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Editor's Welcome JULY 2025

Welcome to July

Hello everyone - so here we are in the month of sunshine, dragonflies and wild strawberries. Hopefully you good folks will have a little time to get out and about and enjoy the many walks in our beautiful green surroundings and see plenty of all of the aforementioned. If you'd like some company while on a walk then do check out the Hagley Library Healthy Walking Group. They meet twice a month all year round to enjoy one hour long local walks. Head over to page 38 for more details of dates and times.

In this July issue we bring you the usual updated reports from the local clubs, societies and associations, a couple of new advertisers and also another 'Step Back In Time feature. Yes we have more of the Old Shops in Hagley. See pages 18 and 19 for some history of one such shop that first started out as a house after many changes over the years is now a beauty salon!

Belbroughton History Society need your help! They have supplied us with a photograph which we've included on page 32 - it's not dated and they want to know who the ladies are. Can you identify them? If you're curious, then take a look - you might see an old friend or relative of someone you know

And guess what? Home Run Hounds have once again got some delightful doggies who really want loving homes - four of them! See page 25 for photos of Frankie, Darcy, Nancy and Bee striking their best poses in the hope of a place on your nice, comfy sofa snuggling with you forever.

Enjoy your reading, your walking, the dragonflies and the beautiful month of July. Catch up again in August.

PS: If by chance of any of you have a hard copy of the January 2016 issue of the Village News we'd be really grateful if you would donate it to us.

Alison Akers Editor

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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		
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This term we have been tackling his most well-known piece for strings, the 'Italian Serenade'. This is a curious piece and has proved to be most challenging to play. It was written in 1887 as a string quartet piece. One week after its completion his father died leaving Hugo devastated and unable to compose for the rest of the year. He wrote a

string orchestra version of the piece in 1892, intending to add 3 further movements, which never saw the light of day.

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



HAGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Maintenance of the playing field took place in May where the grass was weeded, seeded and fed. As always 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. Please can you also remove your dog waste and help us keep the playing fields a pleasant place for all. The grass cutting schedule for around the perimeter of the playing fields area has been adjusted in order to encourage fl wering and attract pollinators in the hope that it will allow bees and other wildlife to flourish.

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









Village Information -

HCK BADMINTON CLUB

Our summer club is well 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, including 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



THE FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN BAPTIST

COFFEE MORNING We held a coffee morning in St John's Church on Wednesday 11th June from 10.30 am. Alongside tea, coffee and lovely cakes we welcomed celebrated local pianist Michael Jones, who played the piano and also the church organ. Michael also gave a 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 was free although there was a collection for one of Michael's Charities.

Tony Battersby - Trustee



Village Information ...

HAGLEY WI

Hats and Fascinators are defini ely the order of the day this summer for Hagley WI. Our June meeting was all about hats through history. A fascinating subject and such a lot of work, very often intricate, is involved. Hats dropped from fashion at one point but it's wonderful now to see them back in trend, followed closely by Fascinators. Once again, women love to wear a hat or Fascinator when attending a wedding.

We put all this into play in June when we enjoyed a day out at Lord Moreton's Tea Rooms in Chaddesley Corbett. We had an imitation Ladies Day at Ascot. Pimms, Canapes and Food all added to the enjoyment of the day but the real fun was the fashion of the day. This of course was the hats and fascinators. Lace, Frills and Feathers in abundance. Once again, a wonderful Ladies Day out with Hagley WI.

Now, we are organising our Annual Garden Party. This is to celebrate the WI year and is held at Hagley Community Centre, We enjoy cakes and refreshments, also having fun partaking in games such as Guess How Many Marbles. This is also the time when we will also be raising money for Breast Cancer Now. Last year we raised over £200 and hope to do the same again this year.

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**

Judi Priest



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Of course, many older adults will have 'acquired' a few health issues over their lifetime but as long as these conditions are well managed there is no reason that the person can't safely perform and benefit from strength training with huge gains to be made especially as after the 6th decade of life there is a 3.6% loss of muscle strength each year. As long as older adults

with health conditions are monitored and the exercises are designed around them then there isn't any reason not to exercise

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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

We end our summer term on July 14th, with our garden party on the following Monday. We then break for August and meet again on September 8th. It has been a very successful few months, with several new members joining, good attendances and added interest provided by our guest callers. We will now enjoy our summer break and look forward to meeting again in September, when we would be pleased to welcome new members. We meet on Monday afternoons, 2 pm to 3.30 pm. 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 £3.00 per person. For more information, ring Jean Drew **01384 836924**



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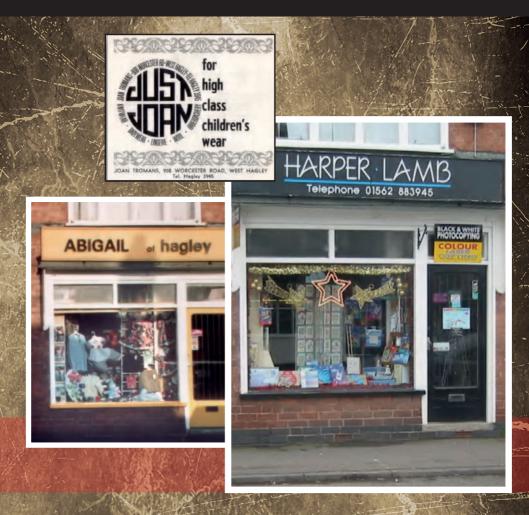
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STEP BACK IN TIME OLD SHOPS OF HAGLEY

90B WORCESTER ROAD

This was originally part of a double fronted house. It was known as Just Joan - owned by Joan Tromans it sold children's clothing. The advert pictured here is from 1967. In 1982 it became Abigail of Hagley until 1995 when it then became known as Harper Lamb Arts and Crafts.



Information and Images - Courtesy of Ray Porter & Don Freeth

STEP BACK IN TIME OLD SHOPS OF HAGLEY

90B WORCESTER ROAD



It closed down in 2003 and was then taken over by Linda Clark when it would become The Little Card & Gift Shop. In 2007 it was taken over again to become a beauty salon - All About You before closing in 2021. It is now known as EMF Aesthetics which is owned and run by experienced medical practitioner Emily Willis.

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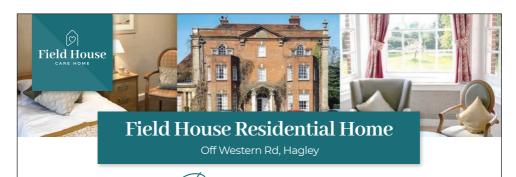
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HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

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 thankyou 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 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The initiative to add the 'Hagley Churches Together' and Home Instead to support Hagley neighbourhood Watch has had good positive feedback. I wanted to expand the support that the Neighbourhood Watch offers to Hagley by adding 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. This will help, give greater support to our community, and further tackle loneliness and isolation. **Steve Colella - Co-ordinator Hagley Neighbourhood Watch**





Village Information

HOME RUN HOUNDS

This month we have a girl band on offer! Four fabulous ladies who we can hopefully generate some interest in! Here Come the Girls. Meet four fabulous ladies at Home Run Hounds who are all dreaming of one thing, a forever sofa and someone to share it with.

FRANKIE is full of energy and enthusiasm. She's keen to be first out the gate and takes walk time very seriously! But take her out solo and she relaxes into a calmer, steadier companion, full of potential.

DARCY is a cheerful explorer who loves a group stroll with her greyhound pals. She's affectionate, kissy and thrives on human company. New experiences are still a learning curve, but she's making lovely progress and travels well too.

NANCY (aka Prancy Nancy) pirouettes with joy at walk time, then settles happily. She's a confident cuddlebug who enjoys coffee shops, quiet corners, and relaxing after a busy day.

BEE might have a frosty face, but don't be fooled—this four-year-old has plenty of zing! She likes children, travels like a pro, and loves nothing more than playtime and attention.

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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.







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In June the Rotary Club with partners visited Prestbury Cheshire for the annual Presidents away weekend. This was presidents Bill Harris 50th Year as a Rotarian which we celebrate in style. The club had a thoroughly enjoyable time for which the well-organized event by Rotarian Julie closed the Clubs Rotary year on a high note with a visit from our Haybridge Student Cydney Clare who was awarded the 2025 years Rotary Shield for endeavor.

President Bill Harris was delighted to take on the clubs presidency for a second year with a full program of speakers and activities whilst continuing our support for the medical requirements and ambulances destined for Ukraine, in addition to supporting local charities in Hagley and Blakedown.

For Rotarians the month of July is when we consider New Leadership 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

The Rotary Club of Hagley in Fellowship with Rotary International Dedicated to Good Health and Happiness for All.

Call Martin Freckelton: 01562 700 391 or Dave Santus: 01562 886 529



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**

VILLAGE LADIES

It's hard to believe that this month will be the last meeting of our year before we break for the summer. Where did those last six months go? Firstly, we have a look back at the evenings we met in May. On 13th we enjoyed an entertaining evening with Jennifer Rigby and 'Albert, Worms and Don't Do That' and on 27th we had our very popular Fish and Chips Supper. Now this month we only meet once and this is on 8th when we have our AGM, a very informal evening when we look back over the last twelve months at all that has happened in Village Ladies - we hope to see you all on July 8th.

If anyone would like more information about us please ring Anne Poole **01562 885556** or Ann Pagett **01562 882692** or email **annpagett@tiscali.co.uk**

Wishing everyone a warm and happy summer wherever you may be and whoever you may be with. We open again for registration 25/26 on Tuesday 9th September at 7.45pm

Ann Pagett



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ART CLUB

July brings back a golden oldie. I'm sure he won't mind being described that way as I've only just realised that Colin Ross Jacks hasn't demonstrated for us since 2020. Once seen, never forgotten though, Colin is somewhat eccentric and shares humour with his art and this time will be demonstrating Venice in oils. Join us for a very entertaining evening. Check out our latest exhibition at St Georges Hall, Bewdley, starting 28th July 2025

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 quest 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 PROBUS CLUB

Max Hunt, a keen Morgan Car enthusiast, entertained us with the chequered history of The Morgan Motor Company. Henry (HFS) Morgan, born in 1881 was the son of a curate who lived in Stoke Lacv. Schooled in Kent, it soon became apparent he had an inventive mind and spirit. After school he enrolled at the Crystal Palace school of engineering before taking up an apprenticeship at the Great Western Railway Company. His father finance the establishment of The Morgan Garage & Motor works. in 1906, However, HFS guickly turned his attention to producing cars and in 1910 introduced his first 3-wheeler followed by a trials car in 1914. Post war, family and police cars followed and in 1926 the traditional 3-wheeler. The Pickering Road factory was opened in the 1920s and 1938 his car finishe

19th in the Le Mans 24 hour. Post 2nd world war saw further development with his son, Peter, taking over in the 1950s. Unfortunately, the company lacked sufficien resources to stay independent and in 2019 was taken over by the Italian investment group Investindustrial

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

We have very much enjoyed accompanying the hymns in 3 services at Hagley Free Church in May and June. We now have our summer break and will meet again on Thursday 4th September in the upper room of Hagley Free Church (5.30-7.30pm) to prepare for the Free Church Harvest service on the 3rd Sunday in September. If you would like to join us in the orchestra, please text or phone **07545 773 139 - Cynthia Downes, Musical Director**



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On July 1st 2025 we are delighted to welcome speaker Max Hunt presenting 'Story of the Morgan Motor Company'

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We take a break over the summer, with our next meeting being on 2nd September when Philip Bowen presents a talk about the history of Bromsgrove School.

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

Rachel Paget - Secretary



BELBROUGHTON HISTORY SOCIETY

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE? This photograph is of the British Legion Women's Section outside the Church Hall in Belbroughton. Unfortunately we don't have a date or any names so we're appealing to the good folks of Hagley ,Belbroughton, Clent and beyond for further information



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

www.theartssocietystourbridge.org.uk.



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 catsized pigeons stalking the joint - I fear they were what ended the all-too-brief lives of last summer's extensive sunfl wer 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 fl wers.

James and Anna



Village Information

ST JOHN'S BELLRINGING

Clangley Bells was formed from the bands of St. Leonard's in Clent & St. John's in Hagley. Ringing is a very sociable activity which expands and promotes your physical and mental well-being as you learn the skills along the way. It serves the community and is a beautiful old english tradition, but most of all it's fun. If you would like to try it there are a few limited spaces available for anyone interested on Monday & Wednesday evenings. Please contact either of the tower captains to give it a go or to arrange a group session.

Martin Whittaker and Richard Scarth Clent & Hagley Tower Captains mjwhittaker@talktalk.net 07769 817495

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Our last talk about the Occupation of the Channel Islands given by Dr Mark Baldwin was excellent, a large audience enjoyed this very interesting illustrated talk.

Our Summer programme has begun with a coach outing to Kedleston Hall in Derbyshire, the next one is a car outing to Shipton Hall on June 10th. The holiday this year is to north Devon coast and on 22July the outing is a coach trip to Kelmarsh house and Gardens near Kettering. Should you be interested in joining one of these trips please contact our secretary: denriccarson@btinternet.com

Toni Allison on behalf of WFDCNT



HAGLEY U3A

The new member elected to the committee at our AGM was artist and former academic, Steve Raybould. He has now been made our Vice Chair, a position we had previously wanted filled. You can get to know him at our regular meeting for members on Wednesday, 3 July, which is held in St Saviour's church hall, 13.30 for 13.45. It is a social event this month and there will also be the usual book swap and a chance to pick up a free plant for your garden. There are no more events planned for the summer, but in the autumn we're planning a trip to Worcester and there

will be a guided tour of the Dhammatalaka Buddhist Pagoda behind Edgbaston Reservoir in Birmingham on 24 October. 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.



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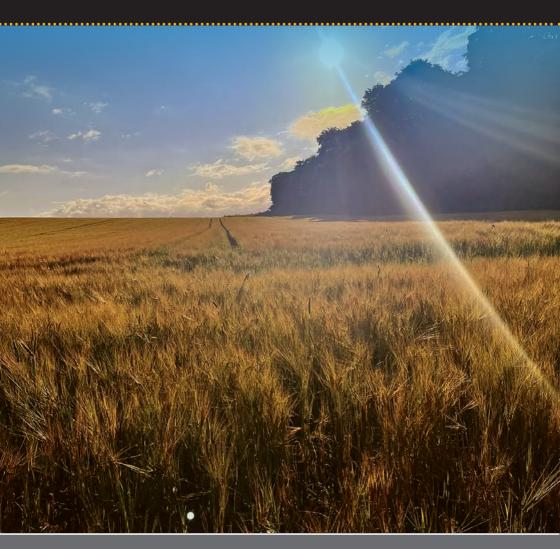


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