello again folks

We hope you all had a good Easter break albeit an early one this year and are now starting to enjoy the milder weather and lighter evenings.

April is a lovely, cheery month which always seem to be full of the promise of good things to come and we start with the Hagley Music Festival. This wonderful community event runs across sixteen days offering a full, varied programme and something for everyone to enjoy. Please turn to page 31 for more details and a link to their website.

We're delighted to bring news and hopefully the sound of more church bells. Taster sessions for budding new bell ringers will be happening at both St John's in Hagley and St Leonard's in Clent on Mondays and Wednesdays. Check out "Ringing Richard" on YouTube to whet your appetite and head over to page 37 for more information and contact details.

And while your still on this page please may we bring your attention to the Home Run Hounds at the foot of the page - they're hoping for blood donations from your lovely canine companions to help other sweet doggies who may be in need.

We'd like to put a call out for the Hagley Hub which runs in St Saviour's Church Hall every Tuesday. This low key, community event has been up and running since November last year and is proving to be very well received indeed. However more volunteers are needed to keep it active - if you are interested and would like to help then please see Steve Colella's Community report on page 11 for more information.

That's it for this month. Have a bright and cheerful April all you lovely people and we'll catch up again with you in May.

Alison Akers Editor

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ACTIVE SENIORS 9.30-10.30am 11.15-12.15pm		SLIMMING WORLD 9.30am	LITTLE TREASURES 10.00-11.30am	PILATES WITH YASMIN 9.45am (Female Fit) 10.30am (Mummy & Me)	
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On 2nd April we welcome the return of Mary Bodfish who will be sharing 'How we lived then'. History is full of the stories of the rich and powerful, with much less being known about the lives of 'ordinary' people. One way we can

learn snapshots about the lives and homes of our forebears is through probate inventories. In this talk, Mary will use inventories to take a "time machine" tour round the house of a late 17th-century yeoman - and see in detail how his hard-working family cooked, dined, slept, cleaned, and clothed themselves.

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

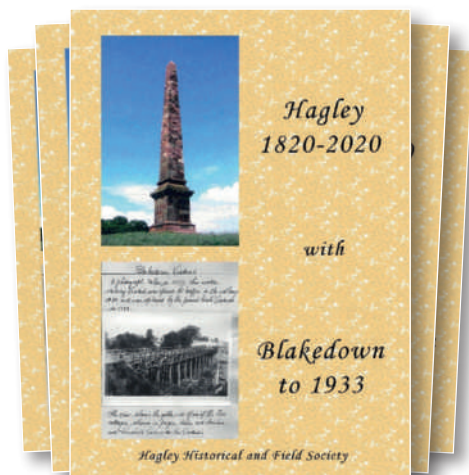
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Rachel Paget - Secretary**



NEW BOOK AVAILABLE FROM HAGLEY HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

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

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



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Jess PERFORMANCE HUB 8.30-1.00pm
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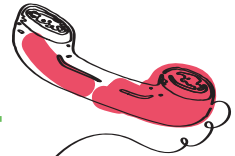
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THE ARTS SOCIETY - STOURBRIDGE

This month's lecture is by Ashley Grey on "Textile Revolution : post-war female designers" talking about the desire for a change, colour and inspiration in the home. The energy for this which was led by female textile designers revolutionised design internationally. Ashley is a leading specialist and curator in the key art discipline of modern textiles.

This event takes place in Stourbridge Town Hall on Thursday 11 April at around 11.00, following our brief AGM.

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 VILLAGE ALLOTMENTS

We nervously peeled back the tarpaulins on our plot this weekend (end of February) after four months of coverage (and rain) since we first took it on – not really knowing what we would uncover or what we would be dealing with.

Safe to say the wet winter seemed endless - but we were pleasantly surprised by what we found; well drained, earthworm laden soil which was ripe and ready for planting!

We have now broken ground and planted three types of onions and shallots. We've gone for a hardier Japanese variety called Shenshyu onions, Jermor shallots originating from the Southern Rhône Valley and then of course a classic red onion called Electric. Obviously we're hoping the full sun of the Southern Rhône is manifested in Hagley also!

When planning what to grow for our first season, we focussed on two main objectives - produce that we would enjoy cooking and gifting – plus of course the Christmas Day table for 2024 as mentioned last month. One book I have really enjoyed reading is called "From the Veg Patch" by Kathy Slack. What is particularly lovely about the book is the ten chapters based on produce that I imagine encompass the top 10 of many a happy allotmentee's plot – can you guess what they are? Answers below!

We hope you enjoy the early spring sunshine and the (slightly) lighter nights and we look forward to the next update!

ANSWERS:

1. Peas
2. Lettuce and Leaves
3. Courgettes
4. Beans
5. Tomatoes
6. Beetroot
7. Winter Squash and Pumpkins
8. Apples and Pears
9. Kale
10. Leeks

James and Anna



VILLAGE LADIES

Hello Village Ladies. The year marches on and it's hard to believe we are in April already. However, it is good to be feeling a bit warmer and maybe we are enjoying some sunshine. Look back we must to the very wet, cold and dreary month of February when we had to cancel our first meeting on 13th as this clashed with the Church needing the Hall for its Pancake Day Celebrations. So our only meeting was on 27th when we were all cheered up by a visit from Terry Green who shared with us 'The Unseen World of Hedgehogs', a fascinating look at the lives of these amazing creatures. Now to this month when on 9th April we can look forward to a yummy Chocolate Making Demonstration given by Lisa Broomhead from The Jinny Ring Craft Centre and for something completely different on 23rd Rosemary Whinnall is coming

to tell us all about her 'Canal Adventure'. As always we meet in St Saviour's Church Hall on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month at 7.45 for 8pm. If you would like to join us we would certainly love to welcome you.

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I don't doubt that there are certain crimes that still go unreported. But I would urge you to report crimes where you can. Please remember if there is an emergency incident and immediate action needs to be taken then call 999. Call 101 if the incident is a non-emergency or something is of a suspicious nature. Each call will be logged, and you will be given an incident reference number. This helps to build up a data base from which the Policing Team can access

the details. As a further reminder you can keep you to date by registering with alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk or like and follow hagley neighbourhood watch.

Unfortunately, I had to cancel the March Public meeting to discuss the setting up of a youth club, Street Watch and Speed Watch. I hope to arrange a meeting after Easter as soon as possible in April. I will of course make this meeting known across Social Media and other channels

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

HAGLEY SURGERY PPG

Looking back the PPG has had a very productive couple of years and established a good 'Critical Friend' to the Hagley Surgery and wider health care. We've been able to produce two newsletters, help at vaccinations drop-ins, hold several meetings directly with the Hagley Surgery management team and take-up a few issues which, we hope has helped improve the service of the surgery.

You may be aware that Hagley is part of the 'Wyre Forest Medical Partnership' which along with Hagley includes Bewdley Medical Centre, Church Street, Kidderminster, Kidderminster

Medical Centre and Stourport Medical Centre. The PPGs meet periodically to discuss current issues which affect us all and exchange updates across the Partnership.

We don't get involved with personal issues which are private and confidential, but we will get involved with operational or performance issues giving an independent view from an user's perspective.

Look out for our next Newsletter later this year.

Steve Colella - Chairman, Hagley PPG

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As mentioned, we have some really good community events, amongst others is the Hagley Hub. You'll know that we are in St Saviour's Hall, every Tuesday 10:00 to 12:00 noon where everyone is welcome to drop in for a chat amongst friends. It's low key and has a very warm and welcoming atmosphere. However, we need more volunteers to help. If you can help email sharonrachelbryant@gmail.com or call me for more information. We also need some help to promote the Hagley Village Market on social media in particular. Contact me if you think you can help.

**Steve Colella - Chairman
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Our diary for March started on 5th with our first internal print competition of the year. On 19th we were 'virtually' visited by our guest speaker, Kim Walton who is presenting his photography of the beautiful Lofoten Islands, when members can come together at our venue for the evening or view it on-line at home. The 26th ended our current season with the Annual General Meeting where we will both plan and elect officials for the year ahead. Followed by Easter Week there is no

meeting on 2nd April and we kick off the new season on 9th April (topic details to follow).

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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

Facebook: Hagley camera club



HAGLEY HOBBLERS

In April Hagley Hobblers Walking Football Group celebrates its second anniversary of weekly walking football sessions on Hagley Playing Fields. The group, now largely self run, was established in 2022 under a wider walking football initiative by Bromsgrove and Redditch District Council, with support from Hagley Parish Council. Initial funding paid for the necessary equipment (footballs, playing bibs etc). The group was brought together and run for the first 3 months by volunteer Alex Cooke and since then has been largely self run with District and Parish Council support. The facilities at Hagley Playing Fields, both the Pavilion and the playing fields, are provided by Hagley Parish Council, and West Hagley Football Club supply goal posts and flags.

A dozen players took part on the first day, Tuesday 19 April 2022, many of whom have become regulars. Since then games have taken place every Tuesday at 10.30am (weather permitting), though the group has generally been quite fortunate with the weather!. Everyone turning up is guaranteed a game, as the number in each team and the size of the pitch is adjusted accordingly. The only rule is 'just turn up on Tuesday for 10.30am' - no prior notice or future commitment required. The rules of walking football are fairly simple, with some appropriate adjustments from ordinary football - mainly 'no running'!

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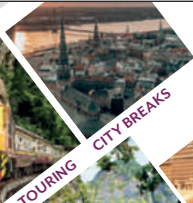
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Routes. Both meetings commence at 7.30pm. Meetings are held at Blakedown Parish Rooms, 20 Belbroughton Rd, Blakedown, Kidderminster DY10 3JG. You are welcome to come along.

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Toni Allison on behalf of WFDCNT



HAGLEY COUNTRY DANCERS

April is here at last and, after a long and dreary winter, we can welcome longer days and expect some warmer weather. Long days or short, however, there is a warm welcome and good company at the Hagley Country Dancers on a Monday afternoon. If the caller chooses, as Spring approaches, we may perform dances with a seasonal theme, such as "Speed the Plough", a stately longways dance or "The Ploughboy", a more lively 3 couple dance which we dance to the familiar tune. There is always plenty of help for new dancers. There is plenty of space for parking behind the Free Church (via Chapel St.) There is no charge for a first visit, subsequently the cost is £3 per person. For more information, ring June Waterhouse **01562 700639**

HAGLEY STRING ORCHESTRA

Our Summer Term began on Tuesday 9th April with a typically mixed-bag of composers and works. We last played Benjamin Britten's Simple Symphony six years ago and are having another go at it this term. Technically this work is not 'simple' despite it being a mixture of works he wrote in his youth. However it is an exuberant piece which is very rewarding to play.

Many readers may remember with great affection the late Joan Best, who established Hagley Strings when she retired from full-time teaching in Stourbridge. She was also a professional violinist and often played in my Birmingham concerts. She died in 2013, and after her funeral I was asked to take over HSO. Now eleven years on I will reach my 90th year next June, and have decided to 'ease off' and retire after eleven wonderful years with HSO.

Thus Hagley Strings is looking for a new conductor to take over next September. I wonder if there is someone who is available on Tuesday mornings who would be happy to take the baton from me. Please think about this, with my sincere thanks.

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



HAGLEY WI

April is here bringing its abundance of spring flowers and we are all looking forward to sunny days and light nights.

Every season comes with its own beauty but springtime gives us joy of things to come. We enjoyed an early Easter this year, which for me is the best holiday of the year. Easter Bunnies, Daffodils and scrumptious chocolate eggs.....

Food plays such an important part to our daily lives and holiday times sees enjoying all things naughty but nice! At WI we meet every month for a coffee, cake and a chat morning. We also enjoy coffee and cake and the end of our monthly walk, and meet regularly for lunch. Our homemade cakes have an excellent reputation in Hagley that lots of people enjoy with a coffee at Hagley Village Market each month. If you've not tried them yet, please come along.

Our monthly meeting on Monday April 8th sees us welcoming Kath Reynolds, who will be talking to us about Food, Glorious Food.... Kath is a very enjoyable speaker, bringing such fun to her talks so we are very much looking forward to this meeting where Kath will be talking about the foods our grandparents enjoyed.

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GIRLGUIDING IN HAGLEY

In February units celebrated Thinking Day. February 22nd marks the Birthday of our founders Lord and Lady Baden Powell. Guiding groups across the village thought about their Guiding history and their Guiding sisters across the world. There were international nights held where groups tried food from other Guiding nations – the Mexican Chilli Cucumber snacks went down surprisingly well at Rangers and the Swiss chocolate was a big hit with 2nd Hagley Brownies. 3rd Hagley Brownies looked at uniforms through the decades and have also enjoyed Brownie Fest with a DJ to celebrate Brownies.

Many uniforms are taking part in activities and surveys to look at how the Girlguiding section uniforms might look in the future. Now that Girlguiding has new branding it is time to review the uniform to ensure

it remains current and practical. It's great that all the members get to take part in the decision making and we will look forward to the gradual introduction of new uniforms at some point in the future.

We are always looking for volunteers or people who have particular skills that they might be able to share with our members. If you are interested in joining our team then please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk and follow the links to volunteer with us.

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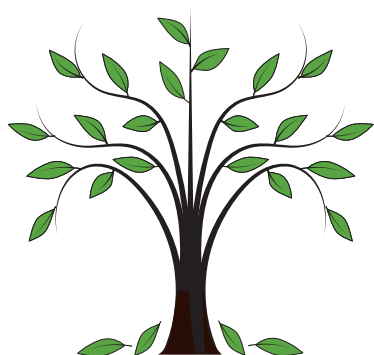
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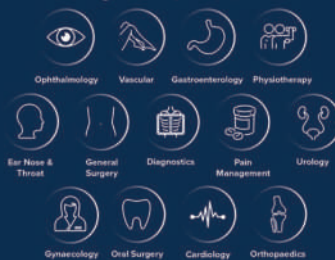
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The competitive badminton season has finally restarted post covid, with a good win for our mixed team over manor badminton club. We are looking forward to a good season on and off court, with Friday club nights thriving and a number of social events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

BLAKEDOWN & HAGLEY TENNIS CLUB

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

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

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

Sandy Thomas



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The festival will be in its **twelfth year of running** and follows in the tradition of previous years by offering an exciting programme of concerts designed to appeal to a broad range of musical tastes such as, **jazz, folk, contemporary pop and classical chamber choirs!**



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

ART CLUB

April sees the start of a new financial year and Hagley Art Club are happy to be facing it with a healthy budget, mainly thanks to our retiring Treasurer Bob Haywood Lister and even better with a clutch of new members. Don't worry, Bob isn't going anywhere, he's just decided to get a life, and after ten years he deserves a rest and our sincere thanks. We've had a good winter with a number of well attended zoom demonstrations but also managed to keep our normal meetings going, again equally well attended, as well as our first workshop of the year. We have an exciting programme ahead, starting with a session with Raya Brown demonstrating pastels, a watercolour workshop with David Wilcox and as the weather improves will hope to start up a new 'en plein air' programme.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Contact us: hagleyartclub583@gmail.com or turn up at Hagley Community Centre 2nd Monday of every month 7.30 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 Rotary Club of Hagley continued the year with a full program of fun and festivities enriched with Rotary Banta and stewardship. Visits from Coventry Rotary enabled us to be updated on the Ukrainian Initiative for which we are most grateful to Hagley Residents for their contributions and support.

We agreed that we enjoy our Rotary and Meetings so much, that it is selfish to keep them to ourselves, so a Membership Campaign was agreed to be started without delay and some imaginative initiatives were being proposed.

The month ended with our Partners and Guests being enthralled with a presentation from Rotarian Joyful and her work

For Rotarians the month of March is dedicated to the needy subject of hygiene and water sanitation. This asks us to focus on the life changing improvements that we can make through these international projects to provide a more readily available healthy supply of water to all people.

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

It has been great to welcome a number of new local people into Active Seniors classes over the last couple of months. I'm aware that a class in Hagley that had been going for many years sadly recently closed and as a result a number of people who used to attend have made enquiries about classes held at the community centre each week. It's been lovely to welcome them into the fold! However although I have been running classes in at the community centre since 2016 some people were unaware of the exercise options I provide!

So if you know someone that would benefit from adding exercise to their week then please pass this on to them – they may not see the magazine or perhaps live outside the area it is delivered, perhaps in Clent or Belbroughton, so you may be the key person in passing on the information and getting them started!

I offer a free session for people to try a class as it ensures we get the correct 'fit'. The person is then more likely to come along to exercise regularly which is when the benefits to health really start to happen. I'm constantly impressed by the consistency of my clients to attend and take part and they put in so much effort each week – I'm so proud of you all!!

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Angela



HAGLEY PROBUS CLUB

If you could buy and own a holiday home anywhere in the world, where would it be? That is the question we were posed at this month's Probus Club meeting by our speaker Neil Glazier, a retired local Travel Agent. To facilitate the choice of venue we were shown the five most popular countries in the world for holiday making, followed by a list of more than two hundred resorts in the various countries. Arguably we were spoilt for choice, so I for one am no nearer selecting my preferred location!

Through his professional dealings, and based on his vast experience Neil had settled on Turkey as his preferred location for his holiday home. Specifically he had purchased a property in the port city of Fethiye, on Turkey's southwestern Turquoise coast. Purchasing the property was very straight forward and very quick. Fethiye is known for its natural harbour, blue waters and numerous rock tombs, also modern amenities.

Fethiye is home to around 7000 Brits, and our speaker's enthusiasm certainly made life there very appealing

For my part, i shall continue to live in England, warts and all, and be contented with occasional trips to pastures New!

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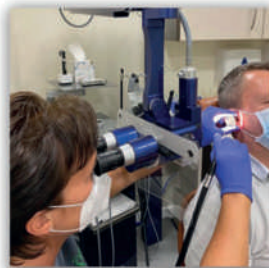
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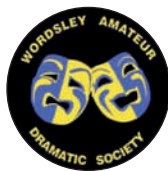
WORDSLEY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY - WADS

So here we are in April. The year is already a quarter over and our centenary year is well under way. Already a murderer on the Nile has been caught and brought to justice, and now we look to the rest of the year and the events we have coming up.

Next up and coming your way is our new production of Willy Russell's "Blood Brothers" – the play not the musical, which is probably a relief to come people. That will be in July. And then after that a break until December, when we grace the stage with a new version of "A Christmas Carol", dramatised from Charles Dickens's novel by our very own Mark Edward. Details for all of these will be in this very newsletter, but they are now on our Facebook page and website, www.wordsleyamdram.co.uk

In the meantime, should any of you want a speaker for a group that you may belong to, please get in touch. We are more than happy to come along, tell you a bit about the Society and have a chat about what is involved in the process of creating a production. Just drop me a line on wordsleyamdram@outlook.com and we can arrange something for you. Thank you once again for your continued support

Andrew Rock



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Insects only have three seasons, Dormant, Flowering and Fruiting. We are in the Flowering season now, it started around the middle of January; you glimpse a patch of Snowdrops and you know Flowering has arrived. The season lasts until near the end of July. The astounding thing about honeybees is that after a windy, wet, cold, and generally dreadful Dormant season, these incredible insects have survived in their colony of about ten thousand individuals, just waiting for the days to lengthen and flowers to emerge, it's their numbers that make honeybees so important for our ecosystem. www.hsbka.org and search via **Events**

HAGLEY U3A

We have our Annual General Meeting on 3 April, held as usual in St Saviour's Church Hall, starting at 1.45 pm. There have been resignations from the committee on which we will be voting this year, as well as the usual review of our recent work and for the year to come. There is no speaker at this meeting, but on 1 May Chris O'Grady has as his subject "Keep the sea on your left and remember to turn right at Land's End".

Future outings include an afternoon visit on 16 May to Diglis Basin in Worcester to view the fish pass; this is limited to 18 persons, price £6.00 pp, or £10 if stopping for tea at the hotel. On 14 June there is a visit to

Badge Court Gardens at Elmbridge, £6.00 pp or £10.00 with tea. With drier weather (we hope), there are both short and long walks in the spring, the latter calling for a pub lunch. More details are on our website at <https://u3asites.org.uk/hagley/welcome>

For further information, contact Chair, Jane Mottram (**01562 888219**), or Membership Secretary, Ian Powick (**01562 883822**)



TUESDAY TEA CLUB

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**

HAGLEY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Our April rehearsals will be on Thursdays April 11th, 18th and 25th. We will carry on with our Thursday rehearsals throughout May and then on June 6th, ready for our Concert for Music for Sanctuary (raising funds for the homeless), which is happening on Sunday June 9th, from 3pm-4pm in St John's Church.

The preliminary Thursday rehearsals will all be held in St Saviour's Church. On June 9th our final rehearsal will be at 1pm in St John's.

If you would like to join us, please phone or text **07545 773139**

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6th of June will be 80 years since the D-Day landings in northern France. Ringers of Clent & Hagley will be joining others to ring church bells to mark this anniversary.

Since COVID-19 we have had no new ringers and are finding it difficult to ring for church services at St. John's adjacent Hagley Hall. and St. Leonards, Clent.

After Easter we will be holding taster ringing sessions at both churches. From 6:30 pm on selected Mondays & Wednesdays. Why not come and see what ringing is all about and find out what goes on behind those doors leading to a spiral staircase to the ringing rooms, frequented weekly by reportedly over 40,000 ringers in England's churches alone. Other countries make up a small percentage of approximately 7,000 towers across the world.

Ringling is a very sociable activity. It expands and promotes your physical/mental well-being, expanding your skills along the way. It serves the community. But most of all it's fun. The YouTube Channel "Ringling Richard" shows four of us ringling at Hagley. Taster sessions will be available to book on Monday and Wednesdays after Easter. Look out for more details on social media or contact via the links below.

**Martin Whittaker and Richard Scarth
Clent & Hagley Tower Captains**

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**hagleyringers@gmail.com
07768 273545**



**St. John's
Hand & Tower
Bellringers**

HOME RUN HOUNDS

Home Run Hounds have taken over the local kennels from Hall Green Greyhounds. On Tuesday 2nd April they will be holding a dog blood donation day at Broadmarsh Kennels, Wassell Grove Lane, Hagley DY9 9JL from 10am. Its open to all dogs to donate. For more details please telephone **07488 253537** or email **hello@homerunhounds.co.uk**.



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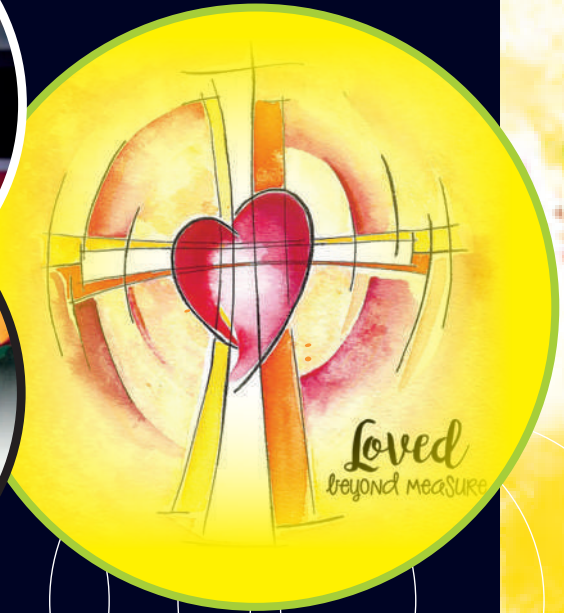


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HAGLEY FREE CHURCH

95 Worcester Road, Hagley DY9 0NG



Hagley Free Church

Established 1905



APRIL: The evocative words of Jesus, in the agony of the cross, effectively asking, "Where are you God?" reminds me there are times when we ask that question too. When our prayers appear to go unanswered, and we can't see any answers, it's easy to lose sight of God. Is He hiding deliberately? But the great blessing we affirm as Easter people is that God delights in making Himself known to us (not in hiding from us). The Resurrection shows us the face of our God who is self-giving love and life itself. Easter moves us from despair to praise. As we "survey the wondrous cross" and as we gaze at the empty tomb, something more of God is revealed to us, and it gives us hope, strength and peace. Rejoice in the miracle of Easter. Amazing Grace! Blessings in the name of our Risen Lord! (Revd Tim)

SERVICES FOR APRIL 2024

Date		Morning 10.30am
07th April 2024	Communion	Rev. Tim Mullings
14th April 2024		Rev. Peter Bradley
21st April 2024		Rev. Tim Mullings
28th April 2024		Rev. David Tennant

SPECIAL COFFEE MORNING WITH HAYBRIDGE CHOIR Friday 19th April 10am- 12pm. MUSIC, COFFEE AND HOME BAKED CAKES.EVERYONE IS INVITED.

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUP Is meeting every Friday 2:30pm in the upstairs room.

CHURCH OFFICE Monday, Thursday, Friday: 8.30am - 12.00pm

Contact **07922 508014** or Email: **hfc1905@btinternet.com** for all enquiries and bookings.

Visit us at **www.hagleyfreechurch.org.uk**

CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Here for Christ. Here for the challenge of the gospel. Here for the community around us.

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St John the Baptist with St Saviour's

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THURSDAY 4TH April: CLENT MOTHERS' UNION 2.00pm at Clent Parish Hall
THURSDAY 18TH APRIL: HAGLEY MOTHERS' UNION 2.30pm at St Saviour's Hall

The **2024 HAGLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL** is being held at a number of venues in Hagley from 12th to 28th April. Details can be found elsewhere in this edition of the Hagley Village News. There are flyers available in our churches, with information about all the events – or go to **www.haglemusicfestival.com** The festival ends with Choral Evensong, sung by Worcester Cathedral Choir, at 4.00 pm on Sunday 28th April in St John the Baptist Church. Everyone is very welcome.

SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR HAGLEY AND CLENT - APRIL 2024

Date	10.30am
07th April 2024 Easter 2	Holy Communion at St John's Worship 4 All at St Leonard's
14th April 2024 Easter 3	Holy Communion/Sunday Club at St Saviour's Holy Communion at St Leonard's
21st April 2024 Easter 4	Holy Communion at St John's Family Service at St Leonard's
28th April 2024 Easter 5	Holy Communion/Sunday Club at St Saviour's Holy Communion at St Leonard's

There is a said service of Holy Communion in St Leonard's at 10.30 am on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month, and in St Saviour's at 10.30 am every Thursday. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to enquire about a baptism or wedding



TODDLER GROUPS - parents/guardians stay

MONDAY
STAY & PLAY 0-5 Romsley Scout Hut 9:30-11.00am Call Laura 07525 476339
BOUNCE & RHYME 0-2 Hagley Library 10-10.30am and 11-11.30am Email: halib@worcestershires.gov.uk

THURSDAY
STAY & PLAY 0-5 Churchill Village Hall 9:30-10:30am and 10:45-11:45am Call Laura 07525 476339
LITTLE TREASURES Hagley Community Centre 10.00-11.30am
STORYTRAIN Hagley Library 10-10.30am Email: halib@worcestershires.gov.uk

WEDNESDAY
TODDLERS Hagley Free Church 9:30-11:15am Call Zsuzsi 07852749268
BOUNCE & RHYME 0-2 Hagley Library 2.15-2.45pm Email: halib@worcestershires.gov.uk

FRIDAY
RAINBOW STAY & PLAY 0-5 Conkers (next to Hagley kindergarten) 9:30-11:15am Email: Zsuzsi at zsuzsannatandy@gmail.com

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HAGLEY LIBRARY

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

the school holidays too. Please book a place by emailing halib@worcestershires.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.worcestershires.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 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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of April showers" **Byron Caldwell Smith**



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