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### Welcome to October

It's spooky season again! And Halloween is a tradition that's fondly celebrated with very much enthusiasm in Hagley. We'd go as far as saying that certain parts of the village are actually becoming quite famous for their spectacular displays and hospitality - with visitors from further afield venturing to our neighbourhood for the fun, ambience and spookiness! We wish all the good folks who are taking part in our community a fabulous evening full of good spirits and high jinks!

This month the village welcomes a new event courtesy of Hagley Parish Council - Hagley Apple Day! On the 12th of this month you can all have the pleasure of pressing local apples to create your very own fresh apple juice. More details of this are in their report on page 36. And it's also worth mentioning that the planning of the much loved Christmas In Hagley Event is now underway - keep a note of 29th November in your diaries.

It continues to be a very busy month for our community with the Poppy Fortnight taking place in the village from October 25th until November 8th. Look out for the RBL's Pop Up stall which as always be located outside Grove Properties on Worcester Road. For more details of this and dates for the local Acts of Remembrance and Services please turn to page 18.

We bring you an updated report from Steve Colella, Chairman of the HCA and it's good news for the Community Centre - see page 24 for more information about this and news about the new up and coming website.

And finally we'd like to bring your attention to a new contributor. Mothers Union will be periodically submitting a write up detailing the various projects they are involved in. Head over to page 32 to read their introductory report.

That's it for now folks! Have a great October folks and we'll catch up again next month.

**Alison Akers** Editor

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## COMMUNITY CENTRE TIMETABLE 2025

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

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## HAGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Whilst we welcome in Autumn, we have decided to introduce a brand-new community event called 'HAGLEY APPLE DAY'. A resident got in touch with Councillor S Lawson, as they had huge stocks of unwanted eating and cooking apples and were keen to donate them to avoid waste. Councillor Lawson had seen something similar in a neighbouring Parish and now our own event is happening. Hagley Apple Day will take place on Sunday 12th October, 10am – 4pm at the Pavilion on the playing field. Bring along apples and we'll press them into fresh juice. If you don't have apples don't worry, we'll have plenty of stock – you'll need to bring containers, so start saving milk bottles now! It's also a fun opportunity for any youngsters out there who want to have a go and learn the art of apple pressing and create locally sourced fresh juice. If you have a stock of apples that you don't want, please get in touch and we can collect them a few days before the event or you can bring them along on the day.

In other news, we've started planning our annual 'Christmas in Hagley' event and we're very pleased to announce that it will take place on Saturday 29th November. We'll share more details closer to the time but for now, put the date in your diary.

Further to the August edition article regarding Improvements to Sweetpool Nature Reserve, we would like to assure residents that squirrel boxes will not be installed at the nature reserve, but rather bird boxes and bat boxes and we will be considering installing an owl nesting box too.

As the nights begin to quickly draw in, we'd like to remind our residents about being vigilant with home security. Make sure that your homes have plenty of lighting, valuables are not left in your cars and that they're securely locked. To stay up to date with news and information, give our Facebook page a 'like' and keep an eye on the website.

### Hagley Parish Council

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If you would like to join us or if you want to come along to this lecture at Stourbridge Town Hall at 10.55am please contact Neill Robb **07484 830487** or email [neillrobb@btinternet.com](mailto:neillrobb@btinternet.com)  
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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/BlakedownTennisClub](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BlakedownTennisClub) and we'll look forward to seeing you on court! **Sandy Thomas**

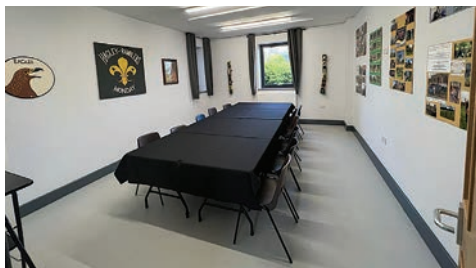


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## HCK BADMINTON CLUB

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

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

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

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



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## HAGLEY STRING ORCHESTRA

October is a time when we sense the changing of the seasons and the onset of winter. To cheer ourselves up, Hagley String Orchestra are looking at a favourite masterpiece of the quartet repertoire; namely, the Ravel string quartet. The opening bars immediately instil a sense of summer sunshine and lazy days spent in the French countryside, maybe with a glass of wine in hand. Ravel was born in Ciboure in the Basque country and became, along with Debussy, the leading figure in musical 'impressionism' (-although both rejected the term). Ravel is probably best known for his 'Bolero', which will be associated by many people with the gold medal success of Torvill and Dean. However, his towering achievement is probably the immense score to the ballet, 'Daphnis and Chloe'.

We meet on Tuesday mornings between 10am and 12, midday. We are always keen to welcome new members. For more details please contact Haydn Thomas on **01562 885252**

**Rory Freckleton**



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## HAGLEY COUNTRY DANCERS

We are under way for the Autumn term and have got our feet moving again after the quiet summer days. Between now and Christmas we will continue to explore new dances, enjoy many of our old favourites and allow plenty of time for conversation in between. Anyone interested in a pleasant afternoon, with gentle exercise and an opportunity to meet new friends, would find our sessions most enjoyable. New members are always made welcome and are given all the help they need. 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**

## HAGLEY WI

September saw the start of a new year and new programme of events for Hagley WI ladies. Always an exciting time looking at what we have lined up to look forward to in 2025/2026

We had a summer full of lovely events which we all enjoyed tremendously. We had a fabulous meeting with Stourbridge florist Andrew and his beautiful arrangements, we enjoyed tours of John's Garden at Ashwoods Nurseries, We enjoyed fun and games while raising money for Breast cancer now and how we enjoyed dressing up in our fine y for Ladies Day at lord Moretons Tea Rooms. So now we are looking at September for our Autumn programme leading us up to Christmas. We are starting on Monday 8th September with our friend Vee Hill and having fun while exercising with Laughing Yoga. I'm sure everyone in Hagley will hear the laughter of seeing me trying to put my leg around my neck..... Hee Hee

This month sees us having more fun while learning all about the British Civil War around our local area. This, of course, is with local historian Max Keen who is always such fun. We will also be seeing Indian Cookery Demonstrations, Making Chutney, Pottery and turning Trash to Treasure. Life is never dull with WI

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@wfdwi.org.uk**

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Well, here we are heading towards Autumn – where did summer go? It won't be long before the pumpkins are out, and winter woollies are the order of the day.

It feels much easier to keep active in our warmer months (although this year a little too warm on occasion!) and as we head towards our cooler months it's easy to become less active especially as darker nights approach. So now is the ideal time to check out an exercise class at the community centre! Get involved in a regular class – you might even enjoy it!!

Although places are limited in a number of Active Seniors classes, we do have a few spaces in the Tuesday 1.20-2.20 class taken by instructor Lisa. It's a mixed class of men and ladies so everyone is welcome. If you need to be finished to help with school pickups, it's the ideal time as you are finished before schools are. Or perhaps you just prefer to be

home before it starts to get dark in the winter – with this class that's not a problem. We also have a tai chi class running on Thursday afternoons with spaces so if you fancy giving something different a try then please give me a call to have a chat. No previous experience is needed just a willingness to try something new.

Of course, there are a number of other classes running each week – I'm at the centre on Monday mornings, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons so if you would like more information on what's available then give me a call on 07512 546480. I hope to hear from you soon.

**Angela 07512 546480**



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## THE FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN BAPTIST

**FLOWER SHOW:** On 7th August a very successful flower demonstration was held in Church by Andrew of Andrews Florist and raised £750 for Church Funds. Andrew created 5 beautiful arrangements, and everyone enjoyed a glass of wine and canapes. Thanks are due to several people for arranging this and you know who you are! It is hoped that this will become an annual event.

**FRIENDS OF ST JOHN COFFEE MORNING- 8TH OCT 10.30AM TO 12NOON:** In St John's Church there will be a talk from Joe Hawkins, who is Head of Landscape at Hagley Hall. Joe's talk will follow renowned Organist and Pianist Michael Jones who will be playing whilst everyone enjoys drinks and refreshments. All are welcome with donations to the British Heart Foundation who saved Joe's life just over a year ago.

Returning again are very popular Ex Cathedra on Tuesday 2nd December 7.00 to 9.30 pm: Take an evening to escape the Christmas rush and immerse yourself in a concert of spellbinding music, performed by candlelight. Tickets on sale on 14 September – see <https://bit.ly/ExCathedra-Hagley-2025>. This event is sponsored by The Friends of St John.

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

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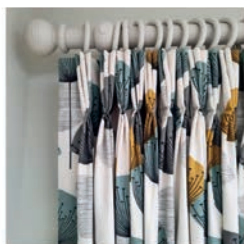
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## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Have reached that time of year, when Red Poppies start to appear in the village! Our Pop-Up Poppy Stall will be appearing outside Grove Properties in Worcester Road (thank you, Dean and all the team for your support) for the Poppy Fortnight from October 25th until Saturday November 8th. We have been asked to support Hagley Village Market on October 25th and look forward to seeing you there as well.

We will have 2025 Pin Badges available (although they are always in short supply), as well as paper poppies, and the usual collection of wrist bands, rulers, pencil sharpeners, pencils, erasers, etc. at the main stall. At this stage we are still looking for additional volunteers to man the stall for a couple of hours during the day. There are about 80 slots to fill over the fortnight, and we will make sure that new recruits are on the stall with an experienced volunteer. We can take payment by both cash and card, and we support Gift Aid on card payments. Our Poppy Appeal Organisers are busy sorting out stock orders and planning the fortnight.

If you are able to help, please give Rebecca a call on **(07971) 821698** or by email at **Rebecca.Core@btinternet.com**.

## VILLAGE LADIES

Hello Village Ladies, in August, we were enjoying our summer break so in this edition of the Village News there are no meetings to look back on. This month, however, we are well and truly back in the swing of things with our usual two meetings. On 14th we all meet to find out whose group we will be sharing for the coming year and on 28th Oct Hilary Tompson will be telling us all about 'The Rose Theatre'.

We meet on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month, at one there will be a great variety of interesting speakers, and the other will be a mixture of social evenings. As always, we

The Act of Remembrance and laying of wreaths will take place at Hagley War Memorial at 9.30am on Sunday November 9th, followed by a Remembrance Service at St Johns Church – final details in the November issue. We will also hold an Act of Remembrance at Churchill War Memorial on Armistice Day, November 11th at 11.00am. If you would like to lay a wreath at either of the war memorials, we have a limited stock available. We need to get orders for items not held in stock by the end of September, although if you act quickly, we can probably action additional orders during the first week in October. These can be on behalf of organisations or individuals, so please contact Rebecca as above as soon as possible.

At the end of the day, every penny collected during the Poppy Appeal is used to support ex-servicemen and their families, the cost of which is over £2,000,000 per week, and we are proud of the fact that our villages always "punch above our weight" in the support we give to the Royal British Legion.



meet in St Saviour's Church Hall at 730 for 745pm start. If you would like to know more about Village Ladies, please call Anne **01562 885556** or Ann **01562 882692**

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## MOST POPULAR CHILDREN'S NAMES IN HAGLEY

**(1538 -1599)** The names listed below come from the Parish register of 1538, a time when spelling was inconsistent and often varied. As a result, the different spelling variations for each name are included.

**Girls' Names:** A total of 74 girls are recorded, with 23 different names. The most popular are:

14 named Ann (also Anne)

11 named Elizabeth (spelled Elyzabeth, Eliza, or Elyzbeth)

6 named Mary (spelled Marye)

5 named Margaret (spelled Margrit)

5 named Margery (spelled Margeri or Margerye)

Other names include: Frances (also Franses), Jane (Jahan), Martha, Isabell (Sybell), Bennett, Bridgett (spelled Brydgett), Joyce (spelled Joyse), Judith (Judyth), Lettis, Elenor, Agnes, Sara, Maudlen, Alse, Christia, Ursula, and Cecely.

**Boys' Names:** There are 102 boys listed with 19 different names. The most popular are:

21 named William (spelled Wyllm or Willm)

20 named John (spelled Jhon)

13 named Richard (spelled Rychard)

12 named Thomas (spelled Thoms or Tho)  
7 named Humphrey (spelled Homfrey or Humfrey)

5 named Nicholas (spelled Nycolas)

5 named Frances

Other names include: Henry, Roger, George, Edward, Adam, Gersom, Gilbert, Matthew, Mordonias, Mychael, Symo, and Xpofer (likely referring to Christopher).

**A Note on Naming Practices:** It's important to remember that in the 16th century, infant mortality was high, especially among boys. As a result, many families would name later children after siblings who had passed away. In fact, there are at least 15 children in this list were named after a deceased sibling.

Looking at these names, it's clear that many were family names, especially for the eldest children. Some of these names have continued to be popular today, while others have fallen out of fashion.

**Irene Oliver**

**Hagley Historical and Field Society**

## TAKE A LOOK BACK

We have a comprehensive  
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## HAGLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The great news to report this month is the completion of the new roof on the community centre. We received a grant from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) administered by Bromsgrove District Council to help towards the works. This marks the latest repair and upgrade to the centre and my thanks go to Bromsgrove District Council and to members of the committee who made this happen.

We will soon have a new website that will make booking the centre easier as well as having new features and streamlined services. This new website will offer the opportunity to

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

We're saying goodbye to what was an amazing summer and looking forward to the autumn and winter calendar when we will be welcoming back many of the centre's users. We hope to see you soon, do please come to visit us during the coming months.

**Steve Colella - Chairman  
Hagley Community Association**

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## HAGLEY PATIENTS PARTICIPATION GROUP

The important news this month has been Bromsgrove District Council's Consultation to build a further 530 more houses in Hagley. From a PPG perspective we would be alarmed at the prospect of what could be a further 2,500 more people needing to join the GP surgery, in addition to the already growing

list of patients each year. As a group we have responded to the consultation highlighting the objections to this proposal. Our objections will be included along with, hopefully, many hundreds more from Hagley residents.

**Steve Colella - Chairman  
Hagley Patients Participation Group.**

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## GIRLGUIDING IN HAGLEY

It is an exciting time for Girlguiding as you may have seen in the press. As our "new" programme celebrated its 7th Birthday at the start of the summer Girlguiding marked the anniversary with launching new interest badges across all sections. As everyone in Girlguiding loves a badge this is great news. Some of our units have been involved in trialling the new badge activities so it is nice for them to see the badges hit the national press.

The Autumn term should see lots of badge work. Rainbows have 12 new badges including the courage badge, the laughter badge and the tasty treats badge. Brownies have 18 new badges including the imagination badge, kindness badge and bird watching badge. Guides also have 24 new badges including

Engineering, Thrift and Jounalling. Rangers have 18 new badges including Calm Spaces, micro-Adventures and Booktivist.

Thank you to the member of the public who kindly paid for one of the Brownie Units' end of term ice creams at the end of July. They wanted to recognise the wonderful time they had in Girlguiding and give something back – a lovely act of kindness.

If you are interesting in joining us as a leader please head to the Girlguiding website and see how you can get involved.

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## HOME RUN HOUNDS

Hello from all of us at Home Run Hounds! This month we'd love to introduce you to one of our special residents, the very handsome Rod.

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when meeting other breeds. He hasn't quite mastered jumping into the car yet, though once inside he settles and travels well.

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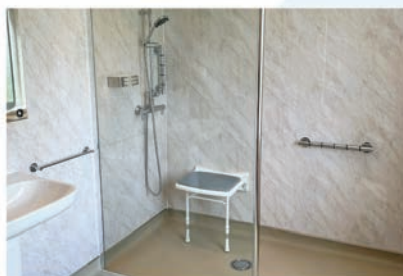
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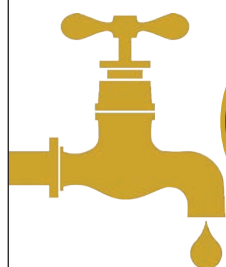
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On 4th November, Julian Hunt will present Broadway: Worcestershire's Poshest Village. Often described as one of the county's most picturesque spots, Broadway is famous for its Cotswold cottages and rich arts-and-crafts heritage. The village's fortunes rose after the dissolution of the monasteries, with wealth

built on the wool and cloth trade. It later thrived as a busy stagecoach stop between Worcester and London, boasting 33 public houses at its peak - only three survive today. The arrival of the railway ended the stagecoach era, and Broadway transformed into a tranquil retreat that drew Victorian artists and writers to its honey-coloured streets, including William Morris, Elgar and Vaughan Williams

Visitors are always most welcome at all our events. See [hhfs.org.uk](http://hhfs.org.uk) for more details and contact information.

**Rachel Paget - Secretary**



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## HAGLEY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Thank you to all the HCO members who came to play at the Free Church service on Sunday 31st August, and attended the rehearsal on the Thursday beforehand. We very much enjoy playing at the Free Church, where everyone is so friendly and welcoming. 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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## HAGLEY PROBUS CLUB

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his car finished 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 sufficient resources to stay independent and in 1919 was taken over by the Italian investment group Investindustrial

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In September the club was actively pursuing its Ukraine Project as well as a full program of speakers and meetings including an

evening quiz night with guests and associates which had been well managed by Rotarian Ken Screen. For Rotarians the month of September is when we consider the need for Basic Education and Literacy so, 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 Manor House of Whittington A449. 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

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For Wednesday or Thursday mornings between 10am and 12 midday, to assist an experienced volunteer maybe once a fortnight. For those of you who live in Hagley you may be aware that Helpline has been operating since 1992 to take Hagley Residents mainly to hospital and other Medical appointments, and bring them home again. However at the

moment we have become short of Office Volunteers and wonder if anyone might be able to help. We are also very happy to recruit volunteer drivers!

If interested could you contact either Helen Jackson on **01562 884311** or the Helpline Office on **01562 886696** between the hours of 10am – 12 midday Monday to Thursday.

## MOTHERS UNION

Mothers' Union is a worldwide Christian organisation that believes in the importance of family life. It promotes conditions in society favourable to stable family life and protection of children and helps those whose family life has met with adversity. Globally there are many projects to help those in need for example those fleeing conflict in (DRC) and starting them on a literacy programme. Locally in the Diocese of Worcester we support families to have a break if they are struggling.

Help those in the Refuge with washbags and other items. Knitting projects for babies and the elderly plus other projects. We meet 3rd Thursday every month in St Saviours church hall with a speaker and tea and cake. Anyone who is interested can join – male or female.



## 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.





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## HAGLEY U3A

Our next General Meeting is on Wednesday, 1 October, in St Saviour's Church Hall as always: doors opening at 13.30 for 13.45pm. The speaker then is our very own Geo Meadows, addressing the theme of "Waxing Lyrical" - the artistic use of wax, including encaustic. As usual, too, we'll be collecting supplies for the Black Country Food bank, and there will be the book exchange table and a plant exchange available. We are also taking forward orders for our Christmas meal, planned for Wednesday, 3rd December. The food is by Emma Baker and it costs £30 this year, due to added expenses. Please do sign up so that we can be sure that this event is viable.

A planned autumn visit for your diaries is a guided tour of the Buddhist Burmese-style Dhamma Talaka Pagoda in Edgbaston <http://www.birminghambuddhistvihara.org> on Friday, 24 October, starting there at 2 p.m. That will cost £5 per head and includes tea or coffee; we have 30 persons on the list now, but there's still room for more.

Do contact Andrea Price via our website at <https://hagley.u3asite.uk/events> about this and further information.



## WYRE FOREST & DISTRICT CENTRE NATIONAL TRUST

We are a thriving group who meet in Blakedown for interesting talks and raise funds to support the National Trust, preserving and keeping properties in good condition for the future. We meet at Blakedown Parish Rooms, 18 Belbroughton Road Blakedown DY10 3JG for interesting talks, also a chance to join an outing in the summer months, a holiday, a trip to the Symphony Hall Birmingham by coach and an Annual dinner.

Some talks are on a Tuesday evening and others on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm. Our next talk is on Tuesday 14th October

7.30pm - Speaker: Tim Bridges: Victorian & Edwardian Buildings in Birmingham & the West Midlands. You are most welcome to join us. See our website [www.wyreforestntcentre.org](http://www.wyreforestntcentre.org) for further information. Or contact our membership secretary by email [janetchum65@gmail.com](mailto:janetchum65@gmail.com).

**Toni Allison on behalf of WFDCNT**



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## 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**

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**Contact Nick at [bookings@hagley.uk](mailto:bookings@hagley.uk)**

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for more information on past, current and future events

# HAGLEY APPLE DAY 2025

Sunday 12th October  
10am-4pm  
Hagley Pavilion  
Hagley Playing Field  
Free entry

For questions, contact Lawrence at:  
ClenHillsOrchards@gmail.com



Bring your apples to press into fresh juice!  
Family friendly fun with all equipment provided. Bottle your  
juice to take home (bring containers!)  
No apples? No problem! We'll have a stock of apples to share

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EX CATHEDRA

Tuesday 2 December  
7:00pm

St. John's Church, Hagley



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With thanks to  
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## TODDLER GROUPS - parents/guardians stay

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>STAY &amp; PLAY 0-5</b> Romsley Scout Hut 9:30-11.00am Call Laura 07525 476339 <b>BOUNCE &amp; RHYME 0-2</b> Hagley Library 10-10.30am and 11-11.30am Email: halib@worcestershires.gov.uk <b>ACTIVE TOTS</b> Hagley Library 2.15-2.45pm	<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>LITTLE BABS PLAYGROUP</b> St Kenelm's Church Hall, Romsley 9:30-11.00am Call Laura 07525 476339 <b>HAGLEY HUB</b> St Saviour's Church Hall 10:00-12:00 Term time only
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>TODDLERS</b> Hagley Free Church 9:30-11:15am Call Zsuzsi 07852749268 <b>BOUNCE &amp; RHYME 0-2</b> Hagley Library 2.15-2.45pm Email: halib@worcestershires.gov.uk <b>BELBROUGHTON TODDLER GROUP</b> Belbroughton Church Hall 9.30-11.30am <b>PRE=SCHOOL PLAY</b> Clent Parish Hall 10.30-11.30am	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>STAY &amp; PLAY 0-5</b> Churchill Village Hall 9:30-10:30am and 10:45-11:45am Call Laura 07525 476339 <b>LITTLE TREASURES</b> Hagley Community Centre 10.00-11.30am <b>STORYTRAIN</b> Hagley Library 10-10.30am Email: halib@worcestershires.gov.uk <b>SATURDAY</b> <b>LEGO CLUB 5+</b> Hagley Library 2.30-3.30pm

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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

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## 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:** 1st & 15th Oct, 5th & 19th Nov, 3rd & 17th Dec

## CALLING ALL PEOPLE WHO LOVE TO CRAFT

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