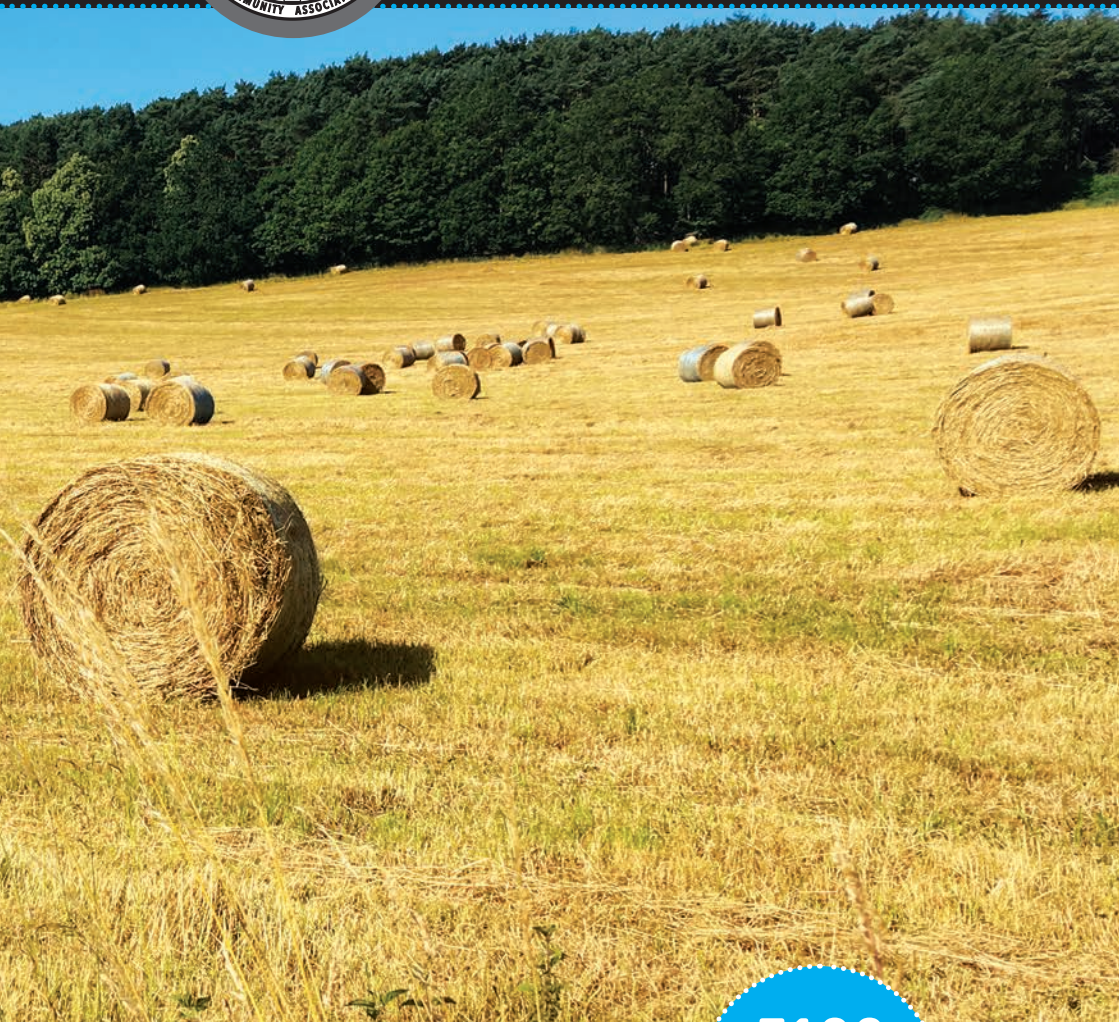




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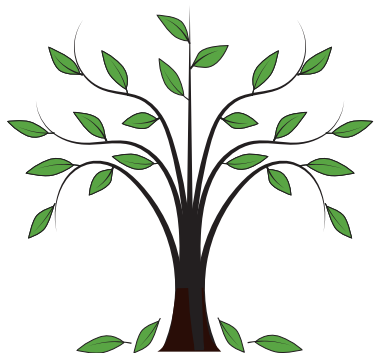
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Welcome to June

And this fine and sunny month often marks the start of hay making in the UK. Keep a look out because you'll more than likely spot some gorgeous, fat haystacks in the fields around Hagley - just like the ones on our cover. Many thanks to Ingrid Davis for capturing this beautiful image and sending it to us.

We'd like to start this month by making a special mention of a fundraising challenge in which a group of lovely mums from Hagley will be taking part in. These ladies are aiming to complete a 12 hour wild swimathon in memory of Kit Baddeley. Please see 'Wild About Kit' on page 8 for more information and details on how you can support this very worthy cause.

Hagley Parish Council are back with us this month bringing us their seasonal updates on page 5. A definite date for diaries is the weekend of 21st and 22nd June - "Hagley Family Fun Day" - which we're sure will be a fantastic community event!

The Community Centre timetable is looking nice and full, however there are still a few slots available for hire if you wish. Contact Nick at bookings@hagley.uk for more info.

Home Run Hounds will have your hearts melting again this month! They are showcasing not just one, but two loveable greyhounds. Mason and Best have recently been out and about exploring the local countryside and acquainting themselves with The King Arthur on the high street - it must be the aroma of all that good ale that tempted them! Anyway check them out on page 25 to see just how adorable they really are.

And on a last note - see page 32 for some stunning images of our beloved train station and it's beautiful bridge - courtesy of SLUG.

So there you go folks, put your feet up, have a good read and enjoy the rest of the month.

Alison Akers Editor

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MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
ACTIVE SENIORS Happy Hearts 9.30-10.30am			LITTLE TREASURES 10.00-11.30am	FEMALE FIT 9.45am BACK CARE PILATES 10.30am MUMMY & ME PILATES 11.40am	HAGLEY MARKET Last Saturday in the month 9.00-1.00pm	
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		ACTIVE SENIORS Tai Chi & Qigong 4.15-5.15pm			LIFECENTRAL CHURCH 4.00-6.00pm
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 6.00-6.45pm Adults/Children/ Family 7+ 7.00-8.00pm		HAGLEY THEATRE GROUP 6.00-8.00pm

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HAGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The better weather is upon us and with that comes some seasonal updates we'd like to share. We will be hosting a 'Hagley Family Fun Day' on the playing field, over the weekend of 21st and 22nd of June. There will be lots of attractions and appearances from Transformers and Dinosaur characters and much more. We'll provide more information soon, so keep an eye on our Facebook page and noticeboards around the village.

Maintenance of the playing field will take place in May where the grass will be weeded, seeded and fed and as usual we ask that you all respect our green open space, pick up your litter and use the refuse bins provided or take your rubbish home. The grass cutting schedule for around the perimeter of the playing fields area has been adjusted, in order to encourage flowering and attract pollinators in the hope that it will allow bees and other wildlife to flourish. We ask that you please remove your dog waste and help us keep the playing fields a pleasant place for all.

The Parish Council continues to work with the local policing team to focus on key areas of concern which are primarily Drugs, Antisocial Behaviour and Speeding. There have been recent arrests targeting county lines drug dealers who were operating in Hagley and surrounding villages and we'd like to thank the local policing team for their hard work so far.

Summer is here and that means holidays, so please be vigilant when it comes to home security. Remember to use timer switches, let your neighbours know you're away and look out for suspicious behaviour. 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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HAGLEY STRING ORCHESTRA

Antonio Vivaldi (1678 – 1741) is best known for his 'four seasons', a set of four violin concertos, each depicting a different season of the year. His output was prolific, with well over 500 pieces catalogued. Whilst his detractors say that he wrote the same piece hundreds of times simply with a different combination of instruments or voices, there are many examples of passages which are strikingly bold and innovative for his time. This summer, we at Hagley Strings are looking at one of his many concertos for strings (RV 152 in G minor). While enjoying popularity in his lifetime, Vivaldi died in poverty and was buried in Vienna. His music was forgotten for a hundred and fifty years and was only rediscovered in the 20th century. Even

today, a new work is occasionally found in an Italian or central European attic. As usual, we continue to meet on Tuesday mornings between 10am and 12, midday. We are always keen to welcome new members. For further details please contact Haydn Thomas on **01562 885252**

Rory Freckleton



THE FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN BAPTIST

COFFEE MORNING Following my previous articles, I am now pleased to be able to confirm that a coffee morning will be held in St John's Church on Wednesday 11th June from 10.30 am. Alongside tea, coffee and lovely cakes we will welcome celebrated local pianist Michael Jones, who will be playing the piano and also the church organ. Michael will also talk about his experiences of meeting Emperor Haile Selassie.

Michael was born and musically educated entirely in Birmingham – winning a scholarship at 15 to study part-time at what is now the Birmingham Conservatoire, studying piano with Marjorie Hazlehurst. He graduated in 1974 with prizes for Piano, Advanced Harmony and Musical Distinction. After graduation Michael continued his studies privately with Janice Williams, Tom Bromley, Constance Warren, and, during the 1980s, Edna Iles, with whom he worked in detail studying various Medtner piano works.

Dubbed a "musical archaeologist" by Christopher Morley in the 'Birmingham Post', he has spent his life, in Percy Young's words: 'In Search of Music'. This has meant searching for, writing about and performing works by many neglected composers. He has also published several biographical articles and is a contributor to the New Grove and the New Dictionary of National Biography. Further information can be found at www.elgarsschoolofmusic.org.uk

The coffee morning is free although there will be a collection for one of Michael's Charities. We do look forward to seeing you at St John's Church.

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Our summer club is now underway and will run through to the end of August. This is open to members and visitors alike and continues on both Tuesday and Friday evenings from 8pm to 10pm, at Hagley Catholic High School Sports Hall. This is operated on a pay and play basis £7 per session. However, regular visitors will have the opportunity to sign up for the summer club season (or part thereof) at a reduced rate. Please e-mail info@hckbadminton.club for details. If you are a new visitor interested in attending our summer club, please do contact us in the first instance, to ensure availability on the nights you wish to attend. Further coaching sessions are also running during the summer on a Friday evening between 7pm and 8pm. Registration for these sessions is on a first

come first served basis, so please contact us by e-mailing info@hckbadminton.club. This is a great opportunity for anyone looking for a chance to get into the game, or to improve their game, to do so in a friendly, informal environment. Own equipment is not necessary, but please let us know if you need to loan a racquet for the sessions when you sign up. We are a sociable club, with social events taking place throughout the year, so whether you are an absolute beginner, or an experienced player, you can be assured of a warm welcome.



HAGLEY HOBBLERS

Hagley Hobblers is Hagley's own Walking Football group. We meet and play every Tuesday morning 10.30-11.30 on Hagley Playing fields. We are open to all and new members are welcome/encouraged. Walking Football is the same as football, save for 'no running' and a few other rule changes to produce a safer game. We play a game amongst ourselves each week, rather than seek games against other groups. The emphasis is on enjoyment. We also then meet post match in the Pavilion at 11.30 onwards for post match coffee, tea and biscuits. This has become an important part of the Hobblers experience with coffee meetings taking place every week - even on those rare occasions when there is no game due to weather/pitch conditions. And we are often joined by those unfit to play that week. New players are welcome to come along to play or, if preferred, in the first instance to watch. No prior notice from new members is necessary as we adjust the number of players each week to accommodate all who turn up. The Hobblers acknowledge and are grateful for the continuing practical support from others especially Hagley Parish Council, Bromsgrove District Council and West Hagley Football Club.

BLAKEDOWN & HAGLEY TENNIS CLUB

Your local club is ready and waiting for you! We play all year round but the warmer weather is always an incentive to hunt out that old racquet and give the lovely game of tennis a try again or if you're a newcomer to book some lessons with our friendly coach. The club was formed in March 2018, following the merger of the two village clubs. There are three hard courts, two of which are floodlit. We are located on the left-hand side of the A456 just as you enter Blakedown, heading in the Kidderminster direction. The setting is great for families as we are adjacent to a play park and the community field. There are regular mix-ins on Friday and Sunday

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/BlakedownTennisClub and we'll look forward to seeing you on court! **Sandy Thomas**



HAGLEY HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

On June 3rd 2025 we are delighted to welcome speaker Dr Gillian White presenting 'Bess of Hardwick and Hardwick Hall'

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Dr. Gillian White specialises in the history and visual arts of late medieval and sixteenth-century England. She began her career at the Warwickshire Museum and then worked for the National Trust as Curator /Collections Manager at Hardwick Hall, about which she then wrote her PhD at Warwick University.

Visitors are most welcome at all our events. See hhfs.org.uk for more details and contact information.

Rachel Paget - Secretary



WILD ABOUT KIT

A group of mums from Hagley are diving into a fundraising challenge in memory of one of our sons, who passed away aged just 14 months. Members of the Mums Go Wild Swimming group will complete a 12-hour wild swimathon in memory of Kit Baddeley, who died from a rare mitochondrial disease last September.

The Wild About Kit swimming challenge will take place at Broadfields Lake, Cutnall Green, on Sunday, July 13 – two days after he should have been celebrating his second birthday. Funds from the swim and raffl will go to the Noah Jordan Foundation, set up in memory of another little boy, Noah, who passed away from the same condition last year at nine months. The charity funds medical research with the aim of developing a cure for Alper's disease, and also raises awareness and support for those impacted by it. Kit's parents, Gemma and Mike Baddeley, and Noah's dad, Ben, will all be taking part in the swim. Gemma said: 'Kit was a seemingly

healthy little boy until he became unwell less than a week after his first birthday and was found to have acute liver failure.

'We were told he had Alper's disease and, given his age and symptoms, we were told he would deteriorate rapidly and were referred to palliative care. He passed away peacefully at home just two months after he became unwell. He was an incredibly happy, gorgeous, loving and brave little boy and we are determined to make him proud and honour his memory by raising as much money as we can to help others affected by this cruel disease and to try and find treatments and a cure.'

If any local businesses are able to sponsor the event or provide raffl prizes, then please email sianfox22@icloud.com. To donate, visit justgiving.com/page/mumsgowildswimming

ACTIVE SENIORS

As I've been off work recuperating after my knee surgery I completely forgot until this morning that the anniversary of another year of Active Seniors in Hagley has rolled round! In May 2016 the first classes took place in the community centre and we've been there ever since. Even when the pandemic hit we were back at it as soon as we were allowed and a big number of those that started back in 2016 still come to class – how brilliant is that!!

Lots of things have happened over those 9 years but now classes run on three days a week (it was only 2 days a week when we started and increased to three to accommodate demand) and rarely stop except for centre closures or extreme weather. So yes, we will be running all through the summer except for Bank Holidays

including the school holidays but of course if you want to try out a class we would ask you to call first and we can confirm availability and that the class is running that week.

Some classes do have limited availability but we can normally fit most people in so if you feel like you would like to give it a go do give me a call on 07512546480. And if you have been before and for some reason had to stop, we welcome 'returners' too!! We look forward to hearing from you.

Angela 07512 546480



GIRLGUIDING IN HAGLEY

Lighter nights and warmer weather mean that there are lots of outside adventures taking place in Girlguiding units. 2nd Hagley Guides have been out on a penny hike challenging their sense of direction and navigation skills. 1st Hagley Rainbows have had a Crazy Pig Party where everyone wore pink, made pizzas and pig biscuits and played stuck in the mud. Rangers celebrated VE Day with decorating traditional cakes. 3rd Hagley Brownies have been working on their Brownies Know Myself

Theme award. 2nd Hagley Brownies had an adventure themed pack holiday at Blackwell Adventure staying in the pod village. Look out for units making the most of the extra daylight hours in and around the village. If you are interested in joining our team please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk and follow the instructions on how to join us.



HAGLEY COUNTRY DANCERS

The club continues to flourish and has been pleased to welcome several new members in recent months. Friendly help and encouragement is always given to newcomers to the English Country Dancing scene. As most of our members are Seniors, we don't attempt any of the more vigorous dances but offer a varied selection of Playford dances, Community dances and others. These provide pleasant physical and mental exercise and an opportunity to socialise and have a laugh. Experienced dancers are always ready and willing to help new members and to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable afternoon. We meet on Monday afternoons from 2 to 3.30 in the Free Church Hall. There is plenty of parking via Chapel Street. There is no charge for a first visit, subsequently the cost is £3 per person. For more information ring June Waterhouse **01562 700639**

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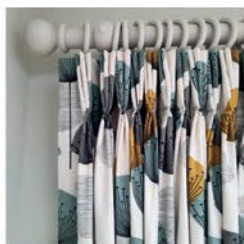
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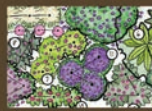
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HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Community Centre has seen some really important and progressive steps forward. In addition to resolving some of the long-term heating issues, we've upgraded, tidied and decorated the stage area, added new lights, and sound. We're in the process of fitting additional power sockets in the hall, cleared old unused storage from the back of the Centre and the website is currently being updated, so if you would like to advertise your business or sponsor the website please contact advertising@hagley.uk This is in

addition the future works to the planned outside of the centre and the committee room. The Community Market continues to be great success and we thank you for your ongoing support. We're now back in full swing looking forward to the coming year. Bookings are doing well, with the Hagley Community Theatre Group making a welcome return and its good to see the hall being booked for private functions and events.

**Steve Colella - Chairman
Hagley Community Association**

HAGLEY PATIENTS PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

There have been a couple of changes at Hagley Surgery with the news that Dr Mobeen Ahmed has taken up an offer to be the senior clinician at another surgery. The PPG thanks Mobeen for all the help and support he and the surgery management team have given to the group and for all the hard work and commitment in Hagley. Mobeen has been very instrumental in taking the surgery and the PPG forward during

his time. We wish him sincere congratulations on his new appointment and wish him the very best for the future. Mobeen will be replaced by Dr Tristen Brodie. We welcome Tristen and look forward to meeting him in the very near future.

Steve Colella - Chairman Hagley PPG

HAGLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The initiative to add the 'Hagley Churches Together' and Home Instead to support Hagley neighbourhood Watch has had good positive feedback. Just as a reminder I wanted to expand the support that the Neighbourhood Watch offers to Hagley by adding in the two partners. So, now you can contact Neighbourhood Watch, not only with Policing issues but if you have any concerns for

friends, relatives or neighbours. The more that we can all help, gives greater support for our community, and helps tackle loneliness and isolation. The Policing Team has tentatively accepted an invite to hold one of its drop-in sessions in the Community Market, with the end of June Market earmarked to attend.

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

IN MEMORY OF MARGARET TOLLEY

"The love of field and coppice, of green and shaded lanes, Of ordered woods and gardens is running in your veins. Strong love of grey-blue distance, brown streams and soft, dim skies- I know but cannot share it, my love is otherwise" (Extract from *"My Country"* by Dorothea MacKellar)

With great sorrow, we announce the passing of Margaret Tolley, former resident of Hagley. Living in Lodge Crescent, Station Road and Rooks Meadow for over 60 years. Margaret was dearly loved and adored by her family, friends and many others. Her kindness to others, smile and laughter will be greatly missed.

HAGLEY WI

As we celebrate June and keep our finger crossed for a lovely summer, it does make you stop and wonder how time goes by so quickly.

No sooner have we finished organising our Christmas celebrations and we are planning our Summer Party. This year our theme is Strawberries..... Yummy!

We will be meeting up with friends and enjoying scones with strawberry jam and clotted cream with also fresh strawberries to add to the scrumptiousness!!!

Our June meeting sees us meeting Caroline Butcher, a Miliner, who will be giving us a history of hats and all the various designs through the ages, as well as showing us how hats are made and bringing designs and hats with her. This should be fascinating. I always enjoy seeing the hats and matching outfits whether watching our Royal Ladies or watching a sports event where today, fashion

plays a part. Who remembers Audrey Hepburn in My Fair Lady in her Ascot fine y and very large hat? Soon after, we will be starting preparations for our Annual August Garden Party, which celebrates the end of the WI year and is always well received. But for now we will enjoy Strawberries and Cream, maybe even wear a Big Hat for the occasion.

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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Hello from all of us at local charity, Home Run Hounds! We'd love to introduce you to two of our gorgeous greyhounds, Mason and Best, who recently had a lovely afternoon exploring the Hagley countryside before stopping for a rest at The King Arthur pub.

Mason is a gentle, laid-back lad who charms everyone he meets. He travels well, walks nicely on the lead, and is a very respectful house guest. Mason is calm with other dogs and enjoys affection, but he would be happiest in a quieter home with adults or older children, where he can build his confidence at his own pace.

Best, a four-year-old bundle of affection, simply adores people and loves being surrounded by friendly faces! He's great with other dogs too. Best is lively at the start of his walks—especially with all the exciting new smells—but soon settles into a steady rhythm. He's still learning to relax fully in busy places, but his sweet and loving nature shines through wherever he goes.

If you'd like to meet Mason, Best, or any of our other wonderful hounds, please pop along to our kennels on Wassell Grove Lane — they can't wait to find their forever homes!

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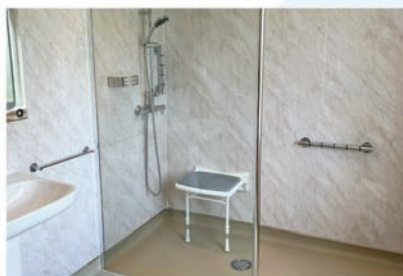
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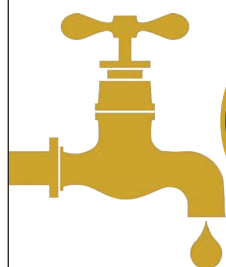
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Monday Bank Holidays in April and May deprived the Rotarians of Hagley from meeting as regularly as we like too, however the Ukraine aid continued to provide us with plenty of activity committing two more consignments and ambulances to this much needed and worthy cause thanks to our new associates and the generosity of the Hagley Residents.

We were privileged to a talk by Alison Akers the editor for Hagley Village News on her experience in publishing the monthly editions of local interest. We all agreed we had no idea of how far and deep into editorial content an editor had to go and enjoy some of the more humorous experience Alison was able to relate.

In June we are all looking forward to the Presidents weekend away which this year sees the club members , partners and friends spending a weekend in Prestbury Cheshire. For Rotarians the month of June is when we consider Fellowship and the need for unity and concern within the activities of Rotary. Junes

Rotary Monthly Theme brings focus to the need to work together common in purpose and deed united in the purpose and community service. We are actively looking to provide support and encouragement to the residents of Hagley and any worthy initiatives.

If readers 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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VILLAGE LADIES

Hello Village Ladies. It is hard to believe that we're almost at the end of our year only three more meetings to go. Let's make the most of them but first we recall April when, because it was Easter Tuesday, we only held one meeting. This was on 8th when Karen Evans recounted the spooky story of 'The Ultimate Black Sheep' Now we are in June and on 10th Nicky Cappell tells us all about 'Our Village Greenland on 24th Meg Farmer returns, this time with 'Saying 'Yes' instead

of 'No' - The Journey of One Mad Woman'. If you would like more details, please ring Anne Poole **885556** or Ann Pagett **882692** or email annpagett@tiscali.co.uk

Ann Pagett



ART CLUB

May saw the first of our 2025/2026 demonstration season and which began with an acrylic wildlife demonstration by Katherine Skorka featuring the always popular furry friend, the fox. Prior to that we had our Spring Workshop at the Edward Marsh Centre in Kinver with Andrew Hemmings after a very successful demonstration earlier this year. Andrew was the first artist to kick off our new feature, an invitation to paint along with the artist at demonstrations with his quickfire watercolour sketches. Our latest exhibition was at Russells Hall Hospital

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 **07831487648** or email for details Why not join for £25 per year and a small entrance fee? We are incredible value without compromising on the calibre of visiting artists.

Sallie Gurney - Publicity



HAGLEY ART CLUB

HAGLEY PROBUS CLUB

We were very pleased to welcome local historian, David Hickman, to our April meeting who regaled us with snippets from "Amusing Diaries which I have Read" Samuel Pepys, whose diaries were written between 1660 and 1669, featured prominently. He witnessed major historical events such as the restoration of the monarchy, the plague and the great fire of London. His diaries, an accurate representation of the times, also exposed him as a lothario and womaniser. Tales from Gyles Brandreth brought us up to the present day with names such as Barbara Cartland and Barbara Windsor; names with whom we could easily identify. Finally, extracts from the diaries of James Lee-Milne who was born in Wickamford near Evesham and In 1936

had been appointed secretary of the Country Houses Committee of the National Trust remaining so until 1950. It had been a most amusing and interesting afternoon.

Hagley Probus offers a warm welcome to any retired or professional gentleman from Hagley and District who would like to join us. For details, please contact Alan (Hon Sec) on **07967 590219**.



HAGLEY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Hagley Community Orchestra gave a very successful and enjoyable concert on the afternoon of Mothering Sunday, 30th March, in St Anne's Church, Bewdley. We played a selection of popular classics and folk music, which seemed to go down well with our appreciative audience. We would like to thank everyone who came from Hagley to support us, St Anne's Church for their warm welcome and excellent hospitality, and especially all who gave so generously to our retiring collection. We made £350 for "Music for Sanctuary", raising funds for the homeless.

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HAGLEY VILLAGE ALLOTMENTS

We've now entered a new growing season, we hope the Greek god of harvest Demeter is smiling down on us all - but also that her sister Poseidon is not! We need 2025 to be just enough dry and just enough wet - not the extremes that 2024 continually threw at us!

We had a busy winter at the allotment. The onions, shallots and brassicas are all currently present and correct - with nothing yet washed away or frost bitten! But I did see some cat-sized pigeons stalking the joint - I fear they were what ended the all-too-brief lives of last summer's extensive sunflower and pumpkin plants. There's nothing like a fresh notebook

twinned with new year enthusiasm to get the plot planning grey cells working. We seem to have endless lists of ideas, seeds and a potting schedule - let's see how quickly we fall behind with it! The sweet peas continue to do well in my greenhouse and the lasagne planted pots are done, albeit a little later than I'd have liked! These were a great success last year - as well as being deeply satisfying to see the sequential layers of spring flowers.

James and Anna

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Toni Allison on behalf of WFDCNT



HAGLEY U3A

We have a general meeting of members on the first Wednesday of each month, so that for this month will be on 4 June, in St Saviour's church hall, 13.30 for 13.45. Our speaker then will be Philip Caine on the subject "From Barrow to Baghdad and back". There will also be the usual refreshments, book swap and free plant tables.

The committee meets monthly to ensure the smooth running of the learning and recreational events through the year. Contributing to this too will be a workshop for group leaders planned for August. Then among organised visits during the year will

be a tour of the garden at New House Farm, Cutnall Green on 20 June; and in the autumn, visits to Worcester and to a Buddhist pagoda in Birmingham. For booking and further information, please send Andrea a message via the Contact page of our website at **<https://hagley.u3asite.uk/welcome>** where you'll also find a reminder of all of our other activities.

u3a Hagley

HAGLEY FREE CHURCH
95 Worcester Road, Hagley DY9 0NG



Hagley Free Church
Established 1905



The Impala are amazing creatures that can jump to a height of over 10 feet and cover a distance greater than 30 feet. Yet they can be kept in a zoo, inside an enclosure, with a simple 3-foot wall because impalas will not jump if they can't see where their feet will land!! Perhaps we have something in common with them? We want to take great leaps of faith (which we're capable of doing)

but we refuse to leave our comfort zones and we won't unless we can see where we'll land! Faith begins where our power ends as that brings glory to God! "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews ch.11, v.1). Faith cannot see how the landing will occur - it simply leaps under the conviction that it WILL occur. In Christ. **Revd Tim**

SERVICES FOR JUNE 2025

Date		Morning 10.30am
01st June 2025	Communion	Rev. Tim Mullings
08th June 2025		Rev. David Tennant
15th June 2025		Rev. Tim Mullings
22nd June 2025		Mr. Ian Carnell
29th June 2025		Pastor David Umbers

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

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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**

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CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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THE PARISH OF HAGLEY

St John the Baptist with St Saviour's
www.hagleycofe.co.uk admin@hagleycofe.co.uk
Tel: 01562 886363
Facebook: search for hagleycofe



WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE: Coffee morning at St John's.
THURSDAY 19TH JUNE: Hagley Mothers' Union: St Saviour's Church Hall at 2.30pm

SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR HAGLEY AND CLENT - JUNE 2025

Date	Services 10.30am
01st June 2025 Ascension Day	Holy Communion at St John's Worship 4 All at St Leonard's
08th June 2025 Pentecost	Altogether Holy Communion at St Leonard's
15th June 2025 Trinity Sunday	Family Communion at St John's Holy Communion at St Leonard's
22nd June 2025	Holy Communion / Sunday Club at St Saviour's Holy Communion at St Leonard's
30th June 2025 St Peter, St Paul	Altogether Holy Communion at St John's

There is a said service of Holy Communion in St Leonard's at 10.30 am on the 1st 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
ACTIVE TOTS Hagley Library 2.15-2.45pm

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
BELBROUGHTON TODDLER GROUP Belbroughton Church Hall 9.30-11.30am
PRE=SCHOOL PLAY Clent Parish Hall 10.30-11.30am

TUESDAY
LITTLE BABS PLAYGROUP St Kenelm's Church Hall, Romsley 9:30-11.00am Call Laura 07525 476339

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

SATURDAY
LEGO CLUB 5+ Hagley Library 2.30-3.30pm

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- 1/2 Page - 92mm x 128mm (HxW) Landscape

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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.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries** and order books for collection, renew your books online and have access to many online resources, including our popular e-books and magazines. The library offers free computer use and we have a printing service too, 15p for a black and white printout, 50p for a colour. Our friendly staff and volunteers are always happy to help you we look forward to seeing you soon!

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 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: 4th & 18th June, 2nd & 16th July, 6th & 20th Aug, 3rd & 17th Sept, 1st & 15th Oct, 5th & 19th Nov, 3rd & 17th Dec

CALLING ALL PEOPLE WHO LOVE TO CRAFT

Hagley library has a 'knit and natter' group on Fridays at 10-11am. 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.

GENTLE HEALTHY WALKING GROUP

We would like to set up a walking group for people who would like a shorter walk around the local area, probably 40-45 minutes. If you are interested in coming on the walk, or leading it please get in touch with us by popping into the library or emailing us at **halib@worcestershires.gov.uk** or telephoning the Worcestershire Hub on **01905 822722**. Let us know which day of the week you would prefer to walk on too. We look forward to hearing from you!

Hagley Village Directory

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

ACTIVE SENIORS: Angela.....	07512 546480
BLAKEDOWN AND HAGLEY TENNIS CLUB: www.blakedownhagleytennis.co.uk	blakedownhagleytennis@gmail.com
HAGLEY ART CLUB: Bob Haywood-Lister	hagleyartclub583@gmail.com : 01562 700078
HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: Mr B McArdle.....	01562 883193
HAGLEY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA: Cynthia Downes.....	downlyn@gmail.com
HAGLEY C of E: Sue Priest.....	admin@hagleycofe.co.uk : 01562 886363
HAGLEY CRICKET CLUB:	07834 157035
HAGLEY FREE CHURCH:.....	hfc1905@btinternet.com : 07922 508014
HAGLEY GUIDES, BROWNIES, RAINBOWS: Fiona Drewett.....	waltond2024@gmail.com
HAGLEY HELPLINE:	01562 886696
HAGLEY HISTORICAL & FIELD SOCIETY: Rachel Paget.....	07807 361092
HAGLEY NETBALL CLUB:	07789 514382
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HAGLEY THEATRE GROUP:	07837 387926
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WEST GLEN HTM: Pat Sidaway	01384 637085
WORDSLEY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY: Jane Goldsmith.....	07512 568321
WYRE FOREST NT: Toni Allison.....	01562 884079
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WEST MERCIA POLICE GENERAL CONTACT NUMBER.....	0300 333 3000
CRIME STOPPER LINE (CONFIDENTIAL) Freephone.....	0800 555111
HAGLEY LIBRARY.....	01905 822722
HAGLEY MEDICAL PRACTICE.....	01562 881700

LOCAL COUNCILLOR/MP CONTACTS

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HAGLEY (& FURLONGS) COUNTY COUNCILLOR (CLENT HILLS DIVISION): Karen May	07818 085140
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FOR HAGLEY WEST: Steve Colella	01562 882996
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FOR HAGLEY EAST: Ruth Lambert	r.lambert@bromsgrove.gov.uk

"What is one to say about June, the time of perfect young summer, the fulfillment of the promise of the earlier months, and with as yet no sign to remind one that its fresh young beauty will never fade" **Gertrude Jekyll**



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