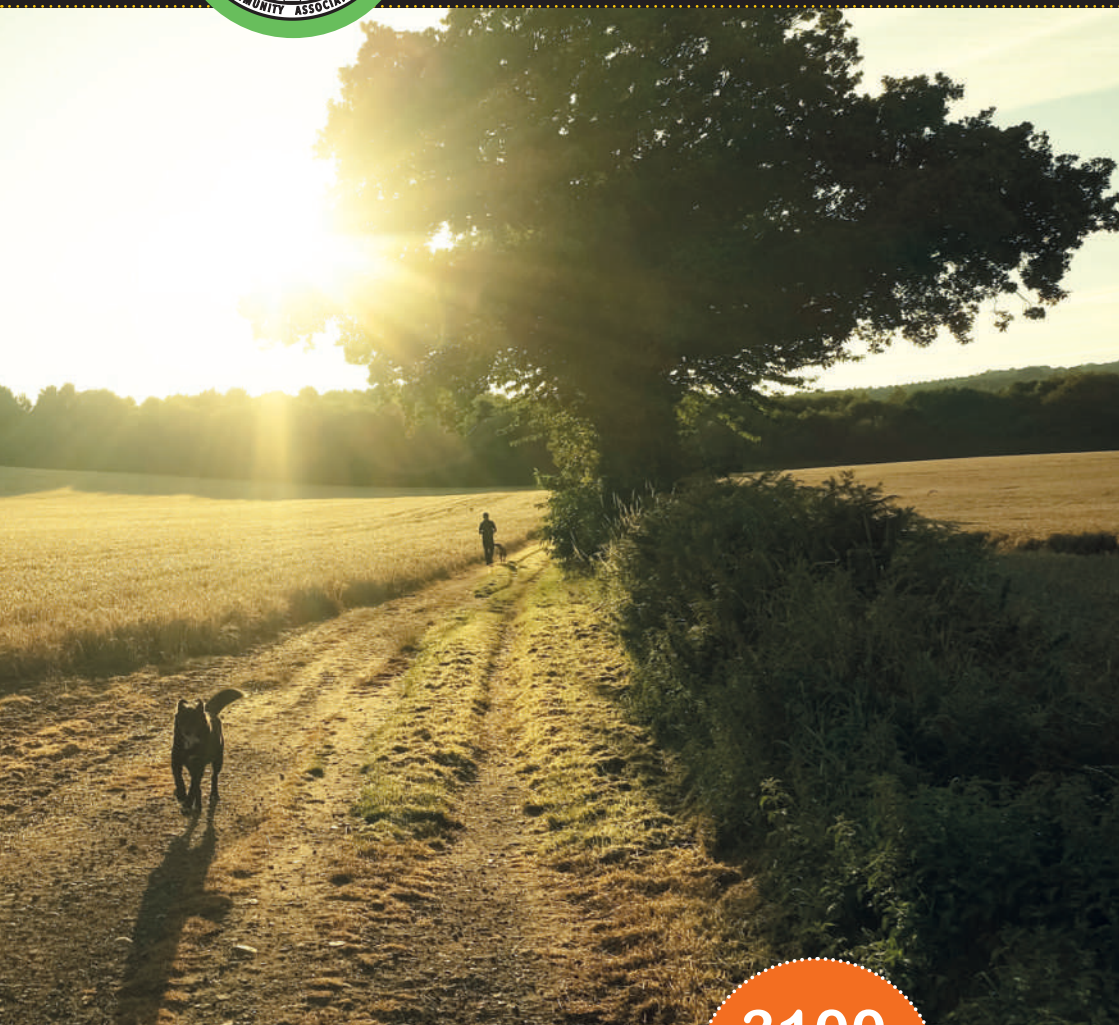




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Happy Summer Everyone

And we're well into the beautiful English warm and sunny (we hope) season. It'll be the start of the school summer holidays this month and in line with that the library are running their Summer Reading Challenge. It's open to bookworms aged 4-11 years and commences on 6th July until 14th September. The theme this year is 'Marvellous Makers' which we think you'll agree sounds absolutely fab! Head over to page 42 for further info.

Now you may recall that back in the May issue we had a one page Step Back In Time feature which included details of the shop (No.5) in Station Road. Well we can happily inform you that there will be more of these to come, starting with another delightful four pages across two double page spreads - Old Shops Of Hagley. Thankyou to Ray and Don for providing all the information and images for this and as we said this is just the start, so keep an eye on future issues for much more to follow.

Later this month there will be a meeting regarding the setting up of a Community Street Watch and a Community Speed Watch. See Steve Colella's report on page 10 for more details of this along with the latest

news from the Hagley Surgery PPG. More updates from Steve on page 11 regarding the repairs and maintenance of the Community Centre and the latest from Hagley Hub and the Village Market - both of which are going from strength to strength and serving the community beautifully.

A quick mention of our advertisers if we may: It's always worth checking out the advertising pages in each issue to see the broad range of local businesses offering their services - and if any new ones have come on board. Please do always remember to also obtain recommendations as well.

And on a final and rather poignant note: For those of you living near enough, you may have heard the beautiful bells of St Leonard's in Clent ringing on the evening of 6th June. This was to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day in honour of our fallen soldiers. We'd like to say a big thank you to Tower Captain Martin and the bell ringers of 'Clangley' - you guys did us proud. PS: We have some photos of them in action on page 38

Alison Akers Editor

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We take a break for August with meetings restarting on 3rd September with Ned Williams presenting 'A Perfect Place to Live: New Towns and Utopias'.

The society's meetings are held at 8pm in St Saviour's Hall on the first Tuesday of each month. Visitors are most welcome at all our events.

See hhfs.org.uk for details and contacts.

Rachel Paget - Secretary



HAGLEY COUNTRY DANCERS

We end our summer term on July 15th, with our garden party on the following Monday. We then take our summer break and meet again on September 9th. It has been a very successful few months, with several new members joining. All have been made very welcome and have quickly become familiar with ladies' chains and circular heys and other moves which make up most of our dances. The combination of gentle exercise, memory work and most importantly, social contact, seems to be a winning formula, as everyone enjoys the meetings. Anyone of any age is welcome to join us on our Monday afternoon sessions, 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 June Waterhouse **01562 700639**

THE ARTS SOCIETY - STOURBRIDGE

The Society's lecture in June was given by Tyler Butterworth with the title 'The Golden Age of British Comedy.' It is said in theatrical history that the 1970s and '80s were that golden age of British comedy, known as Variety. It was a world of comedians, impressionists, of TV shows, and of much-loved people: Morecombe and Wise, Bruce Forsyth and so on. Tyler went back and explored the acts, the places, and the people who made us laugh: a real nostalgic trip down memory lane.

If you're interested in finding out more about joining us or simply coming to this lecture please contact Neill Robbon on **07484 830487** or email **neillrobb@btinternet.com**.



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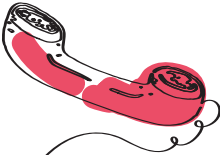
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HAGLEY HOBBLERS

The group, now largely self run, was established in 2022 under a wider walking football initiative by Bromsgrove and Redditch District Council, with support from Hagley Parish Council. Initial funding paid for the necessary equipment (footballs, playing bibs etc). The group was brought together and run for the first 3 months by volunteer Alex Cooke and since then has been largely self run with District and Parish Council support. The facilities at Hagley Playing Fields, both the Pavilion and the playing fields, are provided by Hagley Parish Council, and West Hagley Football Club supply goal posts and flags.

A dozen players took part on the first day, Tuesday 19 April 2022, many of whom have become regulars. Since then games have taken place every Tuesday at 10.30am (weather permitting), though the group has generally been quite fortunate with the weather!. Everyone turning up is guaranteed a game, as the number in each team and the size of the pitch is adjusted accordingly. The only rule is 'just turn up on Tuesday for 10.30am' - no prior notice or future commitment required. The rules of walking football are fairly simple, with some appropriate adjustments from ordinary football - mainly 'no running'!

HAGLEY WI

It is always wonderful helping with any activities in the community. We all thoroughly enjoy our time helping at Hagley Market and Hagley Hub. I hope you all come for a cuppa and homemade cake after your shopping at the market.

June saw us very active and so enjoyable. We were all more than happy to help at Hagley Festival on the Field. Once more our lovely ladies happily baking for the WI Stall and refreshments café as well as joining in all the fun.

Another WI event enjoyed recently was our Hagley WI Indoor Picnic. With a little imagination and resourcefulness, which our ladies have in abundance, we can all enjoy the outdoors - indoors, just in case the weather is unkind... We decorated the tables with plastic grass and a picnic basket loaded with wonderful foods. We filled the Community Centre with games and fun., including Tombolla, Guess the name of the Dolly, How many marbles and many more.

July is also a month of fun and games in our monthly meeting as we all play and enjoy various board games from Scrabble to Trivial Pursuits. Life is never dull with the WI and August sees us looking forward to our annual garden party. Phew!!!

If you would like to come and visit us, no obligation, we meet at Hagley Community Centre the second Monday of the month. We would love to meet you.

Judi Priest

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HCK BADMINTON CLUB

HCK Badminton Club has re-opened on Tuesdays 8-10 pm as well as continuing our Friday sessions 8-10 pm. We will be offering adult beginners / improvers sessions during the Tuesday slot - a perfect opportunity for anyone looking for a chance to get into the game to have a go in a friendly, informal environment. Experienced players from HCK badminton club will be on hand to provide tips and support as necessary. £7 per person per session or £30 for 5 sessions. Own equipment is not necessary. Please contact Paul in advance for more information on **07731744467**

The competitive badminton season has finally restarted post covid, with a good win for our mixed team over manor badminton club. We are looking forward to a good season on and off court, with Friday club nights thriving and a number of social events planned.

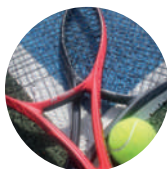


BLAKEDOWN & HAGLEY TENNIS CLUB

The tennis season is in full swing and we're enjoying our mix-in sessions on Friday and Sunday mornings 1000 -1200 and Monday evenings 1800-2000. The teams are also busy playing their matches in the various local leagues. This year is rather special as the Club celebrates its 100th anniversary. It was formed in 1924 as Blakedown and Churchill Tennis Club and was originally sited at The Avenue, moving to the Sports Centre in 1971/1972. Hagley Tennis Club merged with Blakedown in 2018 and the club has gone from strength to strength at The Sports Centre in Blakedown. In order to mark this

auspicious occasion we're planning an Open Event on Sunday 15th September at 2pm. There will be a 'fun' American Tournament and refreshments available. Do come along. We'd love to see you.

Sandy Thomas



LITTLE KICKERS

Little Kickers football sessions are the perfect introduction to football and sport for children aged 18 months to 7th birthday. We've been running sessions at Hagley Community Centre on Wednesday afternoons for several years now. Whether you've a child who would benefit from playing organised sport with their peers, a budding footballer who you'd like to introduce to the game or simply get moving to burn off some excess energy, then Little Kickers is the place for them! We run fun, friendly football sessions which meet most early learning objectives in a pressure free environment. Full details

of all our sessions, times, venues and prices can be found at www.littlekickers.co.uk (Go to 'Find A Class') and you can enrol here too subject to availability. And as a reader of this magazine we are happy to invite you and your child along for a free, none obligation taster to enable you to see what all the fun is about! Just give us a call on **07545 236917** or email **dhomer@littlekickers.co.uk** and quote the Hagley Village News to arrange this.



HAGLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR YOUR DIARY.

I can confirm that the long-awaited public meeting to discuss the setting up of a 'Community Street Watch' and for the potential for a 'Community Speed Watch' is scheduled for: July 18th Thursday 7pm in Haybridge High School, Brake Lane. All welcome. The purpose of the meeting is to explore the possibility of setting up the two community initiatives in Hagley and to gauge public interest in joining the schemes. These initiatives are supported by the Police Community Safety teams, and we will be seeking their full advice and guidance. Hope to see you there.

Generally, crime has remained low of recent months, to which we remain very thankful for, but we must not get complacent and take the simple steps to keep ourselves and property safe. We have seen a rise in anti-social behaviour, and I would ask that every criminal act is reported to 101. Speaking to the Policing Team they always need to know what's happening where to build up their information and local intelligence networks.

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

HAGLEY SURGERY PPG

At the May meeting the group discussed various ways of improving communications, including improving contact details of PPG, ease of access to surgery services, this year's Covid boosters seemed to have gone well, we are keen to understand if the new 'Pharmacy First' has this helped or hindered surgery consultation rates. The next meeting of the group will be in July and scheduled to meet the Surgery practise management and senior clinician. For this next meeting we are keen that the surgery provide information on

trends on indicators such as number of DNA appointments made, critical events, access and pharmacy issues so that PPG can help improve the service as well as support the surgery staff.

As chairman of the group, I attend the Wyre Forest's group network of chairs (of which Hagley surgery is one) to discuss issues effecting the whole of the surgery practice partnership. The last meeting was earlier in June.

Steve Colella - Chairman, Hagley PPG

WYRE FOREST & DISTRICT CENTRE NATIONAL TRUST

Our last talk in the Spring season was a very interesting one given by Dr Javad Hashemi about the Wonders of the Silk Routes which were ancient trade routes that linked the Western world with the Middle East and Asia, he brought with him a Power Point presentation which added to our enjoyment. He had a wide breadth of knowledge too.

Silk was not the only item to be transported but included precious stones, paper, china, spices and ivory and many other items.

During the summer months we are going to enjoy some outings to places of interest one being Buscot Park, this year featuring an exhibition of outdoor glass sculptures.

Kensington Palace is also a trip we are looking forward to before our talks resume in the Autumn in September.

Why not come along and join us at Blakedown Parish Rooms, Belbroughton Road DY10 3JG for interesting talks beginning at 7.30pm. For further information please visit our website www.wyreforestntcentre.co.uk

Toni Allison on behalf of WFDCNT



HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

At the time of writing, we are still awaiting the outcome of the final decision following our successful bid for support for repair and maintenance grants to the centre.

Should we successfully get over the final hurdle we would hope that essential repairs and on-going maintenance to the centre could be completed by late summer or early autumn.

Just a shout-out to the Wordsley Amateur Dramatic Society's (WADS) who have rescheduled their play 'Blood Brothers' in the centre for 12th and 13th July after the cancellation of the previous performance following illness amongst the cast.

The Hagley Hub is really doing well with a record attendance recently. We plan to carry on until late June early July and have a break during the summer holidays and recommence September once again. You still have time to

come and join us if you haven't already. As a reminder its every Tuesday morning 10-12:00 in St Saviour's Hall. The Hub has received a tremendous amount of support from individual volunteers to The Gables (Cinnamon Luxury Care), Home Instead, Walton and Hipkiss and Lex, Allen, Grove, WI and The Co-op and Spar.

The Village Market continues to attract a steady footfall and attract a wide range of local artisan products and crafts. We aim to introduce a 'young entrepreneur' feature to the market. If you know anyone who is young, below 18 and has a craft or skill which is being turned into a small business please let me know. We also need help on our social media and a bit of administrative support. Again, if you know anyone, please let me know.

**Steve Colella - Chairman
Hagley community Association**

THE DELI IN THE VILLAGE

Who we are: We are based at The Deli in the Village Hagley. Jodie has been there for 14 years now making proper homemade food. Jodie has a background in catering and really enjoys making delicious meals. We have now started our 'Meals at home' in Hagley & the surrounding areas.

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STEP BACK IN TIME OLD SHOPS OF HAGLEY

21 STATION ROAD

The land at this address was bought from Charles James Bate by William Foley in 1902. The Foley family, William, Nancy and later their son Joseph ran a newsagent's and tobacconist's from at least 1912 until it was sold by Joseph in 1932. Norah Carradine of Colley Gate bought the business for £1000. For this she raised a mortgage of £600. Harold Chivers became an associate with her

in 1935 and obtained a mortgage of £600. By 1939 only Harold Chivers is mentioned when he is joined by W.S.Gregory who raised a mortgage of £525 - this was short lived. David and Marion Carradine ran the business until 1942 when it was sold by Harold Chivers to Beatrice Gertrude Bridgewater and Annie Burns. They continued until the premises were sold to Brian Melvyn Morgan in 1969.



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82 WORCESTER ROAD

This was Lloyds Bank before it moved sites. It later became The Rowley Regis Building Society, then The Heart of England Building Society before being taken over by Cheltenham & Gloucester. It was opened as a pet shop but closed down in 1995.



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It open as Village Flowers in 1995 run by Joan McElhannon. Then became Crazy Daisies January 2010 before closing in 2015. That same year a Mary Stevens Hospice Boutique opened on the site closing 5 years later in 2020. Hounds of Hagley then opened in 2021.



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STEP BACK IN TIME OLD SHOPS OF HAGLEY

76 WORCESTER ROAD

Originally this was a private house. It was converted to shops in 1938. It was Mrs Dorothy Freeman who opened the first shop selling groceries and provisions and it had a Wimbush agency. She was followed by the Greens from across the road. It was

then later known as The Wychbury Cake Shop and Cafe. In 1977 it became Dobsons Choice and was run by Mr Dobson and then later by D.C.Drinkwater. In 1980 it became the Granary run by Barbara Walker. By 1985 it changed hands again to become Bennett's.



Private House

Mrs Dolly Freeman

The Wychbury Cake Shop

It became Three Cooks in 1995 and ceased trading in November 2006. The shop was refitted and opened again 1st February 2008 as a sandwich shop before closing at the end of 2009. It re-opened as Thompson's Bakery in January 2010 and closed down again in August 2010. It opened as a Pizza shop for a short time before a complete refurbishment in March 2015 for the relocation of the Undertakers which opened in April 2015.



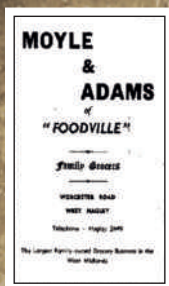
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88 WORCESTER ROAD

For many years this shop was known as Moyle & Adams. Arthur Ball was a well known assistant here. In the early 1970s it became Barclay newsagent's and tobacconist's. Stars News & Post Office took it over in

1995. The business was then taken over by Daves Discount and re-named Hagley Stores in 2015. In 2017 there was a major re-fit of the shop and it re-opened as the Hagley CO-OP.



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HAGLEY STRING ORCHESTRA

We've been enjoying playing a short piece called Angelus by the Hungarian composer Franz Liszt (1811-1886). This is the first time since I took over conducting Hagley String in the Autumn of 2013 that we've played any of his pieces.

During his life-time, Liszt was famed throughout Europe as one of the most formidable pianists, both for his musicianship as well as his extraordinary keyboard technique. At the age of 13 he visited London and performed to King George IV. At 23 he was having an illicit relationship with a French countess with whom he had three children, a daughter Cosima becoming the second wife of Richard Wagner. Angelus, a prayer to guardian angels, is dedicated to Cosima's daughter from her first marriage to Hans von Bulow, a famed conductor who did much to

promote Wagner's music. Liszt wrote it for a 'piano-melodeon', melodeons being diatonic button accordions which were popular in Europe used for performing traditional folk music. Liszt then arranged this for string quintet or orchestra.

Jeremy Patterson - Conductor
jeremy.patterson2013@yahoo.co.uk



HAGLEY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

June was a busy month for Hagley Community Orchestra. On Sunday June 9th at 3pm, in St John's Church, Hagley, we gave our Concert for Music for Sanctuary, raising funds for the homeless. Our attractive programme was popular classical and well-known modern pieces. Admission was free, with a retiring collection at the end of the concert. On Sunday June 30th we played for Rev Newton's final Family Community Service before his retirement. It was in St John's Church at 10.30am. We accompanied the hymns and played music by Andrew Downes and Bach. We wished Richard and Kathy a long and happy retirement. We would be delighted to see you at these events! If you would like to join us in the orchestra, please phone or text **07545 773 139 - Cynthia Downes - Musical Director**

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In June the Rotary Club with partners visited Anglesey for the annual Presidents away weekend which included a visit to the Beaumaris Castle. The club had a thoroughly enjoyable time for which the well-organized event closed the year on a high note for three times President Derry Middleton.

Derry was delighted to hand over the clubs presidency to a revolving Chairman enabling each member the opportunity to run a meeting commencing in July 2024.

During the month Rotarian Ian Nisbet enlightened the club with a presentation on Victorian Doctor and Surgery Duties and a full program of speakers and entertainment is planned for the summer.

For Rotarians the month of July is when we consider New Leadership 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 Blakedown and Churchill Golf Club. Alternatively try visiting our website at <https://hagleyrotary.wixsite.com/website>

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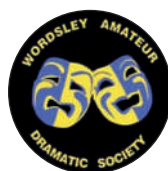
WORDSLEY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY - WADS

I was thinking about writing this 'Yesterday' but 'It's been a Hard Day's Night' – we have been so busy, it's like there are 'Eight Day's a Week' /;. If I was a 'Paperback Writer' this sort of thing would flow like the Mersey, but I'm only a 'Day Tripper' so not very proficient at all.

So I'll get down to it – our tale of the twins from Liverpool is here! "Blood Brothers," the play by Willy Russell hits Hagley Community Centre on 12th and 13th July at 7.30 after a 'Magical Mystery Tour' to Brierley Hill. You need a 'Ticket to Ride', and they are available from our Ticket Secretary on **01384 270228**, via our website www.wordsleyamdram.co.uk or by emailing us on wordsleyamdram@outlook.com.

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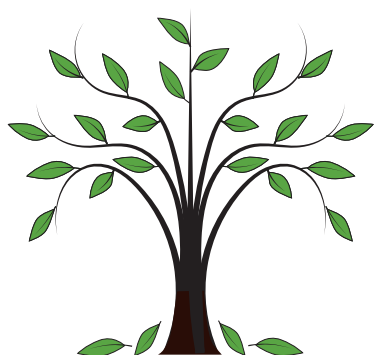
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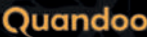
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HAGLEY ART CLUB

GIRLGUIDING IN HAGLEY

Summer programmes are in full swing with lots of hopes for better weather so that Girlguiding units can get out and about. 1st Hagley Rangers have tried their hands at mosaic tiling and grouting.

Guides are all busy planning exciting camping adventures for the summer.

2nd Hagley Brownies had a fun couple of weeks at St Johns Church learning how to bell ring. The Brownies really enjoyed making the bells ring – apologies to the residents of top Hagley. Thank you to the bell ringers who gave up their time for the Brownies to experience something very different.

2nd Hagley Rainbows have a very busy programme planned 2nd Hagley Rainbows have a very busy Summer term planned.

Lord Cobham kindly offered to show them around his gardens in Hagley Hall to coincide with the beautiful display of bluebells in May. The Rainbows will be learning about healthy eating and creating their own Eat Well plate as part of the "Be Well" Theme of the GG programme and making fruit kebabs. 1st Hagley Rainbows have celebrated Earth Day completing the Earth Day Badge.

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I listened to an interesting podcast this week which discussed the importance of keeping your heart 'fit' with regular exercise and a good diet but this was not just for your general fitness but for your brain health as the increased blood circulation helped to keep the arteries in the brain healthy too and reduce the risk of cognitive decline. I think that is something we would all want to be actively doing!!

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HAGLEY PROBUS CLUB

The title of the inspiring talk given to Hagley Probus Club members on 20 May was "Assault on Aconcagua". At 23,000 feet, Aconcagua, situated in the Andes, is the highest mountain outside the Himalayan range.

The assault in question was made in December 2004 by Alan Peace, a youth worker, climbing instructor and an ambassador and fund raiser for Cancer Research. The main objectives of the climb were firstly to scatter the ashes of his wife who had recently died from cancer and secondly to raise funds for Cancer Research, the target being to raise £1 per foot climbed, i.e. £23,000. (to date the fund has exceeded £60,000!) All equipment had to be carried up to various intermediate camps with the assistance from mules and repeated trips were made, partly to acclimatise to altitude. All waste had to be accounted for and removed from the mountain after the climb. The expedition went without incident until the day of the final assault when a severe

blizzard prevented the party from summiting and they had to turn back. Because Alan failed to scatter his wife's ashes, he returned to the mountain in December 2006 and fulfilled his objective. A retiring collection was made for Cancer Research.

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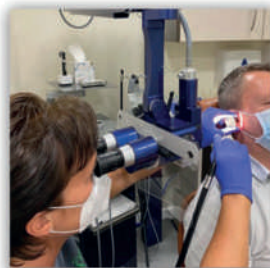
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Now, unbelievably, we have come to the end of our 2023/2024 season with the only meeting this month which is our AGM on July 9th. We do not meet at the end of July or in August. The next time we get together will be on Tuesday 10th September at 7.45 for 8pm in St Saviour's Church Hall when we will be registering for the new 2024/2025 season. Before then, we hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come to our very informal AGM on 9th July.

If you have any comments (please keep complaints to a minimum!!), ideas or suggestions, please bring them along on 9th or don't hesitate to ring **ANNE (01562 885556)** or **ANN (10562 882692)** or any member of the committee.

If you can't join us at the AGM, Happy Holidays and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

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HAGLEY VILLAGE ALLOTMENTS

Gardening and allotmenting is a great leveller isn't it?! The recent weather combination of rain, sun, rain, humidity and yet more rain - plus a week away from the plot after a heavy work week - and it looks as though the Triffids have invaded DY9! I'm sure the weeds are growing in front of our eyes.

Slight disaster with the broad beans. By which we mean they are no longer with us. Fairly swiftly and depressingly too to be honest...! Other produce however is continuing to look and progress how we wanted it too - fingers crossed so far anyway! We planted some sweet peas and sunflowers in amongst the plot for a bit of colour. Although one sunflower already looks to have been aggressively beheaded by a seagull / pigeon / squirrel / Triffid.

When I look around the other plots, it is amazing to see them all come to life - particularly those already rife with colour from their perennial flowers. Truth be told I am also very envious of the asparagus plot that we always walk past! In my department at work we have many enthusiastic growers and we are now planning a veg and plant 'swap shop'. Plus of course the knowledge-sharing and stories is a lovely bonding experience.

As we enter June and July, we are excited by the prospect of finally doing some picking. And not just the weeds! We live in hope anyway...

We continue to really enjoy the community feel at the allotment - with more lovely introductions, welcome and encouragement - not to mention much needed words of wisdom to us novices! Lastly as a footnote and to avoid confusion - there are now two James' involved in our plot - the 'original' James (being the brother) and also now my partner James!

James and Anna



HAGLEY U3A

Experts tell us that summer has come...but that it's going to be the wettest in memory. Of course, that depends on whose memory, and we in u3a know all about that - and how to find somewhere interesting to stay in the dry. There is, for instance, our general meeting on Wednesday, 3 July, as usual in St Saviour's Church, 13.30 for 13.45. The presentations this time are on some of our newer courses, including Climate, Mindfulness meditation, Latin and Stroller destinations. Then there are our reinstated book-swap and our tempting plant table too.

Future trips that we have in mind are to Himley on the SVR and a visit to a Cotswold garden. For more details, keep your eye on our website at <https://u3asites.org.uk/hagley/groups> or contact Jane Mottram on **01562 888219** janemottram42@gmail.com

u3a Hagley

ST JOHN'S BELLRINGING

In 2023 St. Leonard's in Clent & St. John's worked increasingly as one band of ringers for King Charles III Coronation. It was the catalyst requiring our co-ordination. So "Clangley Bells" was formed. And a happy group of ringers we are!

Ringling is a very sociable activity. It expands and promotes your physical/mental well-being, expanding your skills along the way. It serves the community. But most of all it's fun. If you want to see what it is about, go to the YouTube channel quoted below. There are at least 15 videos available via the "PlayLists" tab as well as the 8 videos taken at St. John's.

There are a few limited spaces available for individuals to try ringing on Monday & Wednesday evenings. Please contact either of us to give it a go or to arrange a group session. Just give us some dates and times

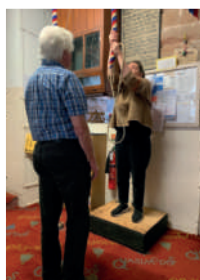
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RINGING FOR D-DAY
6TH JUNE 2024



Half an hour of beautiful bell ringing to honour the fallen - 80th anniversary

HAGLEY FREE CHURCH
95 Worcester Road, Hagley DY9 0NG



Hagley Free Church
Established 1905



My man-cave (ok the shed!) is relatively tidy, but there's clutter and I don't have room to sort things out as every surface and shelf space is occupied. Sometimes my spiritual life is 'cluttered' too, filled with thoughts and influences that simply don't leave much room for God. Maintaining a right relationship with Him is hard unless we make uncluttered space in our spirits for His Holy Spirit, to tidy up the

clutter of our lives, replacing the unworthy things with wisdom, love, joy and peace. I can clean my shed, but only God can clean our hearts by taking our sins away, changing our thoughts and actions and removing anything that is causing stress, grief and sorrow in our lives. He is eager to forgive and there is no limit to His forgiveness. **Revd Tim**

SERVICES FOR JULY 2024

Date		Morning 10.30am
07th July 2024	Communion	Rev. Tim Mullings
14th July 2024		Mrs. Hazel Quelch
21st July 2024		Rev. Tim Mullings
28th July 2024		Rev. Edwin Boddington

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

CHURCH OFFICE MONDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY: 8.30am - 12.00pm
Contact **07922 508014** or Email: **hfc1905@btinternet.com** for all enquiries and bookings.
Visit us at **www.hagleyfreechurch.org.uk**

CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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THURSDAY 4TH JULY: Clent Mothers Union at 2.00pm. All welcome.

SUNDAY 14TH JULY: Music for Sanctuary Concert at St John's at 3.00pm. Joanne Jeffries and the Adults at Little Witley. Free entry with retiring collection

THURSDAY 18TH JULY: Hagley Mothers' Union Coffee Morning and Sales Table. 11.00am St Saviour's Church Hall

SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR HAGLEY AND CLENT - JULY 2024

Date	10.30am
07th July 2024 Trinity 6	Holy Communion at St John's Worship 4 All at St Leonard's
14th July 2024 Trinity 7	Holy Communion/Sunday Club at St Saviour's Holy Communion at St Leonard's
21st July 2024 Trinity 8	Holy Communion at St John's Family Service at St Leonard's
28th July 2024 Trinity 9	Holy Communionat St Saviour's Holy Communion at St Leonard's

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to enquire about a baptism or wedding or to receive our church magazine "Contact" or weekly Pewsheet (details as above). There is a said service of Holy Communion in St Leonard's at 10.30 am on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month, and in St Saviour's at 10.30 am every Thursday.



TODDLER GROUPS - parents/guardians stay

MONDAY
STAY & PLAY 0-5 Romsley Scout Hut 9:30-11.00am Call Laura 07525 476339
BOUNCE & RHYME 0-2 Hagley Library 10-10.30am and 11-11.30am Email: halib@worcestershires.gov.uk

THURSDAY
STAY & PLAY 0-5 Churchill Village Hall 9:30-10:30am and 10:45-11:45am Call Laura 07525 476339
LITTLE TREASURES Hagley Community Centre 10.00-11.30am
STORYTRAIN Hagley Library 10-10.30am Email: halib@worcestershires.gov.uk

WEDNESDAY
TODDLERS Hagley Free Church 9:30-11:15am Call Zsuzsi 07852749268
BOUNCE & RHYME 0-2 Hagley Library 2.15-2.45pm Email: halib@worcestershires.gov.uk

FRIDAY
RAINBOW STAY & PLAY 0-5 Conkers (next to Hagley kindergarten) 9:30-11:15am Email: Zsuzsi at zsuzsannatandy@gmail.com

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HAGLEY LIBRARY

We have lots of exciting children's activities at the library for your little ones. Bounce & Rhyme is for babies and children age 0-2 years on Mondays 10-10.30am and 11-11.30am. We also run a session on a Wednesday 2.15-2.45pm. Active Tots is for children age 2-4 years on Mondays 2.15-2.45pm. All sessions are Term time only and involve rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and fun! Storytrain is for children age 2-5 years on Thursdays 10-10.30am. Come and listen to a fun story and make a simple craft to take home. Lego Club is for children age 5 years and above and runs every Saturday 2.15-3.30pm, come and make a Lego creation linked to a weekly theme. All our activities are FREE and run term time only, apart from Storytrain and Lego Club which run through

the school holidays too. Please book a place by emailing halib@worcestershires.gov.uk or phoning us on **01905 822722** or popping into the library. We also have a great selection of books for readers young and old, you can browse our catalogue on our website at: www.worcestershires.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, so pop down to your local community library, we look forward to seeing you soon!

THE HAGLEY LIBRARY HEALTHY WALKING GROUP

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 now have a new Walk Leader to take you on some lovely one-hour long walks around the local area. Our next walks in the new year are:

- 3rd & 17th July • 7th & 21st August • 4th & 18th September
- 2nd & 16th October • 6th & 20th November • 4th & 18th December

We look forward to seeing you!

CALLING ALL PEOPLE WHO LOVE TO CRAFT

Hagley library has a new 'knit and natter' group on a Thursday afternoon, Hagley Library, at 2pm. 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. Please do join us for this free group and why not borrow a book while you are here!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Summer Reading Challenge starts on Saturday 6th July and runs until Saturday 14th September! This year's theme is called 'Marvellous Makers' and it's all about creativity. Children age 4-11 years can take part. To complete the challenge children must read 6 books, borrowed from the library. There are stickers and prizes to collect along the way and a certificate when you have completed the challenge, with an invitation to a fun day at the library to collect your medal. Just pop into the library from 6th July to sign up! There will also be lots of great activities to take part in during the summer holidays, just follow 'Hagley Library' on Facebook to keep up to date!

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