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# Editor's Welcome AUGUST 2025 ......

#### **Welcome to August**

And here we are already - in the last month of summer and well over halfway through the year. And much has been happening since our last issue, so we have plenty to bring you up to date with.

We'll start off with Hagley Parish Council's report on page 5 bringing us details of the long awaited improvements to Sweetpool Nature Reserve and some info on the maintenance of Jubilee Gardens. Both of these sites are much loved and valued by the community so its really heartening to know that they're being well looked after and invested in appropriately.

On pages 18 and 19 we have some information for you on the Western Road development proposal along with a plan of the sites that have been allocated for potential new housing. There is a consultation period with regards to this which is open until 22nd September 2025 and you are invited to submit your comments via the avenues provided which are detailed within the report.

The Royal British Legion celebrated Armed Forces Day with a pop up stall in the village and now planning on running a VJ Day social event in August More details of this and their other activities are available on page 24.

Now - here's one for all you cricket lovers. Hagley's very own club needs your help. It's set in the beautiful location of Hagley Park adjoining Hagley Hall and St John's Church, with the greenest rolling hills and herds of beautiful deer as a backdrop. However it is in much need of some modernisation and therefore the committee are looking to you for kind donations to help fund this. Hopefully it may also encourage new members to join up and enjoy this wonderful club ball game in one of the prettiest grounds in the country. See page 32 for more details.

So there you go - plenty of reading for you this month. Take care folks, we'll catch up again in September

**Alison Akers** Editor

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Hagley Parish Council has won £16,000 of Government's UKSPF grant monies to make improvements to the nature reserve. Contributions of £6k and £1.5k have also been committed by Hagley Parish Council and Bromsgrove District Council respectively. These long-awaited improvements feature new boardwalks and hand railings to replace the derelict railway sleepers that have perished, facilitating access through the wetland area for visitors and Biology students to carry out fiel studies on site. The works will commence in September when the bird nesting season has ceased and will be preceded by the removal of 4 Crack Willow trees / limbs that have fallen onto the pathway where the boardwalk will be installed. This work will be carried out in July/August. In addition to this, we shall be installing bird boxes, squirrel boxes and bat boxes around the site. The site is an important part of Worcestershire's Green Infrastructure and being linked to a chain of pools heading southwest across country, is an active wildlife corridor. It has much historical and ecological value and Hagley Parish Council has a vision to see the area visited by local people who can benefit from this educational and peaceful place. Part of the project is to install interpretation boards that will inform visitors of the flo a and fauna and how the nature reserve came into being and has developed over time. The longer-term view is to have the site re-classified from being a non-statutory

local wildlife site to a Local Nature Reserve and if possible, an SSSI – Site of Specific Scientifi Interest. The site is already maintained by Hagley Parish Council with grass cutting, invasive species and vegetation management and litter picking. This work will need to continue on a more frequent basis whilst managing the area sensitively to reduce the impact on the wildlife whilst making it safe for visitors to enjoy.

#### **JUBILEE GARDENS (WORCESTER ROAD)**

The small patch of ground opposite Our Plaice is now being maintained by a volunteer from Hagley's U3A in partnership with our very own, Cllr Lovelock. Regular watering and weeding is undertaken and planting of wildfl wer, namely, Greater Stitchwort, and Red and White Campion has recently taken place. Our thanks go to the small team for their efforts. The garden was created and dedicated in 1977, when the UK and Commonwealth celebrated the 25th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne.

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 COUNTRY DANCERS**

We have our summer break in August and restart on Monday September 8th. We look forward to meeting again and, as always, 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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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









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CONTACT DETAILS FOR CLASSES ARE ON THE BACK PAGE						

#### **HCK BADMINTON CLUB**

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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.



#### **HAGLEY STRING ORCHESTRA**

August is a time when we have a break at Hagley String Orchestra, to enjoy some sunshine and recharge the batteries. We have had the joy of playing a large variety of music, both modern and ancient during the year. and one of the things we have discovered is that string guartets can adapt really well to being played by string orchestras. One such example is Beethoven's opus 18 number 6. The last movement, which is in two parts has the title 'La Malinconia' (Melancholy) and is as mysterious as anything in his notorious final guartets. However, this sadness is interleaved with a much jollier tune indicating a much happier state of mind. It is interesting to speculate what events may have caused this schizophrenic effect on his music.

We will commence again in early September, 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 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** 

#### **HAGLEY WI**

The last couple of months have been about hats and fascinators at Hagley WI but the weather lately makes me think Fans.... Having said that, the week we went to Lord Mortons for Ladies Day the weather was lovely but the day we went, the rain came in and didn't stop all day. However, that didn't retract from all our lovely outfits and delicious food. We had a wonderful time.

We are now getting ready for another 2 events to enjoy. Firstly, we have our Summer Strawberry Tea to look forward to. A lovely get together for chat and catchup with friends. We are also including a light-hearted quiz, which Im sure will be lots of fun. Not forgetting of course the Strawberries, Home made Scones, Clotted Cream and Strawberry jam......

The second event is our annual Garden Party, which in itself is always very enjoyable but made more special by raising money for Breast Cancer Now. With games aplenty plus cake we hope to raise both lots of money and high spirits.

Our craft group last month made some beautiful Macrame Wall hangings. Its amazing how a ball of twine and a few knots can make such pretty items. This month its all about creating a vase of paper fl wers, lovely

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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#### THE FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN BAPTIST

Many readers may have recently been to Hagley Hall or Hagley Cricket Club or St John's Church and will have noticed the scaffolding that is around parts of the Church. This is because, following a Worcester Diocese Quinquennial Report, defects were found to the Church stonework. Hagley Parochial Church Council (PCC), who are responsible for the maintenance of St John's, appointed "Jones Chartered Architects of Cookley" to draw up plans to repair or replace those parts affected.

Given the amount involved - over £30,000 - "The Friends of St John's" agreed to cover all the costs with the exception of any VAT which the PCC will cover. It is hoped that the VAT may be refunded by HMRC through a specialist scheme relating to historical buildings. Work on the Church commenced late March by "Steve Allard and Son, Stonemasons from Worcester", and the work was completed mid-July.

In addition to the work mentioned "The Friends" have recently funded work – almost £10,000 - on the car park adjacent to St John's Church. This has involved excavating the stoned area to a depth of 60mm and resurfacing with 60mm of 20mm binder course. Work also included excavating the grassed area to 150mm depth and laying new stone to get a finished level. It is expected that this work will alleviate heavy ground after prolonged rainfall.

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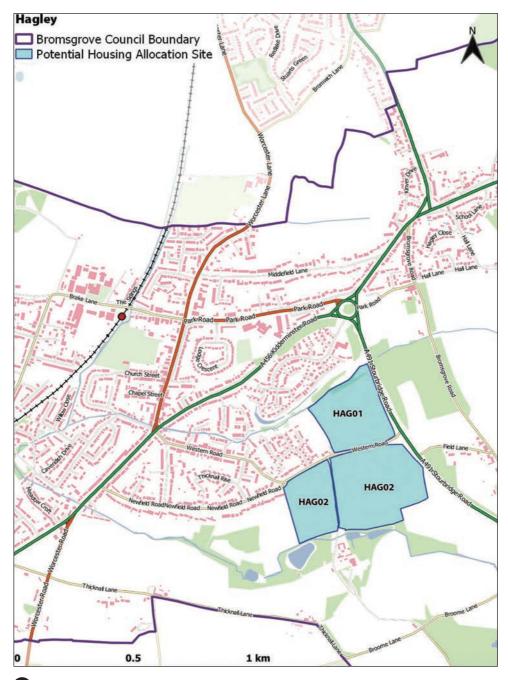
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All the sites that were submitted around Hagley were assessed and our conclusions can be found in 'Appendix 5: Hagley' of the 'Site Assessments: An assessment and analysis of submitted development sites — Output Summaries' document, which can be found at www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/SAASSM

There is a map in the document link above that shows the individual sites that were assessed, some of which we have combined to create an overall allocation site, such as HAG01 depicted on the map opposite. You will also find the rationale for our site assessments regarding each site's potential for development.

**HOUSING** THE POTENTIAL ALLOCATIONS WE ARE SUGGESTING THAT COULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS MEETING THE LHN REQUIREMENT IN HAGLEY ARE:

Site Ref.	Site Name	<b>Indicative Capacity</b>
HAGLEY		
HAG01	Land North of Western Road	180
HAG02	Land south of Western Road	350
	SUB TOTAL	530

**ACCOMPANYING INFRASTRUCTURE** Alongside residential development for around 530 homes, we would expect accompanying infrastructure to be delivered concurrently. What that infrastructure provision should consist of has yet to be determined and we are seeking your views to help make sure we get the infrastructure requirements correct. The things we have listed are the likely sorts of improvements that will be required to deliver development. As a starting point, we've listed some possible infrastructure provision that could benefit Hagley, but we'd be really interested to hear what you think. Visit **www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/BromsgrovePlan** for further information

**HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?** Respondents will have a choice of ways to make their comments including answering questions via an online consultation platform Commonplace or sending written comments in by e-mail or by post.

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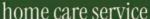
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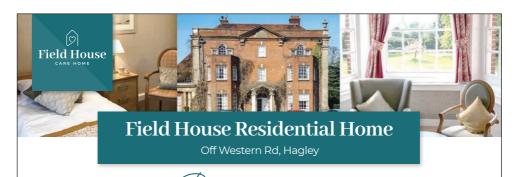
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**ARMED FORCES DAY:** As the Hagley Village News goes to press, we have just celebrated Armed Forces Day by having a Pop-Up stall in the village on June 28th. It is more an opportunity to have a chat with passers by in the village and remind them that the Royal British Legion is working all year round, rather than just venturing out each November. We did put a Poppy collecting tin out, and had a few items on our stall, and did raise an extra £88 for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you, Hagley residents for your support. We will be back again for the main Poppy Appeal at the end of October! **VJ DAY 80:** We plan to run a social event by way of a thank you on 14 August, but numbers are restricted and this will be by invitation only to those who regularly support our Remembrance and Fundraising. We will be in touch. **SOCIAL EVENING:** In May we ran a social event in the Community Room at the King Arthur, which was a success if measured in terms of quality rather than quantity, so we are repeating the exercise in August. The King Arthur in Worcester Road have offered us the upstairs room at the pub on Wednesday, August 20th from 7.00pm. If you fancy popping out for a swift half, and to meet up for a chat with others who have either served or are otherwise connected with the Armed Forces, just come along at or after 7pm, buy a drink at the bar, and come upstairs and join us. For further information, contact Jonathan Plant on (07813) 785496 or blakedownhagley.treasurer@rbl.community



#### **GIRLGUIDING IN HAGLEY**

The summer term has been a busy one for many units everyone has made the most of good weather and light nights to get out and about during meeting times from picnics in parks, to tubing, allotment visits and trying new sports. The Rainbows enjoyed a fantastic Worcestershire County Rainbow Fest at Hatton Country World. Rainbows had fun on all of the rides and soft play activities and thoroughly enjoyed feeding the farm animals, a tractor ride and sheep racing. After a fun filled day the coach journey home was very quiet. Brownies have enjoyed sleepovers and pack holidays.

Guides have been camping at Lakeside and enjoyed the water sports. Rangers enjoyed an evening at Go Ape and are looking forward to a sunset picnic to say goodbye to our year 13 members before they go off o university.

If you are interested in joining our team please visit **www.girlguiding.org.uk** and follow the instructions on how to join us.



#### **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. Walking Football is the same as football but 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 meet post match in the Pavilion at 11.30 onwards for refreshments. This is 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. New players are welcome to come along to play or in the first instance to watch. No prior notice 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.

#### **HOME RUN HOUNDS**

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Katy Rees (Volunteer) Hello@homerunhounds.co.uk



#### HAGLEY HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

We take a break over the summer, with our next meeting being on 2nd September when you can join us for a fascinating illustrated talk by Philip Bowen, as he places the Bromsgrove School in its local, national, and international context. Explore the School's Tudor origins and the story of its re-founding in 1693 by Sir Thomas Cookes, a local baronet whose life is surrounded by a curious legend. The talk will highlight key moments from the 19th and 20th centuries, before concluding with a glimpse into what lies ahead for the school in 2025 and beyond. Don't miss this unique

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**Rachel Paget - Secretary** 









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In June the Rotary Club with partners visited Prestbury in Cheshire for the annual Presidents away weekend which included a visit to AVRO Air Museum and many other enjoyable events. We said farewell to our venue at Churchill Golf Club are took up residence with our new friends at The Manor House of Whittington. President Bill Harris was delighted to take on the club's presidency for another year as this will be his 50th Year in Rotary.

We continue to help our Ukrainian friends with medical supplies and ambulance which are now in great need of replacement. So, if you have any walking aids, bandages, medical equipment or bedding please get in touch and we will collect.

For Rotarians the month of July is when we consider New Leadership so, if readers would like to have fun with a purpose, consider ioining 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 The Rotary Club of Hagley in Fellowship Rotary International Dedicated with to Good Health and Happiness for All. Call Martin Freckelton: 01562 700 391 or Dave Santus: 01562 886 529



#### VILLAGE LADIES

Hello Village Ladies. In this edition of Village News, we take a brief look back at the two meetings that we held in June. On 10th we welcomed local speaker Nicky Cappell who gave us facts tips and ways to keep 'Our Village Green'. Unfortunately, our planned speaker for 24th, Meg Farmer, had fallen in her garden late that afternoon and couldn't be with us. From our 'Keep, Because It May Be Useful One Day' file we sorted another quiz and hastily rearranged the evening. This month, of course, we are enjoying our summer break so our next meeting will be

on Tuesday 9th September when we begin our 2025/2026 year. Until then have a great summer and we'll see you all again soon.

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



#### THE ARTS SOCIETY - STOURBRIDGE

Our Society was founded in 1997, as Stourbridge Decorative and Fine Arts Society, and has been a dynamic, welcoming society ever since. In 2017, in line with the re-branding of the national Arts Society organistion, our name changed to The Arts Society Stourbridge. If 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.



#### **ART CLUB**

So, for those who have been paying attention (and there may be a test later!), Hagley Art Club usually hold their annual appraisal in October, the month before the Annual Exhibition in November. The appraisal serves the purpose of allowing artists to test the water with new work in front of their peers and a professional adviser before committing them to the Exhibition. The feedback helps them to decide if they are going in the right direction, and the work may only need the odd rweak or, of course, whether to screw it up and throw it in the bin.

If you're a last minuter (like me) a month or less is a bit tight to make any drastic changes, or if you get rave reviews, hastily paint another seven. So this year, as an experiment, we have brought our appraisal night forward 3 months to August, and if members like that, it might become a permanent feature. So, depending on how well you do, it can be nail-biting, but for the rest of us, it is great fun. Our appraisar this year is John Maule Ffin h, that he is a returning guest, shows that he is clearly an accomplished but also empathetic judge.

Check out our latest exhibition at St Georges Hall, Bewdley, running from 28th July to 25th August 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 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 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 quickly 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

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I am pleased to report that the Policing Team will be including the Village Market in the community centre as one of their Hagley 'Drop-in' sessions. My thanks to the Bromsgrove Communities Safety Office for attending with me at the recent 'Independent Living' event recently held in the Community Centre and organised by Home Instead. We were able to introduce the 'Bromsgrove New Lifeline' initiative whereby residents can join the community alarm service which provides peace of mind 24 hours per day, 365 days per year to vulnerable people and their families.

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As a reminder Hagley Neighbourhood Watch has joined forces with the Churches Together and Home Instead whereby the range of support is expanded to meet changing needs.

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

#### **HAGLEY CRICKET CLUB NEEDS YOU!**

Hagley Cricket Club celebrated its 190th birthday last year yet despite its rich history, we are looking towards a bright future – and YOU could help us!

The Hagley Park ground adjoins the stunning Grade 1-listed Hagley Hall and St. John the Baptist Church, as well as rolling hills where herds of elegant deer can often be spotted. It is one of the prettiest cricket grounds to play at in the country and affords social members the most beautiful surroundings in summer, But, with an ever-expanding youth and adult player membership, facilities need to move with the times. The committee at HCC has identified areas that require urgent modernisation as part of a longer-term plan to ensure the club celebrates its 200th birthday in the best of health and provides members with the facilities they deserve. The first stage of these plans is to remove the old nets and install a new three-lane practice net area and artificial grass. This will require an investment of around £75,000. Necessary permissions have either been given or sought. We thank Viscount Cobham, especially, for his support. The new practice area will provide the 60 adult players and 200 youth players state of the art training facilities and will hopefully encourage new members.

Clearly, such a large financial sum requires much local support in terms of funding and we are appealing to the residents of Hagley to help us. We would be extremely grateful if you were able to donate towards our cause. Thank you,

#### **Hagley Cricket Club Committee**



PS: Look out next month for our crowdfunder link, contact **sponsorship@hagleycc.com** or pop up to the club should you wish to make a donation.

#### **HAGLEY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)**

The PPG group continues to go from strength to strength with Dr C Troth stepping in for Dr M Ahmed who has left the Hagley surgery for pastures new, and as well as welcoming the surgeries new deputy manager to our meetings. The group has also welcomed a new member.At the last meeting between the Group and the surgery management we received a presentation in respect of an NHS initiative called the 'Population Health Management and the Magentus pilot' which aims to gather information as regards health, The circumstances in which you live, needs and the type of care received. This pilot is aimed at improving the quality of services, Plan for future needs and make sure resources are sent to where they're needed most. If you wish to know more go to www.hwics.org.uk/

priorities/ population-health-management. I was delighted to be invited to a meeting of the Hagley Mothers Union at which we discussed the PPG, its role and how the community can interact with both the group and importantly the Surgery.

Getting the message out to the community on the role of the PPG and its aim to build strong links with the surgery is important to me, and so I would be more than happy to visit your group to make a brief 'presentation' and gather feedback from residents. Both the surgery and the PPG are continually looking to improve and so if you do have suggestions and comments about the surgery practice please do get in touch.

Steve Colella, Chairman Hagley PPG

#### **HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Great news! We have received a grant from the 'UK Shared Prosperity Fund' (UKSPF) towards the replacement of the community centre roof. The grant is a Government led community support grant and administered through Bromsgrove District Council. These works will be planned for later this summer, but it is envisaged that there will be no disruption to hirers and the use of the centre. In addition, we have made great strides in plans for the heating system, committee room and other general upgrades and improvements. My thanks go to the committee members and for their drive and desire to improve the centre in making a great community asset. Whilst the Hall is being well used during the day and evenings, there are occasions where there is some availability.

Please contact **bookings@hagley.uk** for more information. Equally we'd like to see the committee room used much more, and although there are plans to create a 'business Hub' with an upgrade to the ICT, furniture and heating it still offers a great place to hold meeting, with access to kitchen facilities, toilets and outside space.

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Steve Colella - Chairman Hagley Community Association

#### **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** 

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#### **HAGLEY U3A**

August is the month that we take a summer break, but we'll be back at 13.30 on Wednesday, 3 September, in St Saviour's Church Hall, On that occasion, Chloe Walton Stenson of the West Midlands Safari Park will be speaking on the subject "Conservation beyond Kidderminster: how the park is working for wildlife". That is just one example of our U3A's keeping up with the environmental issues which it is part of the national organisation's policy to foster. In the village we are partnered in this with Hagley Parish Council, with which we share responsibility for replanting and tending the rather parched Jubilee Garden on the high street. We also turned over a June session for all our membership at which Lisa Hill outlined and consulted on HPC's future environmental strategy. Eager to hone our skills in other areas too, we are holding a group leaders conference on 11 August in Broome Village Hall at which we will be comparing notes on how groups are run and looking at ways they can operate more smoothly. At our September meeting there will be further details of our autumn events and they will also be found on our website at https://hagley.u3asite.uk/events through which we can be contacted.



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This month on August 7th we have a coach trip to Hatfield House and Gardens in Hertfordshire and is led by our Chairman Chris Fonteyn MBE. Built by Robert Cecil first Earl of Salisbury in Jacobean style near to the Old Palace, a lovely house with beautiful

carvings and a Grand staircase and rare stained glass in the chapel. The Cecil family continued to live there for 400 years.

Do consider joining our group to benefit from what we have to offer. Our first talk in the Autumn is to be on September 9th at 7.30pm at Blakedown Parish Rooms,18 Belbroughton Road. Blakedown DY10 3JG

#### Toni Allison on behalf of WFDCNT



#### **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 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!

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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@worcestershire.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:** 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.



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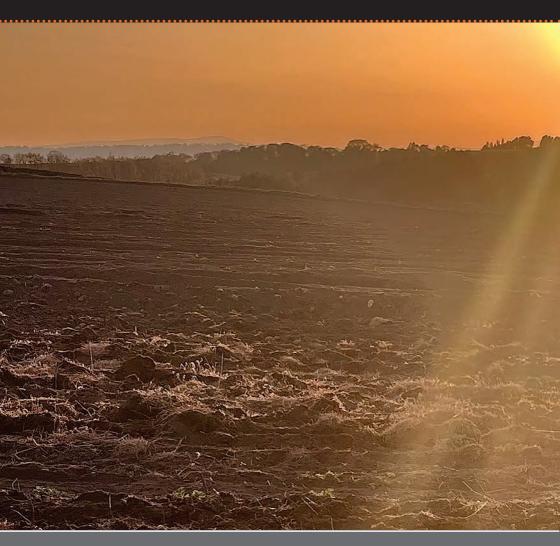
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"A golden afternoon of August: every breath from the hills so full of life that it seemed whoever respired it, though dying, might revive" **Emily Brontë** 



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