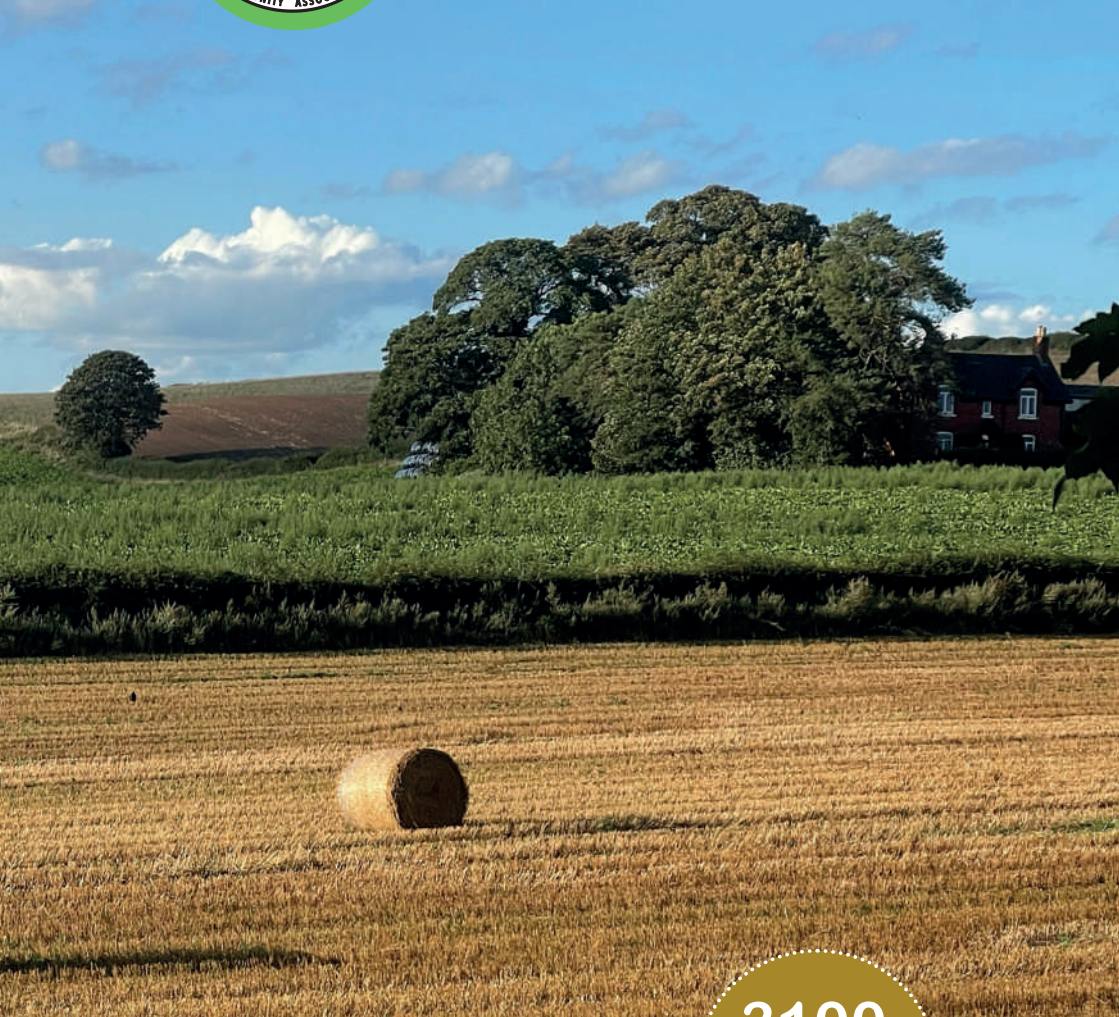




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Welcome to September

Well folks we are now officially in Autumn - the season that offers up so many changes as we witness nature doing its own wonderful thing. Lush green leaves start slowly turning to stunning shades of red, gold and amber and evenings become cooler and dusky as the autumnal sky starts to darken a little earlier each day. Our cover photograph is very much in tune with this month - all over the countryside we will no doubt see huge, fat, golden haystacks prepared as fodder to sustain the farmer's livestock during the cold winter months. Many thanks to Victoria Jones for providing us with this beautiful imagery that is so symbolic of English farming practices at this time of year.

And staying on the subject of old English traditions we bring to you the ancient craft of bellringing. We have a wonderful article on page 12 written by the Tower Captain of St Leonard's Church in Clent. Martin beautifully describes the art of bellringing, some of the different customs, the sizes and weights of the bells and of course the social side of being part of a group of bellringers! It's intriguing - if you wish to try your hand at it there are many local churches who are openly welcoming to newcomers.

Have you had a laid back summer accompanied by tea parties, barbecues and too many cold beers? Do you want to get back to optimum fitness? We have just the thing for you! Get off that couch and run 5k - yes it's back and starting 13th September for 9 weeks. Couch to 5k on Hagley Playing Fields - see page 10 for more details.

To cheer up all you doggy lovers we have a lovely report from Home Run Hounds on page 15. It was Tim's fifth birthday back in July and he celebrated in style, however things have moved on since and now he is looking for his forever home. Check out his portrait - dressed up in his birthday best with a magnificent tongue! We dare you not to fall in love with this most handsomest of all pooches ♥

Just a quick note before we sign off - the date has changed for the Lviv Aid Event at Hagley Community Centre. It will now be taking place on the evening of Saturday 26th October - see page 38 for further info.

Take care all, have a good September and we'll catch up again in October

Alison Akers Editor

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ACTIVE SENIORS Happy Hearts 9.30-10.30am		SLIMMING WORLD 9.30am	LITTLE TREASURES 10.00-11.30am	PILATES WITH YASMIN 9.45am (Female Fit) 10.30am (Mummy & Me)	
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On 3rd September we welcome Ned Williams presenting 'A Perfect Place to Live: New Towns and Utopias'. The New Towns programme, with its phases between 1946 and 1970, was the most ambitious town building programme ever undertaken in the United Kingdom. The first wave of independent new towns was intended to help alleviate the housing shortages following the Second World War in and around London. Additional phases occurred in the Midlands and the North, including the new towns closest to home, Telford and Redditch.

When describing the new towns, we often refer to the utopian thinking that birthed them. However, utopias are 'no places'; and sadly, they are imaginary and impossible to realise. This talk takes us back to a time in our history an ideal existed – to create greener, more spacious, more prosperous places for all social classes to live in together. Come along and assess how planners attempted to achieve this, and judge how well they succeeded!

On 1st of October, after a very short AGM, our speaker will be Andrew Lound introducing 'Shackleton: By Endurance We Conquer'. Endurance, which sank in 1915 was lost to

the deep in when it became trapped and holed by thick Antarctic sea-ice. The story of how Shackleton then managed to get all his exploration team to safety is the stuff of legend. Endurance is one of the standout symbols of the so-called Heroic Age of Antarctic exploration, with a story which has captivated the world for decades. This is an unusually topical talk for the society! The wreck of the Endurance was only rediscovered in 2022 after being considered the single most difficult wreck to find anywhere on the globe.

The society's meetings which 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.

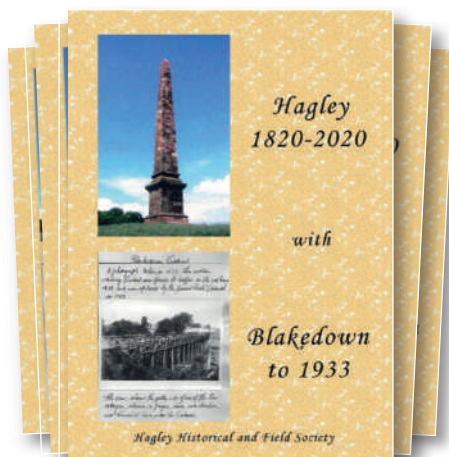
Rachel Paget - Secretary



AVAILABLE FROM HAGLEY HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

Hagley Historical and Field Society's research group have put together a book which covers many of the fundamental historical facts about Hagley parish over the period 1820 to 2020, including Blakedown when it was included within the parish (up to 1933).

The book is now available, priced at £5, from Jean Atkinson (01562 886549 or 07799 383517 or HHFSociety@gmail.com), Happy Families in the village and Hagley Library. Alternatively it can be purchased at the society's meetings which are held at 8pm in St Saviour's hall on the first Tuesday of each month.



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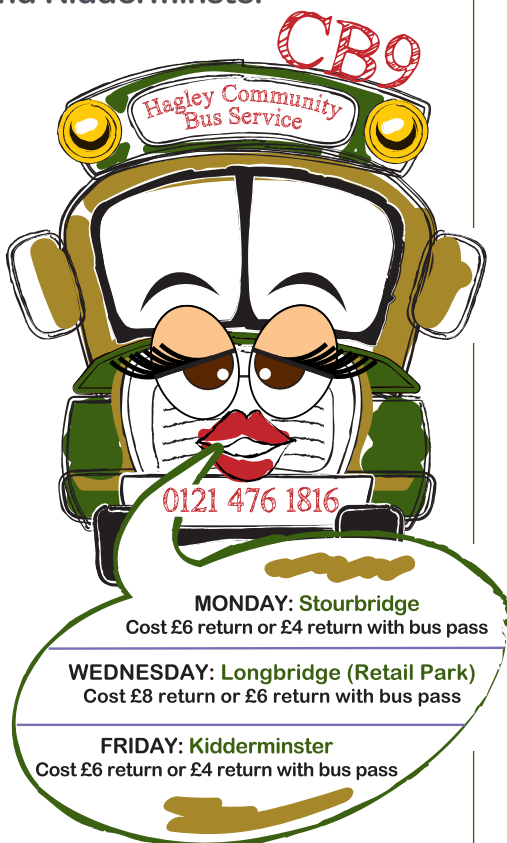
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ART CLUB

Surely it can't be September already!

It's a strange month through an artist's eyes, usually still warm and occasionally even hot and summery, but although the colour and ripeness of the late summer is there, the hint of autumn is in the air. Anyway, what are we up to this month? Well, all still painting and drawing and taking advantage of hot dry days, to get out to paint en plein air. We are really fortunate to have the very popular Ian Ridley, demonstrating Watercolour Woodlands. He had been due to be with us last year but had to postpone so we are so pleased he was able to reschedule

Now don't forget if you're having a day out in Bewdley, the club's art exhibition in St George's Hall continues until the 16th Sept so still time to pop in and browse.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Contact us: **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. Why not join at £25 per year and a small entrance fee, we are incredible value without compromising on the calibre of visiting artists.

Sallie Gurney - Website Editor



HAGLEY ART CLUB

WYRE FOREST & DISTRICT CENTRE NATIONAL TRUST

Despite the bad weather this year our programme of outings by car and coach have been greatly enjoyed. My own trip to Buscot Park was most enjoyable and it was fine all day. Stopping for coffee at Strencham services and Hilliers Garden Centre near Lechlade for a lunch break where we had time to admire the plants for sale, we arrived at Buscot in good time. I took advantage of the better weather and had a lovely walk in the extensive gardens. The house contains a number of famous paintings including an Edward Burne Jones masterpiece.



Our programme of talks begin again on September 10 at 7.30pm at Blakedown Parish Rooms, do come along and join us for our interesting programme of events including a chance to hear a concert at the the Symphony Hall and enjoy next year's planned holiday. All this whilst supporting the National Trust in its valuable work preserving places for the future.

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



HCK BADMINTON CLUB

HCK Badminton Club continues to run on Fridays during August with sessions in Hagley now running from 7pm to 10 pm, due to popularity. We welcome adult visitors of all levels of experience during the summer months and will also be offering formal adult coaching sessions with our club coach from 16th August onwards. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis, so please contact coach Paul for details of how to sign up and for details of our charges on **07731 744467** or by e-mailing **info@hckbadminton.club**. This is a perfect opportunity for anyone

looking for a chance to get into the game to do so in a friendly, informal environment. Own equipment is not necessary but let us know if you need to loan a racquet for the sessions when you sign up. We are a friendly club, with social events taking place during the year, so you can be assured of a friendly welcome.



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.



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Control of the bell is by a rope and one person, even heavy bells weighing over a ton (2240lbs). It is swung through 360 degrees and set with the mouth open, i.e. bell up usually by means of stay and slider. The bell is raised gradually at the beginning of ringing and lowered gradually at the end of ringing. This procedure is for safety; accidents are thankfully rare. The combination of heavy metal and ropes could be very dangerous.

There are different customs associated with ringing that you may have heard of. Half or fully muffled ringing: where a leather pad is fastened to the clapper to produce a beautiful quiet echo. Two muffles are fitted for fully muffled ringing with one side of the tenor, the heaviest bell, left unmuffled or open. All towers usually ring half muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Funeral tolling is not so common these days but in years passed when time was observed by church bells, the populace could tell if a man or woman had died and how old they were. These days bells are rung for weddings, notable events and recreation. Associations of ringers often have outings where ringers visit other towers and ring, sometimes several towers in a day.

Prior to 1681, St Leonard's, Clent had four bells but in that year they were taken down and recast with the addition of a fifth bell. A sixth bell was added in 1701, but was found to be unsatisfactory and was recast in 1702. The tenor bell later developed a crack and was recast in 1743. At the close of the 19th century the bells weren't going well and were rehung in a new cast iron frame in 1902, with the addition of two new trebles, making a peal of eight. Two local families donated these bells, Chance and Thatcher. The Taylor foundry at Loughborough did the work and they continue to maintain the bells today.

The weight of bells is given in hundredweights (cwt), quarters and pounds of the heaviest bell, the tenor. At Clent this is 11cwt 0qr and 18lbs. The total weight of all the bells is 47 cwt. They are decorated with inscriptions of founder's names, decorations and dates. The wheels are made from oak and date from 1902. New ropes were fitted about 5 years ago.

Bells are rung by mathematically constructed permutations. Ringers do not have music in front of them, just the method and work committed to memory. No bell strikes more than twice in the same place in succession, except where it is making long places i.e., four blows in the same place to enable bells in front to do their required work. There are rules for ringing methods where the bells are called to change position with another bell and these methods are given names according to what is being rung and by how many bells. For example: changes on 5 bells are called doubles, on 6 minor, on 7 triples, on 8 major. A peal can take around three hours on eight bells and involves a minimum of 5040 changes. There would also be a conductor ringing to monitor the process and give the calls of when and what to change. Quarter peals are popular and take around 40-50 minutes involving 1260 changes on 6 bells. You may have seen peal boards hanging on walls in churches - these detail the ringers, dates, methods and purpose.

The social side of bell ringing includes quiz evenings, outings, tea meetings, skittles, carol services, an annual dinner and tutorials on all aspects of ringing. It is not unknown for towers to finish a practice meeting at a local pub! If you feel you would like to know more about this "heavy metal" music made by the loudest unamplified instruments in the world, there are local towers who would welcome the opportunity to show you "how it works". Clent, Chaddesley Corbett, Hagley and Belbroughton all have bells and welcome learners. Further afield, the towers of Bromsgrove, Kidderminster and Stourbridge are all equally as receptive.

Learning to ring can take several months to master and longer to become proficient with different methods. The learning never stops!

Martin Whittaker
Tower Captain - St Leonard's, Clent

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HAGLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I'm trying again to arrange a public meeting with the Policing Team, probably in early October after the holiday season. I will advertise this meeting as soon and as widely as possible. The subject of the meeting will be to address general policing issues as well as explore the potential to establish a community street watch and a community speed watch initiative. All will be welcome, and it will give you the opportunity to raise issues with the policing team that you might be concerned about. During the summer there have been reports of characters acting suspiciously and coinciding with either theft of a vehicle or burglary. As a reminder, such incidents can

be reported to 101 as this will build up much needed intelligence before a crime happens. Being vigilant and having strong links to the local policing team is the key to making our streets safer and discouraging would be criminals at all times. Please remember to tell neighbours and friends if you're going away and help each other to be safe at all times. As a reminder you can follow the Hagley Neighbourhood Watch on the following Facebook page Hagley Neighbourhood Watch.

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

HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

We're looking forward to planning the repair and maintenance work over the next few months. This follows the successful bid for support from a 'Community Interest Company' and monies raised from the Monthly Village Market. We will be co-ordinating these essential works around the calendar and hirers, being mindful of minimising disruption as well as completing these works as soon as possible. When one village market finishes our volunteer team start to plan for the next month. We have been actively seeking out different traders that meet our criteria so that we have a variety of trades throughout the year. We have between 400-600 visitors each month and income from the markets has grown to over £6,000 since it started.

Steve Colella - Chairman : Hagley Community Association

HAGLEY SURGERY PPG

At the last PPG meeting we met the senior clinician and management of Hagley surgery at which we were able to get an update on some Performance indicators for the surgery. It was interesting to see that just for the month of May 2024 there were 1075 GP face to face appointments and 1101 GP telephone calls with patients. There were also 27 patients that did not attend their appointments. For the same period 1260 appointments were attended to see the nurse, whilst 181 appointments with the nurse were conducted via a telephone call. 73 appointments with the nurse were not attended. 411 referrals were made from the practice in May and 4181 prescription requests were fulfilled. Accessing the doctor's surgery for a consultation, advice or ordering repeat prescriptions is a common question raised to both the surgery and the

PPG. The advice is that calling the surgery direct is always an option especially for those with no access to the NHS App or the surgery website. These calls can be made during office hours but might be subject to waiting in a queue to be answered.

The website offers the same service but virtually and in both access systems your call will be triaged to get you to the most appropriate person to resolve your call. The NHS App is another preferred option and once logged on you can order repeat prescriptions, book and manage appointments, get health information and advice and view your health record securely. In every case the surgery reception will be happy to help support where it is needed.

Steve Colella - Chairman, Hagley PPG

HOME RUN HOUNDS

Hello from all of us at local charity Home Run Hounds! This month I wanted to introduce you to one of our greyhounds who is looking for his forever home where he can enjoy retirement! Tim, celebrated his fifth birthday in July, a big handsome hunk of a greyhound who loves a fuss and a good old lean on anyone who gets within range! When Tim first joined us, he was very unsure about other breeds, and loudly let everyone know it. While he is still unsure, he is learning that they don't need to be shouted at all the time. When he took part in an event, he met lots

of children and wasn't at all fazed by these strange little humans. Tim loves his walks and as a strong boy he can pull his walker along with him, therefore he will need a confident, stronger handler at least until everything stops being quite so exciting for him. He is a happy, friendly, affectionate boy - and the perfect size for a cuddle! If you'd like to meet Tim or any of our other dogs, please get in touch and arrange to visit us.

Katy Rees (Volunteer)
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HAGLEY STRING ORCHESTRA

Hello to Hagley! I am very much looking forward to taking up my post with Hagley String Orchestra from September. It is an exciting opportunity for me and a hard act to follow. My predecessor, Jeremy Patterson has had a long and distinguished career, both in schools and as Senior Lecturer in Music at City of Birmingham College of Education. He has also been an alumnus and trustee of the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. He has nurtured and moulded the orchestra successfully for many years and will be missed. However, at the age of 90 he deserves to take life a little more easily!

The orchestra is unusual in giving players a chance to explore the string orchestra repertoire in a relaxed and stress-free environment (we don't give concerts). The timing of our rehearsals, Tuesday mornings between 10 am and 12, midday, make us an ideal activity for those who have retired, or do not work regular 9 to 5 hours, or are students with flexible timetables. We will be focussing on 5 or 6 pieces to study and get up to a good

standard during the Autumn term. Whilst playing all the right notes is admirable, it is not the be all and end all of the matter. New players shouldn't feel inadequate if they can't cope with difficult passages. We've all had to do some muddling through at times! I hope we will spend as much time getting to grips with the spirit of the music and the feelings and emotions that the composer is trying to convey. Do you play the violin, viola, cello or Double Bass? Are you usually free on Tuesday mornings during term times? Don't be shy, give us a try! For more details contact Haydn Thomas at sanhay50@gmail.com

Rory Freckleton



HAGLEY WI

August saw the end of the WI year. This is generally a time for friends to get together and enjoy each other's company. This year, instead of our usual Garden Party Hagley Ladies had a Summer Afternoon Tea in aid of Breast Cancer. This is such an important cause and one that is very dear to us.

What can be better than enjoying each others company, delicious homemade scones and cakes and also raising money for a very well deserved charity. We recently hosted and enjoyed an Indoor Picnic with other WI groups in our area that proved to be a roaring success. Home Instead in Hagley very kindly allowed us to hire wonderful summer games, Hoopla, Knock down the Ducks plus many more. Prizes were won on the tombola and once again delicious food. One thing WI ladies all love is a good chat with yummy cakes

September sees the start of a new WI year and we have a full programme lined up of various things for us to enjoy both in and out of our monthly meeting. We meet the second Monday of the month and September we are looking at Call The Midwife – Tudor Times. This will be so interesting and possibly even cringing! WI life is all about Inspiration and Friendship. We have both at Hagley.

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In July the Rotary Club of Hagley was privileged to a visit and presentation from Geoff Core and Tom Adamson who have been delivering ambulances containing the Hagley donated medical supplies. The evening was attended by almost 30 members and guests.

During August we continued to collect the much-needed supplies for Ukraine and contribute to the cost of the ambulances and their delivery to the front line in support of the war injured veterans. In August the club had a full program of events including a happy return to the Rotary BBQ as a fund raiser for Hagley's local charities and causes. For Rotarians the month of August is when we consider Membership so, if readers would like to have fun with a purpose,

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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.



HAGLEY HOBLERS

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. Games take place every Tuesday at 10.30am (weather permitting). Everyone who turns up is guaranteed a game - 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'!

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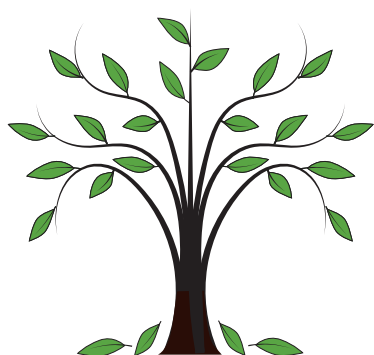
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WORDSLEY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY - WADS

A good many organisations are lucky enough to take a summer break, but not us! Especially not in this, our Centenary year. Plans are well under way for our next events, and here are a few details to put in your diaries.

Firstly on September 14th at our base in Bank Street, Brierley Hill, we will be holding a celebration night for our Patrons and guests, in honour of our 100 years of service to local drama. We will be performing extracts from our extensive back catalogue, and should you wish to attend you will be welcome. Patrons may attend free of charge, and for their guests tickets are £5. If you are interested in becoming a patron, and finding in advance what is coming up and receiving discounted tickets, just drop us a line on wordsleyamdram@outlook.com or contact our ticket secretary on **01384 270228**. Patrons are also invited to our Centenary

dinner at the Talbot Hotel in Stourbridge on November 23rd. Details available on request. We're looking to stage a fundraiser for the Hagley community centre refurbishment project in October. More news of that will be published in the next HCN! And finally, Scrooge is starting his journey. Rehearsals for "A Christmas Carol" are already underway! So hold tight for a bit of seasonal ghostliness coming to Hagley for the festive season! News of all these will be on our Facebook page and website www.wordsleyamdram.com

Andrew Rock



HAGLEY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Following our successful performances in 2023/24, we will be continuing to prepare for ad hoc events this coming season. One of our concerts will again be for Music for Sanctuary (raising funds for the homeless), this time in St Anne's Church, Bewdley. Dates to follow. If you would like to play in the orchestra please contact **07545 773 139. Cynthia Downes - Musical Director**

GIRLGUIDING IN HAGLEY

At the time of writing our volunteers in Walton District are having a well deserved summer break. The summer term has been a busy time for all units. Rangers have had an evening hike over Clent, a fishing evening and fun cooking outdoors. 1st Hagley Guides had a successful if somewhat wet French themed camp in honour of the Paris Olympics. 2nd Hagley Guides had a great residential touring the canals on board Tuptonia the narrow boat owned by Birmingham Division.

Brownies have had much fun outside when the weather permitted chalking positive messages in the village and learning new skills outdoors. 1st Hagley Brownies had a successful pamper sleepover and 2nd and 3rd Hagley Brownies had a sleepover at the Sealife Centre.

2nd Hagley Rainbows went to Wordsley to learn cycle skills from the team at "Bikeability" and finished off the term with a visit to the Hagley allotments where the girls picked fresh fruit and veg and did a fun quiz whilst tasting some of the healthy home grown foods. 1st Hagley Rainbows have decorated hedgehog cakes, designed wildlife gardens and have grown beans.

All of this is possible because of a hardworking team of volunteers that ensure the members of all units have a great experience. Thank you to everyone who gives their time to Girlguiding in Hagley.

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VILLAGE LADIES

Hello Village Ladies, hope you have all enjoyed your summer break either soaked under a brolly or the few days when we were sweating in front of a cold fan!! So far there's not been much in-between. However we hope you are ready to join Village Ladies for 2024/-2025. But first we look back to our July meeting which was on 9th and was our AGM. This ended our year and was a very informal evening when we could reflect on, what has been, a year tinged with sadness but where we could remember all the good times too. Now we look forward to this new Village Ladies year which begins on September 10th with our evening when we join for the year, catch up with friends old and new and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and, of course, find out what's in store for us in the coming months. The second meeting this month is on

24th when Local Councillor, Steve Colella, will be visiting and talking about various aspects of the life of Hagley Village. As usual, we meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month at 7.45 for 8pm in St Saviour's Church Hall. If you are not a member but would like to join we would love to welcome you. If you need more details please ring Anne Poole (**885556**) or Ann Pagett (**882692**) or email annpagett@tiscali.co.uk. We look forward to seeing everyone on 10th.

Ann Pagett



HAGLEY PROBUS CLUB

The Club celebrated the 43rd anniversary of its foundation on Monday 24 June with a meeting for members, partners and guests at Hagley Golf and Country Club. Following lunch the 44 attendees were well entertained by the versatile comedian, musician and conjurer, Dave Moylan. Dave had obviously made an in depth study of past comedians and regaled us with some of their timeless jokes, interspersed with conjuring and card tricks and guitar solos. Bob Monkhouse, Chick Murray, Max Wall, Flanagan and Allen, Charlie Chester and not forgetting Enoch and Eli all featured in

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HAGLEY U3A

We greet our new term with a full meeting on Wednesday 4 September, 13.30 for 13.45, in St Saviour's Church Hall. As well as a talk by Sue Lewis on Leprosy, as promised, there will be our usual book and plant exchange tables. Our next outing will be on 11 October to Arley Arboretum, with a visit to Bodenharn Arboretum on the way back, bookable from Andrea Price for £10.50 at the September

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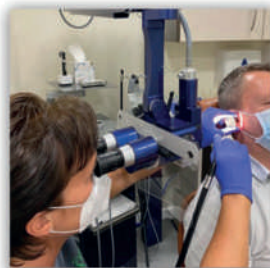
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There was recently a very interesting article in the Guardian entitled "The power of proprioception" or your "sixth sense". Maintaining this as we age is essential to our quality of life. It's what lets you touch your nose with your eyes closed but perhaps more importantly as we get older, adjust our step and speed of response when our foot hits an unexpected root as we walk a path or detect a change in surface you are walking on without looking down. As a consequence, good proprioception can reduce our risk of falls as we are more aware of our position in space.

So how can we improve this? Exercise! Add more movements to your day, include things that challenge your balance, hand to eye co-ordination, exercise to work on your posture, changing weight from one foot to the other. Recent studies suggest that tai chi can be

effective for building proprioception with its changes in direction and deliberate slow controlled movements. But in our strength and balance classes we also practice these skills too. So the good news is you can improve with the right sort of exercise and this in turn will help with injury prevention, improved co-ordination to enjoy everyday activities and reduce falls risk in the future.

If you would like to try out a tai chi class (or a strength and balance class) then please get in touch for more details.

Angela - 07512546480



HAGLEY VILLAGE ALLOTMENTS

There's something about home grown tomatoes isn't there? They are often as close to those that you get in the Mediterranean as you can get – particularly at this time of year! They smell how a tomato should smell, they taste as you would hope and although they may not have the perfection of many of the supermarket sold tomatoes – that is definitely part of their charm!

Each year's glut (such an ugly word for what is actually a positive experience!), I go back to Thane Prince's book 'Preserves, Pickles and Cures'. Once you have sterilised your jars it involves a two-stage process. The first involves judicious salting of your halved tomatoes for 24-48 hours to encourage water loss and dehydration, before seasoning with pepper and dried herbs and then slow cooking on a low oven for many hours (or in a dehydrator). Once sufficiently dried, add them to the jars and top up with good quality olive oil and have them for the many months to come!

I have already started picking and preserving the chillies for the later months. I am a big fan of any pickled vegetable! Pickled jalapenos are really a treasure in the fridge to add to any dish. I find freezing them whole and grating them over dishes or into sauces, or even freezing them pre-sliced, really adds to the

convenience of storing them in your freezer. Make sure you label them – no one wants a dish ruined by the chilli sweats - or worse still - the Williams signature profound and violent hiccups...

James and Anna



HAGLEY COUNTRY DANCERS

As autumn approaches and the days get shorter and the rather disappointing summer becomes a distant memory, perhaps our minds turn to becoming a bit more active, meeting new people and making new friends. At Hagley Country Dancers we are always ready to welcome new members and to give friendly help and encouragement to newcomers to the English Country Dancing scene. As most of our members are Seniors, we don't attempt any of the more vigorous dances but offer a varied selection of Playford

dances, Community dances and others. These provide pleasant physical and mental exercise and an opportunity to socialise and have a laugh. Experienced dancers are always ready and willing to help new members and to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable afternoon. We meet on Monday afternoons from 2 to 3.30 in the Free Church Hall. There is plenty of parking via Chapel Street. There is no charge for a first visit, subsequently the cost is £3 per person. For more information, ring June Waterhouse **01562 700639**



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In today’s society, everything is about speed. We don’t like waiting. We want fast broadband, fast track appointments, fast parcel delivery and fast food. However, we can’t always have it our way and now. Patience is a virtue. We can’t ‘fast track’ the things of God, especially

when we want our prayers answered quickly and today. True patience is the ability to wait on Him through life’s difficulties without complaining and worrying. If we remain steadfast in faith, then often God answers us in new and surprising ways. (Revd Tim) **Revd Tim**

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Date		Morning 10.30am
01st September 2024	Communion	Rev. Tim Mullings
08th September 2024		Rev. Peter Bates
15th September 2024		Rev. Tim Mullings
22nd September 2024		Rev. John Maile
29th September 2024		Mr. Ian Carnell

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 5th September: Mothers' Union: Clent Parish Hall at 2.00pm. Talk by Rachel Cramp: 'Communication' All are very welcome.

Sunday 8th September: Music for Sanctuary Concert, St John's, 3.00 pm. 'Belaria'- A classical vocal duo with a programme of summer Arias. Free entry – collection for charity.

Thursday 19th September: Hagley Mothers' Union talk at 2.30 pm St Saviour's Church Hall by Revd Kim Topham 'St Cuthbert's Way'. All are very welcome.

SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR HAGLEY AND CLENT - SEPTEMBER 2024

Date	10.30am
01st September 2024	Holy Communion at St John's Worship 4 All at St Leonard's
08th September 2024	Holy Communion/Sunday Club at St Saviour's Holy Communion at St Leonard's
15th September 2024	Holy Communion at St John's Café Church Family Service at St Saviour's
22nd September 2024 Harvest	Holy Communion at St Saviour's Holy Communion at St Leonard's
29th September 2024	Benefice Holy Communion at St Saviour'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
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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:

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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I would continue looking to see if there were other needles" **Albert Einstein**



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