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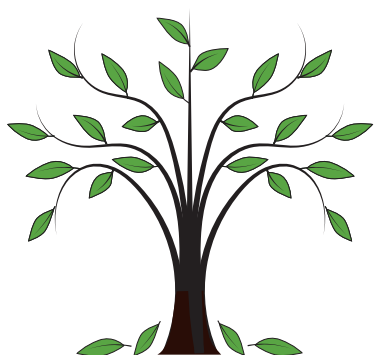
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Welcome to October

And we have a packed issue this month full of interesting reports and updates.

The Royal British Legion will be running their pop up stall for Poppy Fortnight from October 26th to November 9th. Many thanks to Dean and his team for providing space for this as always outside their premises at Lex Allen Grove on Worcester Road. Volunteers are needed to man the stand for a couple of hours each day so if you can help out then please do - it will be very much appreciated. More details of this and the Acts of Remembrance and services are available on page 13.

Our man on the ground - Steve Colella has news about the long awaited repair and maintenance of the Community Centre. Head over to page 12 for information about this and also future dates for your diary for the Village Market seasonal events.

We have a lovely report from Girlguiding in Hagley on page 28. 1st Hagley Rangers took part in a conservation trip to Mexico. Read

all about their valuable participation and the wonderful work they did with the beautiful turtles.

Hagley Parish Council have adopted a 'Biodiversity Policy' which aims to conserve and enhance the natural environment of specific areas in Hagley. Read about this on page 8 where you can also find details of the much loved and ever popular 'Christmas in Hagley event'

Calling all bookworms! Hagley Library wants you - for their reading group. If your interested in becoming a member then see page 38 for dates and times.

Plenty going on as always and loads to look forward to - not least forgetting Halloween which is always celebrated and well received in the Village. Enjoy your spooky evening of fun - keep safe and be careful at the same time. Take care all - catch up again next month

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		
ACTIVE SENIORS Strength & Balance 11.15-12.15pm	ACTIVE SENIORS Strength & Balance 1.20-2.20pm 2.45-3.45pm	LITTLE KICKERS 1.00pm	ACTIVE SENIORS Strength & Balance 2.45-3.45pm	WEST GLEN HTM DOG TRAINING 2.00pm	
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HAGLEY HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

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In November, we remember, remember the 5th....welcoming Philip Bowen presenting 'The Gunpowder Plot – A Midlands Rising'. During the reign of Elizabeth I, the Church of England completed its break from Rome, however, many believers continued to follow the teachings of the Catholic faith, risking persecution. When Elizabeth's successor to the throne, James I arrived from Scotland in 1603, it quickly became apparent he had no plans to permit greater tolerance of Catholicism.

Enter the conspirators, and the plot's mastermind Robert Catesby who began the audacious conspiracy to kill the King and replace him with his daughter Princess Elizabeth, who was living at Coombe Abbey near Coventry. The plot involved several noted families from Warwickshire who conducted meetings or stored equipment at their homes. The plot of course failed, and Catesby was tracked down and shot dead during his final stand at Holbeche House in Staffordshire.

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 more details and contact information.

Rachel Paget - Secretary



ART CLUB

It's October and time for members to start looking forward to our exhibition in November. Our Appraisal on October 14th is part of the process where a local artist, this year, John Maude Finch, casts an eye over potential entries.

The Annual Exhibition is the club's big event, where we can put up for sale our artwork, which means not just big framed paintings but also smaller and cheaper unframed pieces, cards and crafts; a perfect opportunity for original and unique Christmas cards and gifts. The Exhibition is later this year on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th November and will be opened by Jody Craddock, artist and former Wolves captain.

Also don't forget to look at our Himley Hall exhibition, opening on 28th October.

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 SCOUT HUT TIMETABLE 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				PILATES WITH YASMIN 9.45am (Female Fit) 10.30am (Mummy & Me)	Jess PERFORMANCE HUB 8.30-1.00pm
	Wayne PILATES 11.00-1.20pm		Wendy YOGA 11.00-12noon		
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HAGLEY PROBUS CLUB

Have you ever walked down the River Severn from Arley to Bewdley without getting your feet wet? The members and guests of Hagley Probus Club who attended the regular meeting on Monday 19 August achieved this with help from Mr Richard Perrin, Chairman of Bewdley Civic Society who gave us an informed insight into the history of this stretch of the river in a talk entitled "A River Runs Through It".

In 1871 there were 3000 registered trows regularly navigating the river, carrying goods from Bristol to Welshpool and returning with typical loads of Wyre Forest oak. From Bewdley the barges were hauled upstream by teams of 20 men. Commercial traffic finally ended in 1947. Whilst the river was in commercial use there were wide towpaths to facilitate access, but since then the river banks have become overgrown with trees, masking some of the old buildings and panoramic views.

A famous feature on the river is the Victoria railway bridge, built from cast iron in 1851. With a single span of 200 feet it was the longest in the world at the time. The river has frozen over on many occasions and pictures showed a sheep roast on the frozen water in 1855!

Hagley Probus Club offers a warm welcome to professional and business gentlemen from Hagley and district. Activities include a monthly lunch time meeting with speaker and occasional outings and social events. Please contact Alan Hess **07967 590219** for further details.



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HAGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Hagley Parish Council has adopted a 'Biodiversity Policy' (a copy of which can be found on the website) and will be working to implement the requirements of the policy into the fabric of its business and operation.

Hagley Parish Council owns the playing fields, the cemetery, the allotments and the war memorial site, as well as helping to manage the land at the Sweetpool Nature Reserve under a licence from Bromsgrove District Council.

These are all areas where HPC will seek to conserve and enhance the natural environment that exists in these areas by making changes that are easily within reach.

Biodiversity enhancement is something we can all engage in by using low-impact practices that benefit the environment, such as careful vegetation cutting and removal, non-use of chemicals and appropriate timing of maintenance works. We will be working widely across the community to conserve and create habitats and support local biodiversity, creating and protecting wildlife corridors and encouraging suitable planting.

One of the most important roles that Hagley Parish Council will undertake is the protection of sensitive habitats from development and consider the impact of each proposed development on important habitats for wildlife. In addition, it will

evaluate the potential for biodiversity net gain in each development and will also include environmental policies that support biodiversity within the neighbourhood plan.

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 30th November. We'll share more details closer to the time but for now, put the date in your diary.

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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HAGLEY U3A

Welcome back as daytime grows shorter in the second part of our 'year'. Our full monthly meeting will help brighten them and is as usual in St Saviour's church hall: Tuesday, 2 October, at 13.45 (doors open at 1.30 pm). As well as our usual brief reports then, we will be looking forward to a talk by Kate Round on the history of glass. Our next outing will be on 11 October to Arley Arboretum, with a visit to Bodenham Arboretum on the way back, bookable from andrea.price@gmail.com.

com. And on 1 November there will be a visit to a local food bank, about which there will be fuller details given on our website: <https://u3asites.org.uk/hagley/events> More details of our activities are on our website <https://u3asites.org.uk/hagley/groups> or contact Jane Mottram on 01562 888219 / janemottram42@gmail.com.

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HCK BADMINTON CLUB

HCK Badminton Club's main season, which runs from September through to April, has started, with play now taking place on both Tuesday and Friday evenings from 8pm to 10 pm, at Hagley Catholic High School Sport Hall. We welcome experienced adult players to come and visit us on club nights for up to six sessions before deciding whether or not to join - the cost is £7 per 2 hour session. For adult players who are looking to improve, or for beginners to the sport, we offer coaching sessions from 7pm to 8pm on Fridays with our qualified coach at the same venue. Registration is 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 whether you are an absolute beginner or a seasoned player 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

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Pet Blood Bank Returns once again to Broadmarsh Kennels on Tuesday 22nd October, at our last session a homed greyhound donated blood and immediately after a call was received asking if there was any available to be collected by courier and taken to a local vet where it went on to save a life! To learn more about which dogs can donate please get in touch.

Katy Rees (Volunteer)
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WYRE FOREST & DISTRICT CENTRE NATIONAL TRUST

Following a rather disappointing summer weather wise our group goes back to our normal programme of events and our talk on October 10 at 7.30pm will be the History of Smethwick when Mary Bodfish makes a welcome return. Mary is a very popular speaker who has a wealth of knowledge about a number of topics and speaks very clearly too. Join us at Blakedown Village Rooms for an interesting evening.

Bookings are now being taken for the concert at the Symphony Hall in Birmingham. This is an afternoon performance in November.

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



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 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

For this month's update I have taken the words from a West Mercia Police initiative called 'Nominated Neighbour Scheme' whereby if you or anyone that you know feel vulnerable in the home this scheme can help protect potential victims. It is an unfortunate fact that certain criminals target the elderly and vulnerable in their homes by posing as genuine callers. They seek to gain access to the house by deception to steal. Others will offer to do works to the house for problems that may not even exist for exorbitant sums and the work proves unnecessary or sub-standard. The Nominated Neighbour Scheme seeks to protect potential victims so that their identity can be verified. If you think this may be helpful to you or someone you know more detail can be obtained by contacting Community Safety at Redditch and Bromsgrove Councils

on **01527 534187** or **CommunitySafety@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk**

Doorstep crime refers to rogue traders, bogus callers and distraction burglary. Whilst we do have genuine callers at our doors, there are also those that aim to exploit people in their homes. This type of crime includes people that knock on your door offering fraudulent services, being overcharged for services, as well as false use of logos or ID that appear to be genuine. Many rogue traders have adapted to operate online by creating fake profiles to target consumers with their fraudulent services. Always do your research. My thanks are extended to the 'Community Safety Projects Officer' in supplying this month's information.

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

HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

The great news is that the long-awaited repair and maintenance in the community centre itself is now being planned with a start date in a couple of weeks time. Any hirers affected will be contacted with the scheduled dates of works. Whilst there will be some short-term disruptions to hirers, the works are essential and much needed. We have been continuing to seek out further funding to help deliver the 'future look' of the centre over the last few months. This is proving difficult to find grants and funds that are applicable to the vision that we have for the centre so it might mean re-evaluating how we see the future plans. We continue to assess where we are with bringing the centre up to date and future proofing it against changing community use. I hope to have something more to report over the next few months. The Hagley Village market continued to attract good footfall over the summer despite many people being away on holiday. Fellow organisers have done a fabulous job in attracting new and varied traders each month as well as the usual favourites. We are now planning the Halloween themed market and the Christmas market on Saturday 14th December 9:00 – 1pm. We know Santa will be there, along with some Carols and a nice festive feel. Watch out for the next initiative called 'Move it! Hagley' aimed at improving the community's health and wellbeing and highlighting ways of keeping us all fitter and healthier without the pain. More details soon or contact me on **chair@hagley.uk** **Steve Colella - Chairman : Hagley Community Association**

HAGLEY SURGERY PPG

Many will already be aware of the national push from the BMA to reduce patient contacts at doctors' surgeries which began on 2nd September. At the time of writing a meeting is being arranged with the Hagley Surgery Team and the PPG to understand the potential impact upon Patient access. More details will follow in subsequent updates here, but in the meantime if you do have any concerns, I would urge you to contact

the surgery directly as soon as possible. The surgery is in the process of arranging a series of vaccination programmes, including flu and covid vaccinations in the coming weeks for the most vulnerable amongst us. The surgery will be contacting you in due course. Over the next few weeks, the PPG will be publishing its 2024 Newsletter so watchout for it being issued and circulated.

Steve Colella - Chairman, Hagley PPG

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Have reached that time of year, when Red Poppies appear in the village! Our Pop-Up Poppy Stall will be appearing outside Lex Allen Grove in Worcester Road (thank you, Dean and all the team for your support) for the Poppy Fortnight from October 26th until Saturday November 9th. We have been asked to support Hagley Village Market on October 26th and look forward to seeing you there as well.

We will have 2024 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 stand 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. We welcome Rebecca Core and Sharon Dennison as our new Poppy Appeal Organisers for Blakedown and Hagley, and I am sure they will refresh our Poppy Appeal in the two villages. If you are able to help, please give Rebecca a call on (07971) 821698 or by email at Rebecca.Core@btinternet.com.

The Act of Remembrance and laying of wreaths will take place at Hagley War Memorial at 9.30am on Sunday November 10th, followed by a Remembrance Service at Hagley Free Church. 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 Jonathan Plant on (07813) 785496 or jon.plant@outlook.com if this is of interest.

As in the past few years, we are delighted at the work put in by all the retail outlets in the village to decorate their windows during Remembrancetide, which reminds us all of the sacrifices made by previous generations. We will again be holding a window dressing competition with a prestigious (?) trophy being awarded to the best display – Helen Roberts will be in touch with the businesses in the village nearer the time. Taking part is more important than winning, and we are happy to help where we can.

At the end of the day, every penny collected during the Poppy Appeal is used to support ex-servicemen, the cost of which is £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.



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. 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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HAGLEY STRING ORCHESTRA

I was fortunate to be able to spend a few days at the Edinburgh Festival at the beginning of August this year. It was the first time I had been since the COVID pandemic and I was pleased to see that none of the enthusiasm and excitement of the event had been lost. A stroll down the upper part of the Royal Mile, jam-packed with tourists from every part of the globe, ensured that you collected flyers from mainly young, hopeful and starry-eyed youngsters promoting a large selection of shows from comedy hypnosis shows to serious drama, and from stand-up comedy to a huge range of music by groups of musicians and singers. One act that I was particularly impressed with was a boys' choir from Hampton School in south-west London. More than 50 youngsters of school age sang, mostly unaccompanied, a range of repertoire from modern composers, such as Morten Lauridsen to arrangements of Barber shop classics, with joy, enthusiasm and great precision. Why do I mention this? Because those of you involved with local choirs and orchestras will know that our demographic is forever ageing and there seems to be a dearth of youngsters coming along to take our place. It

is refreshing to see that there are young people who enjoy singing and playing and would be keen to participate if given the opportunity.

Hagley String Orchestra is primarily aimed at those who have retired, with our Tuesday morning slot of 10.00am at Hagley Free Church. However, it may well be that there are students in the various Universities and Colleges locally, or people with flexible or part-time work schedules who might enjoy playing with us in a relaxed and non-stressful environment (there are no concerts). We would welcome enquiries. For further details please contact Haydn Thomas on **01562 885252**

Rory Freckleton



HAGLEY WI

As we approach October and the beginnings of autumn, Hagley WI ladies look back on the summer with very happy memories. We had so much fun with all the games for our Indoor Picnic, how amazing that the winner of our Guess How Many Marbles Are In The Jar would be within 3.... And won Maltesers as an appropriate prize!

Then our Afternoon Tea that was held in aid of Breast Cancer, which of course is a charity very close to our hearts. I'm proud to say that we raised a total of £186.20

We also ran a 'Bring & Buy' sale where we raised money for Mary Stevens Hospice and as always with WI ladies, sitting down chatting over tea and cake is most enjoyable.

September saw us starting the new year sitting enthralled and sometimes cringing by the talk, Call The Midwife – Tudor Times!! My Goodness, I'm glad times have changed.

October we are looking forward to a 'healthy belly laugh' as Vee Hill is coming along to introduce us to Laughing Yoga.... I am really looking forward to this.

They say laughter is the best medicine, Hagley WI ladies all agree and share it openly with each other. We meet the second Monday of the month in Hagley Community Centre at 2.00 – 4.00pm

If you would like to know more. Please do get in touch **Judi Priest, judipriest1@gmail.com** Or find me on Facebook and message me.

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In August our Rotary Club of Hagley enjoyed its annual BBQ which had been discontinued during the pandemic, so a welcome return to our social program was enjoyed by all.

In September the club was actively pursuing its Ukraine Project as well as a full program of speakers and meetings including an evening tour to Norway given by Rotarian Godfrey Partridge who presented a slide show dedicated to the Fjords. 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 Blakedown and Churchill Golf Club. Alternatively try visiting our website at <https://hagleyrotary.wixsite.com/website>

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The group of nine girls and three leaders volunteered through Projects Abroad at the El Tortugario Ecological Centre in Cuyutlan on the Mexican Pacific Coast. For sixteen days they worked to improve the facilities at the centre painting and cleaning. They also helped to care for the animals at the centre; turtles, crocodiles and iguanas. The participated in river and swampland surveys, cleared plastic waste from beaches and helped to nurture mangrove plants for re-forestation. Perhaps the most exciting part of their stay was the night patrols where they patrolled the local beaches collecting freshly

laid turtle eggs to relocate them within the safety of the beaches in the sanctuary. This is because there is a huge problem with local poachers taking the eggs to sell on for food. The team relocated a total of 7542 eggs during their stay to nests that they had dug on the safe beaches. They even got to see baby turtles hatch and helped ensure the safe release of some 3 day old turtles into the sea. What an experience! We are looking forward to the girls sharing stories of their adventure with the younger members of Girlguiding in the District to inspire them to try out for the INTOPS programme in the future.

Another two members of 1st Hagley Rangers have been successful in being selected for an adventure in Finland in 2025. We are looking forward to supporting them in their fundraising.

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VILLAGE LADIES

Hello Village Ladies. As we move into our 2nd month of 24/25 and as we had no meetings in August to remember, we can reflect on how we spent all those long hot, sunny days of summer!! Now this month we look forward to our usual two meetings. The first one is on 8th October when we join our new groups for the year. This is always an interesting evening with hopefully no complaints! On 22nd we are holding a special meeting to chat about the future of Village Ladies. This will be a very informal evening and we hope that you will all come with your ideas, grumbles, suggestions for trips, in fact, anything at all that you would like to say about Village Ladies. Feel free to share your views.

As always, we meet on 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at St Saviour's Church Hall and please note our new starting time of 7.30 for 7.45pm start.

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Ann Pagett



WORDSLEY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY - WADS

Well hello again! Here we are, the nights are drawing in already. In a couple of weeks the clocks go back, an extra hour in bed, but longer dark nights. And that can only mean one thing. Soon there will be a visit from you know who. Every year, about this time, a certain man is preparing for a visit. And we all know who that is don't we – oh yes! It's Ebenezer Scrooge!

Oh yes, the meanest man in Victorian Britain is being visited by the spirits – and he is also visiting you! Yes, Ebenezer is appearing in WADS very own version of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol", adapted by Mark Edward and coming to the Community Centre on 10th and 11th January 2025. But if you cannot wait that long, we will be at the

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Andrew Rock



HAGLEY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Our Autumn Term Thursday rehearsals are now underway at Hagley Free Church from 5.30-7pm. In October we will be meeting on 3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st. (No rehearsal on October 24th). If you would like to join us in the orchestra, please phone or text **07545 773 139**
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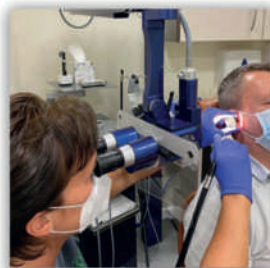
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Although places are limited in a number of Active Seniors classes we do have a few spaces in the Tuesday 1.20-2.20 class taken by instructor Lisa. It's a mixed class of men and ladies so everyone is welcome. If you need to be finished to help with 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 two tai chi classes running on Tuesday and 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**



HAGLEY VILLAGE ALLOTMENTS

I have never heard the phrase "...we are entering the '-ber' months..." before. It appears to be a social media trend that I keep seeing at the moment - and in many respects the allotment is a dichotomy between summer and winter. For example, this week I have picked more Scarlet Emperor runner beans (sliced thinly, rapidly boiled for one minute and plunged into an ice bath before being frozen for Christmas Day) - plus a token lovely bunch of white highly-scented sweet peas.



But we were also foraging in the pumpkin and gourd patch in search of them in amongst the grasses, weeds and swathes of foliage. Perhaps a less romanticised version of foraging? Rummaging? Searching? Poking about? One unexpected bonus to come from this is that this 'excess foliage' actually became exceptional camouflage and protection against the pigeons - who seem quite frankly to otherwise be a menace - but our produce has been protected and the little collection of oddities are growing quietly underneath.



HOMEWORK: Research alternative ways to deter pigeons that don't involve weeds / overgrown grasses.

As an aside, if anyone is interested in an allotment of their own then there is a parish council waiting list. They do become available every now and then!

James and Anna



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

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HAGLEY FREE CHURCH
95 Worcester Road, Hagley DY9 0NG



Hagley Free Church
Established 1905



Seasons change. Autumn is an attractive time of year with the beautiful colours of tree leaves, wild berries, orchard apples, fields of ripening wheat and golden corn. The earth contains everything we need. When crops sprout and grow this expresses God’s abundance, goodness and caring. Consequently, at our

Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 06th October at 10:30) we thank God for our daily food and remember that we are accountable to Him for how we treat His Creation. Come and join us in sharing thanks and praise. We look forward to seeing you. **Revd Tim**

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2024

Date		Morning 10.30am
06th October 2024	Communion - Harvest Festival	Rev. Tim Mullings
13th October 2024		Rev. Peter Bates
20th October 2024		Rev. Tim Mullings
27th October 2024		Rev. Peter Bradley

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.

THE PARISH OF HAGLEY

St John the Baptist with St Saviour's
www.hagleycofe.co.uk
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Facebook: search for hagleycofe



Thursday 3rd October: Mothers' Union in Clent: 12.00pm Fish and Chip lunch followed by a speaker from The Three Roses Home, Clent.

Thursday 17th October: Hagley Mothers' Union: 2.30pm St Saviour's Church Hall talk about the 'Commonwealth War Graves'.

SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR HAGLEY AND CLENT - OCTOBER 2024

Date	10.30am
06th October 2024	Holy Communion at St John's Worship 4 All at St Leonard's
13th October 2024	Holy Communion/Sunday Club at St Saviour's Holy Communion at St Leonard's
20th October 2024	Holy Communion at St John's Family Service at St Leonard's
27th October 2024	Holy Communion/Sunday Club at 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@worcestershire.gov.uk or phoning us on **01905 822722** or popping into the library. We also have a great selection of books for readers young and old, you can browse our catalogue on our website at: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries and order books for collection, renew your books online and have access to many online resources, including our popular e-books and magazines. The library offers free computer use and we have a printing service too, 15p for a black and white printout, 50p for a colour. Our friendly staff and volunteers are always happy to help you, 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:

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!

READING GROUP

Our Hagley Library Tuesday Afternoon Reading Group is looking for new members. Do you enjoy reading? Would you like to meet others in a relaxed, friendly place to chat about books? Please come along and join our Tuesday Book Club, everyone welcome! We meet once a month at 11.45am in the library. The dates for the rest of the year are: Tuesday 8th October, 5th November, 10th December. Pop into the library to collect a copy of our latest read. We look forward to seeing you!

AFFILIATED CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

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WYRE FOREST NT: Toni Allison.....	01562 884079
WEST MERCIA POLICE GENERAL CONTACT NUMBER.....	0300 333 3000
CRIME STOPPER LINE (CONFIDENTIAL) Freephone.....	0800 555111
HAGLEY LIBRARY	01905 822722
HAGLEY MEDICAL PRACTICE.....	01562 881700

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FOR HAGLEY WEST: Steve Colella	01562 882996
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FOR HAGLEY EAST: Ruth Lambert	r.lambert@bromsgrove.gov.uk

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