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WELCOME TO DECEMBER

Seasons Greetings to all you lovely folks of Hagley and beyond! And as you all embark on this wonderful month of all things festive, we'd like to point you in the direction of a good old Santa's Grotto - you don't get more Christmassy than that! Hagley Rambler Scouts will be hosting their very own on the 6th and 7th of this month - see page 19 for further details.

And a lovely gift to the community from Hagley Parish Council is news of the completion of the Sweetpool Nature Reserve works. This beautiful, natural area is a much loved part of our village. A safe haven for wildlife, it also offers so much potential for research and study in a peaceful and tranquil setting - please read more about it on page 7.

A reminder to you all of our ever popular Village Market which takes place every month in the Community Centre. See the advert on page 35 for dates in December and January and details of what's on offer - a perfect opportunity to pick up some beautiful, unique gifts for your friends and family this Christmas. Hand-crafted, homemade and local to Hagley - the perfect combination!

And it seems that even our furry companions are joining in with the festive fun. Home Run Hounds are getting their doggies out and about on a Christmas Starlight Dog Walk at Bodenham Arboretum. Why not take your own loveable pooch along and join in with them - the more the merrier! On another note they're also appealing for blood donors, so if your four legged canine friend would like to help another one, then pop along to their kennels where the Pet Blood Bank will be in attendance. See page 25 for more details of both of these events.

And lastly, as we come to a close this year we'd like to say a big thankyou to Chris Rees for all his hard work as our volunteer distribution manager - he's stepping down from this post leaving it open for someone else hopefully to step up into it.

Have a great Christmas everyone - we'll be right back with you in 2026!

Alison Akers Editor
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COMMUNITY CENTRE TIMETABLE 2025

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ACTIVE SENIORS Happy Hearts 9.30-10.30am		MOVE IT OR LOSE IT For seniors seated, standing, chair support 10-11.00am	LITTLE TREASURES 10-11.30am	FEMALE FIT 9.45am BACK CARE PILATES 10.30am MUMMY & ME PILATES 11.40am	HAGLEY MARKET Last Saturday in the month 9-1.00pm	
ACTIVE SENIORS Strength & Balance 11.15-12.15pm	ACTIVE SENIORS Strength & Balance 1.20-2.20pm 2.45-3.45pm		ACTIVE SENIORS Strength & Balance 2.45-3.45pm	WEST GLEN HTM DOG TRAINING 2.00pm		
			ACTIVE SENIORS Tai Chi & Qigong 4.15-5.15pm			LIFECENTRAL CHURCH 4-6.00pm
ART CLUB 2nd Monday of each month 7.30pm	MC PAWS DOG TRAINING 7.00pm		VERVE TAEKWONDO 7.00pm	MATT FIDDES MARTIAL ARTS Children 3-6 6-6.45pm Adults/Children/ Family 7+ 7-8.00pm		HAGLEY THEATRE GROUP 6-8.00pm

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Our Summer Club runs until the end of August with the new season opening in September. Summer Club is open to members and visitors and takes place on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 8pm to 10pm, at Hagley Catholic High School Sports Hall. This is operated on a pay and play basis for £7 per session. A great opportunity to play for all levels of ability. Please e-mail info@hckbadminton.club for further details. First time visitors should contact us in the first instance, to ensure we have availability on the nights you wish to attend.

We are also continuing to run our coaching sessions during the summer on a Friday evening between 7pm and 8pm. This is open to beginners and improvers and is a great opportunity to start playing the game, or to improve, and to do so in a friendly,

informal environment. Registration for these sessions is on a first come first served basis, so please contact us by e-mailing info@hckbadminton.club. It is not essential to have your own equipment but please let us know if you need to loan a racquet for the sessions when you sign up.

We are a welcoming, sociable club, with social events taking place throughout the year. Recent events include go-carting, canoeing, quiz and curry nights, so whether you are an absolute beginner, or an experienced player, you can be assured of a warm welcome.



ART CLUB

So, another year comes to a close, our exhibition is done and dusted but this final demonstration is a cracker. We have the popular local watercolour artist Sarah Stokes, author of "Painting Birds" and Domesika tutor, known for her beautiful painterly watercolour animals, presenting our final demonstration for the year. This will also be our final "real life" demo for a while, as we move to our winter programme of zoom presentations combined with daytime sketching events until the darker grimmer nights start to retreat. Look to next month's edition for details.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Contact us at 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. Or visit our painting circle, on Tuesday afternoons, ring Sue on **07831 487648** or email for details. Also, visit our Facebook page. Why not join for £25 per year and a small entrance fee?

Sallie Gurney - Publicity



HAGLEY ART CLUB

HAGLEY COUNTRY DANCERS

Another successful year for the Hagley Country Dancers ends on December 15th, when we are planning to finish with a festive occasion and an extended session. Entertainment will be provided by members displaying their talents on guitar, piano accordion or spoons or whatever skills they have. Favourite dances may be requested and all callers will be available. We are grateful to Hagley Village News for the publicity which has helped us to attract several new dancers this term. We are also grateful to our guest callers, who have added to the variety of dances we enjoy. We restart on January 12th at 2 p.m. as usual and on following Monday afternoons. There is plenty of parking via Chapel Street. There is no charge for a first visit, subsequently the cost is £3.00 per person. For more information, ring **Jean Drew 01384 836924**

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THE ARTS SOCIETY - STOURBRIDGE

CANAL HISTORY AND HERITAGE This lecture was a colourful introduction to the secret world of our 2000-mile inland waterway network, looking at all aspects of their exceptional artistic, architectural and engineering features. Once described as a "poor man's art gallery" the lecture was tailored to include local and regional examples which reflect the unique distinctiveness of our inland waterways. Our speaker Roger Butler was a landscape architect and experienced writer, photographer and lecturer.

If you would like to join us or if you want to come along to this lecture at Stourbridge Town Hall at 10.55am please contact Neill Robb **07484 830487** or email neillrobb@btinternet.com

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CONEXUS TUITION KS1-GCSE 4-6.00pm	PILATES Wayne 11-12.00noon		YOGA Wendy 11-12.00noon	MINI MAKERS CRAFT CLUB 10-11.00am		

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HAGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

As referenced back in the August edition, we are now pleased to announce that major works at Sweetpool Nature Reserve are complete. The Reserve has undergone quite an overhaul after we secured £15,846 from the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. With the funding we were able to replace the old railway sleepers and derelict handrails with two new 1.2m wide boardwalks with new railings. The one to the Sweetpool end of the reserve features a viewing platform for people to enjoy the peace and tranquillity that the area offers whilst looking out for wildlife. The boardwalk nearer to the Meadowcroft side of the reserve will take you right across the marshy land to the back of reserve where there are piles of cut logs from trees and an open area to enjoy. The log piles will become home to many insects, amphibians, small mammals and birds. Bird boxes, bat boxes and a Tawny owl nesting box have been installed on the site so keep a look out for them being used in due time.

The meadow at the top of the site will be managed more sensitively from next year with a cyclical management of the tussocky grassland margins and some ground preparation of the meadow for planting wildflower seeds next Autumn. The site has much historical and ecological value that needs conserving and has the potential to become classified as a Local Nature Reserve and/or a Site of Specific Scientific Interest if it meets the Natural England criteria that HPC will be working towards. It is also planned for the site to be used for field studies by Haybridge Biology students and some DoFE students will be

undertaking various activities and projects there to learn new skills whilst contributing voluntary hours to help again their award and helping to preserve and enhance the biodiverse nature of the area (subject to HPC approval). Users of the area can also partake in citizen science activities by recording sightings of wildlife by clicking on the QR code on the 'Wet Woodland Wander' Information leaflet and completing the online form. Management and inspection of the site will be increased via contracts held by Hagley Parish Council and we ask you, the resident, to help us conserve the area for new visitors by:

- Keeping your dog on a lead and picking up after it
- Picking up litter and taking it home with you
- Reporting any anti-social behaviour or anything unusual to 101 or 999.

We hope the area will be enjoyed by many. Please contact the Clerk for further information or any ideas you have to improve the area. If you would like to look at ways to improve the biodiversity of your land, please get in touch!

Finally, Happy Christmas to all our residents and we'll see you in 2026!! Our office will close on 18th December and will open on 5th January

Hagley Parish Council

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VILLAGE LADIES

Hello Village Ladies. Do hope your Christmas preparations are going well and stress levels are under control (so far!). Now we look forward to our only meeting this month which is our Christmas Celebrations on 9th December when we will be enjoying a shared supper and an evening when we welcome the beginning of Christmas. If you would like to join our group but would like more details first please

ring Anne **01562 885556**, Ann **01562 882692** email annpagett@tiscali.co.uk or see our website hagleytuesdaygroupwordpress.com

Wishing you all a very, very Happy Christmas.



HAGLEY PROBUS CLUB

Members and guests of Hagley Probus Club were treated to a talk entitled "Cameo Glass" by Kate Round, an Outreach presenter and tour guide for Dudley Museum Service.. Cameo glass is produced by applying a film of white glass on top of a coloured base and then removing part of the film to reveal a design or image in relief.

The first known example was the Portland vase- now housed in the British Museum- thought to be 2000 years old and found in a tomb in Rome. Its method of production baffled English glass makers for 500 years and it took the likes of John Northwood, the Woodall brothers, Partgeter, Richardsons and Webb many years to reproduce a copy of the vase. Originally using hand tools to create the pattern, power tools and sand blasting techniques are now employed.

Helen Willard and Terri College are two talented modern artists who can be seen demonstrating the art of cameo glass making at the Red House Glass Cone in Wordsley. It is impossible in a few words to do justice to the beauty of cameo glass and the skill involved in its manufacture.

Hagley Probus Club offers a warm welcome to professional and business gentlemen from Hagley and district. Activities include a monthly lunch meeting with speaker and occasional outings and social events. Please contact Alan Hess **07967 590219** for further details



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THE FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN BAPTIST

As The Friends come to the end of their 45th anniversary it's worth noting the financial help that The Friends have been able to provide Hagley PCC during the year.

As previously mentioned almost £10K has been spent on the Church car park thus alleviating the surface problems after heavy rain. In addition, some £39K has been provided for repairs to the sandstone stonework which had been identified by the Church Architects as urgent. The Friends have also hosted 3 coffee mornings for Members and friends which have been well received with thanks to Eva Corlet for her hard work in arranging these. The year will conclude with The Friends sponsorship of Ex Cathedra who

will be performing in St John's on Tuesday 2nd December from 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm – see <https://bit.ly/ExCathedra-Hagley-2025> for further information.

Of course, none of the above would have been possible without the hard work and generosity of Members over the past 45 years and our thanks go to everyone who has helped to raise funds for the repair and preservation of the fabric of St John's Church.

Any readers interested in joining The Friends of St John please contact, in the first instance, the church Parish Office on **01562 888363**. You will be made most welcome.

Tony Battersby - Trustee

BEE KEEPING

After a few months of rest—aside from occasional checks to ensure storms haven't damaged the beehives—beekeepers everywhere are preparing for another busy season. The bees have been active, too. Inside the colony, the temperature remains a steady 35°C year-round—the equivalent of a hot day in Spain. One of the biggest challenges in beekeeping is finding a good apiary site. The ideal location is away from people, out of frost-prone hollows, and positioned so the morning sun warms the hive at daybreak. If you know of such a spot, why not reach out? Email admin@hsbka.org

ACTIVE SENIORS

Here we are once again at the end of another year of classes in Hagley. It's been a very busy year with lots more new people joining weekly classes with us which is great. My personal thanks go to Lisa and Lucy who managed to keep classes going whilst I was off March- June recovered from my knee replacement – I'm very grateful for your efforts. I'm very happy to say that the surgery went well and I now have no pain at all in the knee. I also want to mention all of my wonderful clients – old and new, who have been so consistent in their attendance in classes this year – I'm so very proud of you all!! You have all worked so hard and I look forward to continuing to work with you in 2026. Classes will continue to run until mid December when we take a well earned extended break for the Christmas and New Year period.

Normally we have a lot of people contact us after the festivities are over to start their healthier New Year habits so it's a good idea to get your name down now if you are interested as vacancies are limited. Give me a call if you would like more details or would like to book taster session in January. I wish all my customers a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy, healthy and active New Year. For those we have yet to meet we look forward to getting to know you in 2026 and helping you to become more active.

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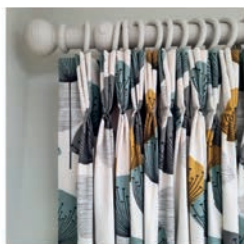
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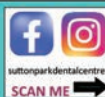
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By the time you read this Poppy Fortnight will have taken place and you will have seen our fabulous volunteer team of poppy collectors at our Pop-Up Poppy Stall outside Grove Properties in Worcester Road. We finished at Saturday lunchtime on November 8th.

The Act of Remembrance and laying of wreaths took place at Hagley War Memorial at 9.30am on Sunday November 9th, followed by a Remembrance Service at St Johns Church. The Act of Remembrance and laying of wreaths at the War Memorial will commenced at 9.30am. The Parade organised on behalf of Hagley Parish Council started after this short service in the Park Road Service Road opposite the Lyttelton

Arms car park and processed up to St Johns Church for the Remembrance Service, which started at 10.30am. We also held an Act of Remembrance at Churchill War Memorial on Armistice Day, November 11th at 11.00am.

The message of Remembrance is as valid in today's world, as it was when the Kohima Epitaph was written during the Burma Campaign in 1944 – "When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today".



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with Andy Groves as her minder to the church hall for our celebrations. In August we enjoyed our annual coach trip through the beautiful English countryside via Bridgnorth ending with a delicious meal at the Fox, Stourton Doug Parker, the much-loved Wolverhampton comedian was our special guest at our final in September and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We meet every Thursday throughout the year in Hagley Free Church Hall. At the moment we are full with a short waiting list.

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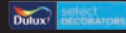
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HAGLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

News about the completion of the new roof on the community centre is that we received a grant from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) administered by Bromsgrove District Council to help towards the works. This marks the latest repair and upgrade to the centre and my thanks go to Bromsgrove District Council and to members of the committee who made this happen. We will soon have a new website that will make booking the centre easier as well as having new features and streamlined

services. This new website will offer the opportunity to advertise your business or group as well as opportunities as a sponsor for the community centre. Generating new income streams is very important to the committee to be able to continue to repair and maintain the centre.

We hope to see you soon, do please come to visit us during the coming months.

**Steve Colella - Chairman
Hagley Community Association**

HAGLEY PATIENTS PARTICIPATION GROUP

Hopefully many of our readers, residents and patients of the Hagley GP Doctor's Surgery will have responded to the Bromsgrove District Council Draft Local Plan Consultation over the summer which closed on 20th October.

Following discussions between the members of the PPG and meetings held with the senior GP Surgery Management Team the PPG has submitted its own response. This response outlined the significant risks to the impact of the proposed housing target on the capacity of the Victoria Passage surgery. The surgery patient list is growing by almost 1,000 new patients per year and reaching its capacity as well as the site itself being constrained and

unable to expand safely and adequately to absorb what could be anything between 1,500 and 2,000 new patients.

The surgery practice themselves are committed to supporting the community and are very much against a second doctor's surgery away from the centre of the community as proposed. This would be totally unsustainable and would not conform with national planning policy or meet the needs of the community.

Thank you to everyone that has recognised these issues and have responded in the same way against the draft local plan consultation.

Steve Colella - Chairman Hagley PPG

GIRLGUIDING IN HAGLEY

In the run up to Christmas all units are very busy and have lots of fun activities planned. There are the usual Christmas parties and lots of Christmas crafts and baking. Some units are seeing the Robin Hood Pantomime in Blakedown at a special performance just for Girlguiding units. In November 2nd Hagley Brownies held a charity night to raise money for the Princess Trust and one of the Brownies is donating her hair to this charity to be made into a wig. The night was very well supported and lots of tea and cake were served by the Brownies who gained their charity badge for taking part. 3rd Hagley Brownies voted not to have Christmas presents but to donate gifts

from each six to the Dunelm Scheme for gifting to children who might be less fortunate than the Brownies. Rainbows are making Christmas stockings and enjoying Christmas Games. Rangers are looking forward to a Christmas jumper night with Christmas crafts to celebrate the end of term. Many thanks to all the volunteer leaders who give so much of their time to make Girlguiding so successful in Hagley.

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HOME RUN HOUNDS

As we head into the festive season, it's been another busy month for Home Run Hounds! We've seen many of our lovely greyhounds settle into their forever homes, and we're so grateful to our amazing fosterers, adopters, and supporters who make it all possible. However, we still have some wonderful dogs waiting patiently in kennels for their chance at a comfy sofa and loving family. If you're thinking about adopting or fostering, please do get in touch, you could make a greyhound's Christmas wish come true!

We're also pleased to announce that the Pet Blood Bank will be visiting our kennels on 23rd December. They're looking for healthy, calm dogs over 25kg to become lifesaving blood donors.

And don't miss our Christmas Starlight Dog Walk at Bodenham Arboretum, a magical evening stroll through twinkling lights, perfect for getting into the festive spirit with your four-legged friend. Tickets are available now.

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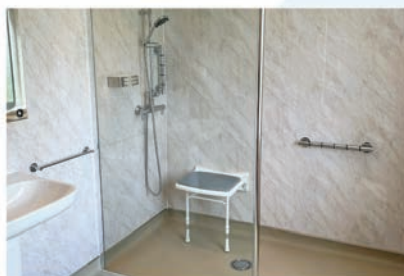
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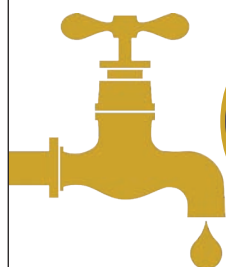
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During October Hagley Rotary Club completed their project to send humanitarian aid to Ukraine. In addition to other fund-raising activities, from which the proceeds raised went towards the transporting costs involved in getting these much-needed supplies to the distribution centers in Ukraine. The people of Hagley have been most generous with their donations and support for which the Rotary Club and the people of Ukraine are very grateful.

In November our Rotary Club of Hagley enjoyed our cabaret evening on the 15th of November at Hagley Community Centre. Dougie Parker with Ashcroft and Lewis entertained us with music and laughter, the proceeds from which are mainly going to local good causes for Christmas.

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 in 2025, give us

a call on one of the phone numbers below.

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

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 Manor House of Whittington A449. Alternatively try visiting our website at <https://hagleyrotary.wixsite.com/website>

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We meet at Blakedown Parish Rooms, Belbroughton Road, Blakedown DY13JG on Wednesday afternoon on this occasion at 2.30pm which seems popular in the winter months especially as the clocks will have gone back by then. Do come along for an entertaining afternoon you might consider becoming a member in 2026 when we

shall have a whole new programme. Do see our website and contact our membership secretary if you are interested in joining our group which over 40 years has donated thousands of pounds to the National Trust
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HAGLEY HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

On 2nd December, popular (and costumed!) speaker Max Keen presents Hereward the Wake: The Last True Englishman? After William the Conqueror's victory at the Battle of Hastings in 1066, Hereward emerged as one of the few Anglo-Saxon leaders who continued to fight against Norman rule.

Hereward's defiance turned him into a legendary figure. Later stories cast him as a folk hero who stood up for the English against foreign invaders. While the details of his life are blurred by myth and legend, Hereward remains remembered as a symbol of resistance and national pride.

On January 6th 2026, we have the pleasure of welcoming Phil Downing, who will give a talk entitled 'Discover the House of Secrets' about the remarkable Harvington Hall. This Elizabethan moated manor became famous for its collection of priest hides, more than any

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Meetings start at 8pm at St Saviours Church Hall. Visitors are always most welcome at all our events. See **hhfs.org.uk** for more details and contact information.

Rachel Paget - Secretary



HAGLEY STRING ORCHESTRA

December brings the Christmas season, and at Hagley strings, we occasionally like to play some seasonal music. One popular piece is Archangelo Corelli's 'Christmas Concerto', so-called because it bears the inscription 'Fatto per la notte de Natale' (made for Christmas night). The last movement, 'Pastorale ad libitum', is a particular favourite of village church organists to play as a voluntary at Christmas services. This concerto is actually one of a set of 12 Concerti Grossi, published in 1714, after the composer's death; a remarkable set of pieces considered seminal in pointing the way to the later baroque style of Handel and Bach. Corelli was a well-regarded violinist in Italy and was influential in the development of violin technique and performance. Unlike many other composers

through the ages, he died a very rich man. We continue to meet on Tuesday mornings between 10am and 12, midday and we are always keen to welcome new members. For more details please contact Haydn Thomas on **01562 885252**

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Hagley Mothers' Union Advent service is on 11th December at St Saviours Church at 2.30 pm. Anyone who is interested in joining Mothers Union is most welcome. Seasonal refreshments will be served in the Church hall after the service. **Christine Spencer**

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As part of our general meeting, besides having a visiting speaker, we plan for one of our course leaders to give a brief introduction to their sessions at each, and for a small fee you can also attend a taster meeting at any you fancy to see if it suits you.

There's lots more information on our website at <https://hagley.u3asite.uk/welcome> too and you can also contact us from there with your enquiries.



HAGLEY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas! Hagley Community Orchestra musicians are looking forward to playing in the Christmas Carol Service at Hagley Free Church on Sunday 21st December at 4pm. We will be rehearsing on Thursdays 4th, 11th and 18th December, from 5.30 -7pm (venue to be confirmed) and on the day of the Service from 2pm in the Free Church. If you would like to join us in the orchestra, please phone or text: 07545 773 139. Cynthia Downes, Musical Director <http://www.andrewdownes.com>

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mornings plus Monday evenings, which means you can just turn up and have a game. We also enter a number of teams in the local leagues which is a great way of meeting players from other clubs.

Have we whetted your appetite? We hope so. For further details, just go to the website clubspark.lta.org.uk/BlakedownTennis Club and we'll look forward to seeing you on court! **Neil Allsop**



HAGLEY WI

Christmas is just around the corner and as usual our WI group has lots of activities, whether entertainment or crafting.

Traditionally at Christmas we love a panto. This year we are welcoming Aunty Jen production of Sleeping Beauty. We couldn't have a Christmas Panto without a mince pie with our cuppa so our bakers are working away making the mincemeat and the pastry.

Our Christmas Party this year will be full of music and dance as we welcome back Ukes on the Edge. A wonderful group of musicians who play ukelele and get everyone up dancing and really in the Christmas Mood.

Our Christmas Luncheon get together this year, sees us returning to The Fox at Stourton. It was a lovely meal last year with excellent service so our ladies wanted to enjoy it all again this year.

Then of course its decorating the WI Christmas Tree. This takes us to Worcester Cathedral. Each year the Worcestershire Group of Wis decorate the WI Christmas Tree with hand crafted items, all relating to our annual resolution. This year, we are making Red Hearts as our resolution has been about CPR training and more Defibrillators on streets so people can help save lives!

We meet the second Monday of each month at Hagley Community Centre 2.00pm till 4.00pm. If you want to know more about Hagley WI, please contact Judi on **Tel: 07890 117097** or email: **hagleypres@wfedwi.org.uk**

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SATURDAYS 9-12**
AT CLENT VILLAGE HALL

OPEN TO ALL

CHRISTMAS MUSIC BY CANDLELIGHT

EX CATHEDRA

Tuesday 2 December
7:00pm

St. John's Church, Hagley



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MONDAY BOUNCE & RHYME 0-2 Hagley Library 10-10.30am and 11-11.30am Email: halib@worcestershires.gov.uk ACTIVE TOTS Hagley Library 2.15-2.45pm	TUESDAY LITTLE BABS PLAYGROUP St Kenelm's Church Hall, Romsley 9:30-11.00am Call Laura 07525 476339 HAGLEY HUB St Saviour's Church Hall 10:00-12:00 Term time only
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HAGLEY LIBRARY

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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 have two experienced Walk Leaders in the group who will take you on some lovely one hour long walks around the local area.

Our walks in 2025 are: 3rd & 17th Dec

Hagley Library

Available for
public use

Meeting room space and toilets with baby changing available
Out of hours, evenings from 5pm and weekends (from 4pm on a Saturday)

For more information contact: **clerk@hagleyparishcouncil.gov.uk**

Hagley Village Directory

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