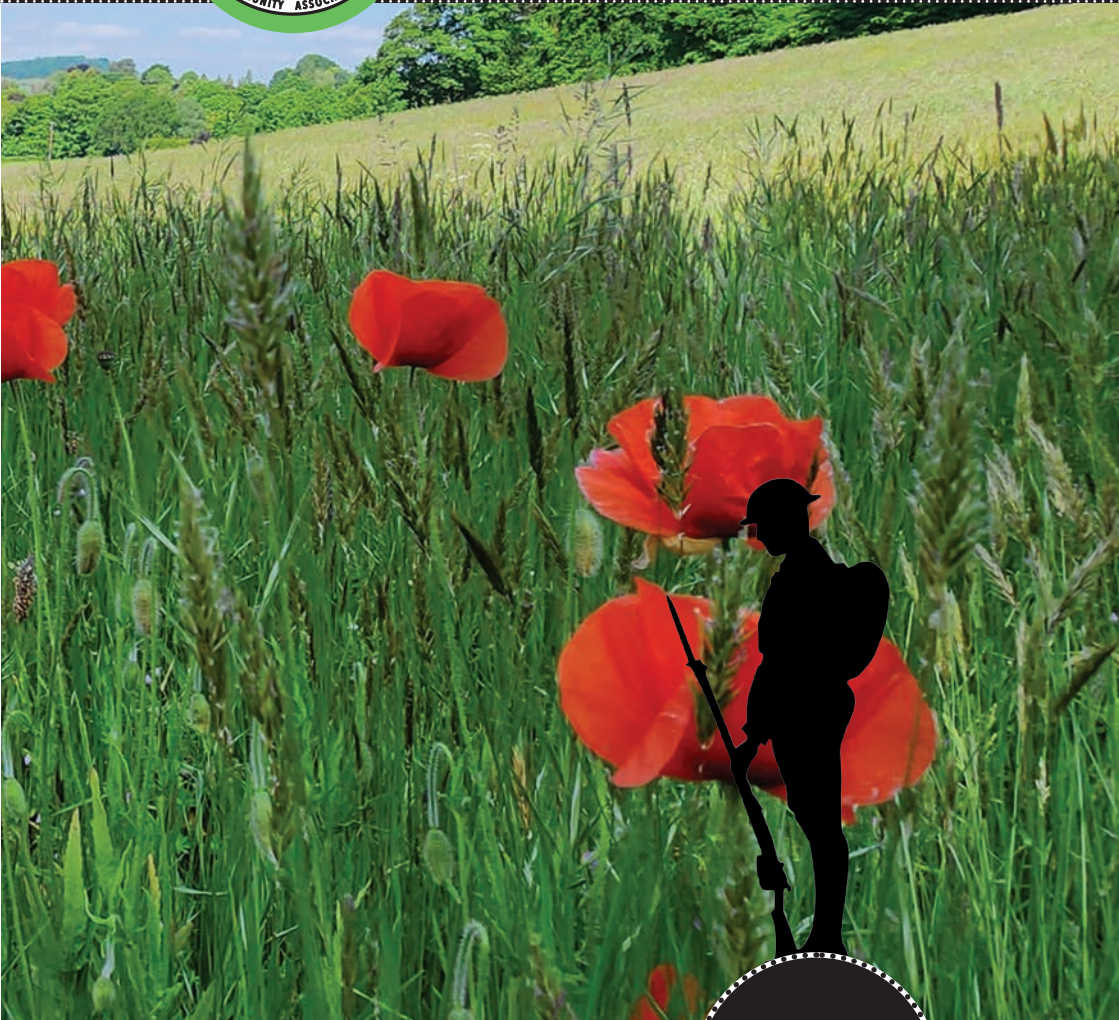




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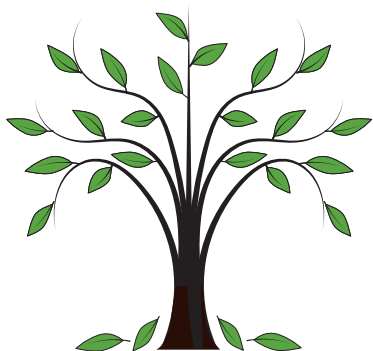
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Welcome to November

This month we remember the fallen and their ultimate sacrifice. Please do visit the poppy stall in the village outside Lex Allen Grove to show your support and by all means help out if you can. On page 13 you'll find details of the Acts of Remembrance and Parades that have been organised in the community - also see pages 35 and 36 for the local church services.

Also taking place this month is Hagley Art Club's annual exhibition. Pop along to the Community Centre to see what our talented local artists have been up to - for more information see their report on page 28.

The Hagley Library's Summer Reading Challenge was a huge success and their best year so far. Read more about this and the fun day that they hosted on page 33. This is a wonderful initiative and hopefully one that will continue for many more years. It's so uplifting to see the love of reading and true community spirit embraced by both the children who took part and their families who supported them. And we think the

photo booth was awesome, well done to the wonderful staff and volunteers for this fabulous creation.

As we head ever closer to the season of all things merry we are pleased to bring you news of the Parish Council's Annual Christmas Event. It will take place in the village on 30th November this year - more details can be found on page 8, we're sure it will be a fantastic festive affair as always.

And on a light and loveable note we have a lovely report on page 32 from Home Run Hounds - yes, they're tugging at our heart strings again ♥ If you love a food loving, kiss giving, tail wagging, dancing doggie then Solo is the girl for you - just beautiful and totally irresistible and we have the photo to prove it!

Have a great November, take care you lovely peeps and we'll catch up again next month.

Alison Akers Editor

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COMMUNITY CENTRE TIMETABLE 2024					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ACTIVE SENIORS Happy Hearts 9.30-10.30am		SLIMMING WORLD 9.30am	LITTLE TREASURES 10.00-11.30am		HAGLEY MARKET Last Saturday in the month 9.00-1.00pm
ACTIVE SENIORS Strength & Balance 11.15-12.15pm	ACTIVE SENIORS Strength & Balance 1.20-2.20pm 2.45-3.45pm		ACTIVE SENIORS Strength & Balance 2.45-3.45pm	WEST GLEN HTM DOG TRAINING 2.00pm	
	ACTIVE SENIORS Tai Chi & Qigong 4.15-5.15pm		ACTIVE SENIORS Tai Chi & Qigong 4.15-5.15pm		
ART CLUB 2nd Monday of each month 7.30pm	MC PAWS DOG TRAINING 7.00pm	GLOWING MAMAS 7.00pm	VERVE TAEKWONDO 7.00pm	DECLAN DOUBLE Martial Arts 7.00pm	

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On 4th November we once again welcome Julian Hunt who will be presenting 'Broadway – Worcestershire's Poshest Village'. Julian will tell the backstory of the Cotswold village of Broadway, where farmers grew wealthy from

cultivating the fertile soil of the Vale of Evesham and reared sheep on the hills. By the 1600s the village had become a busy stagecoach stop on the route from London to Worcestershire, bringing investment into the village. However, by the dawn of the railways, Broadway once again became a backwater, a haven of peace attracting artists and writers. Further change came with the motor car, and the dawn of popular tourism which revitalised Broadway, and of course the antique shops and tea rooms visitors we are familiar with today!

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



ACTIVE SENIORS

Well, here we are heading full speed into winter, soon Bonfire night will be over and then it's that stretch of short days and reduced outside activity leading up to Christmas. Of course it would be easy to stay in, hibernate and forget the importance of keeping active during the winter months. Sadly, this is a very easy road to follow but one to be avoided at all costs! A relatively short period of inactivity can result in fairly rapid muscle wastage and a drop in stamina which can affect our ability to carry out basic everyday activities of daily living.

Muscle mass is directly linked to our immune system and our ability to bounce back from illness as well as our pain thresholds, so losing muscle can have a big impact on us. So instead of doing less over winter what should we do? Activity to increase strength and balance is an excellent way to go. Using

hand and leg weights and resistance bands are excellent ways of building strength and exercises to improve balance are not rocket science but need to be done regularly and in a challenging and progressive way (as you get better make them harder!)

Why not try a strength and balance class at the community centre – with 4 classes a week over Monday, Tuesday and Thursday hopefully there will be something to suit your diary. Give Angela a ring on **07512546480** to chat through the options.



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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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 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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on a first come first served basis, so please contact us by e-mailing info@hckbadminton.club. This is a great 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 please let us know if you need to loan a racquet for the sessions when you sign up.

We are a sociable club, with social events taking place throughout the year, so whether you are an absolute beginner, or an experienced player, you can be assured of a warm 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



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'!

STEP BACK IN TIME OLD SHOPS OF HAGLEY

113 WORCESTER ROAD

This shop had always been a butcher's starting with Prowse and Humphreys before 1930, followed by Lewis Wright who was here until 1966. By 1974 the business belonged to Eric Hollies and later to Ted Collins. For many years the rear of the building was a slaughterhouse.



Richard Smith, Michael Connop



Michael Connop, John Beave, Cyril Johnson

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STEP BACK IN TIME OLD SHOPS OF HAGLEY

113 WORCESTER ROAD

It was known as David Beasley and Co since 1987 until his retirement in 2006 whereby it was taken over by Michael Connop until it closed down in 2015. After a complete refit it opened as an Indian Restaurant - New Delhi.



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HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

At the time of writing, I'm looking forward to the start of the repair and maintenance of the community centre. Hopefully by the time you're reading this the works will be finished or nearing completion and the centre looks nice and fresh and bright. Once completed we'll be able to update and upgrade other features of the centre.

The works are scheduled to start 14th October and finish 1st November. As way of a reminder the centre will be closed during the day but open for hirers on the evenings and weekends. I sincerely apologise for the relatively short notice given to hirers which might have caused difficulties in finding an alternative venue. I appreciate that this has caused some issues. I look forward to welcoming you back once the works are completed

'Volunteer it Yourself' will be carrying out the works with the support of professional tradespeople and volunteers who can earn City and Guilds Accreditation. Volunteer it Yourself support 16-24-year-olds looking for hands on work experience, boost confidence, make new friends and learn hands on skills.

The Village Market and Hagley Hub will be busy over the coming weeks. Don't forget that the Hagley Hub is a free, warm, welcoming multi-generational space over a cuppa and cake. It is run as a collaborative project with support from across the community. We always need new volunteers and if you're interested in volunteering at the Hagley Hub and would like to find out more email: **sharonrachelbryant@gmail.com**

**Steve Colella - Chairman
Hagley Community Association**

HAGLEY SURGERY PPG

It was with great pleasure that I was able to make a short presentation followed by a Q&A session to the 'Village Ladies'. Abley supported by Helen we gave the Ladies a brief overview of the role of the PPG and some of the work that we do throughout the year. The questions we were asked were very relevant and from what we were being told it sounds like people were happy with the overall Hagley Doctor's surgery. There were a couple of issues raised which we will take away and bring up with the Senior Clinician and management team.

I was happy to receive a very generous donation from the Ladies for me to donate, on their behalf, to a charity of my choice. I decided to donate the money to 'Motor Neurone Disease' (MND) and particularly to a Hagley fund raising initiative to support a local GP recently diagnosed with the cruel disease.

As a reminder our PPG actively looks to:

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

By the time you are reading this, the Poppy Appeal should be in full swing. The Pop-Up Poppy Stall will be outside Lex Allan Grove in Worcester Road, and will be available for you to get your poppies until 9th November. It is open from 9am until 4pm on weekdays, and until 2pm on Saturdays.

Rebecca Core and Sharon Dennison are our new Poppy Appeal Organisers for Blakedown and Hagley, and if you are able to help, please give Rebecca a call on **(07971) 821698** or by email at **Rebecca.Core@btinternet.com**.

On Remembrance Sunday we will be holding the Act of Remembrance and laying of wreaths at Hagley War Memorial at 9.30am on Sunday November 10th, to which all are welcome. Following this service, the Scouts and Guides will parade down to the Village, and at 10.30am there will be 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, unusually after

Remembrance Sunday. This is directed at those from Blakedown and Churchill, and the names of the fallen from those parishes would be read out.

If you would like to lay a wreath at either of the war memorials, we usually have a few spares available. 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.

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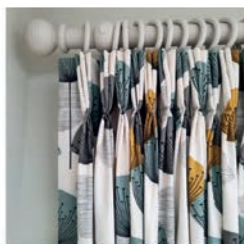
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The New World Symphony was not the only 'American' inspired piece that Dvorak produced. This term, Hagley strings are working on a version of his American String Quartet for full string orchestra. This is a sunny and generally optimistic piece, full of hummable tunes and suggestive of train

journeys across the continent. It is not surprising that he wrote much of it during a long relaxing summer vacation in Spillville, Iowa, where today a museum dedicated to his time there remains popular.

As usual, we continue to meet on Tuesday mornings between 10am and 12, midday. We are always keen to welcome new members.

For further details please contact Haydn Thomas on **01562 885252**

Rory Freckleton



HAGLEY WI

Autumn now feels well and truly here. Hagley WI sees our ladies sharing delicious produce from our gardens and allotments, coming to the end of our green beans season but enjoying all the new season root vegetables and squashes. We are starting our homemade soups and sharing recipes each month in our Recipe Folder. How the seasons dictate our appetites. Looking back through our recipe folder sees is enjoying Raspberry Creams, Light Sponge Cakes and now we are sharing soups and sponge puddings. Wonderful, just how it should be.

October saw us enjoying a 'healthy belly laugh' with Vee Hill and her Laughing Yoga, which really did make you feel healthier both physically and mentally.

November, our talk is all about the life story of Coco Chanel. This should be intriguing as there is so much more to her life than fashion. Her life during WW2 and Nazi occupation. A good afternoon to look forward to.

As always we've had our monthly clubs Craft Club, Book Club, Coffee Mornings and enjoyed a long walk around Wyre Forest.

Now our Skittles Tournament is about to start the new season we will all be enjoying competing against other local WI groups and hoping to make it to the final

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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GIRLGUIDING IN HAGLEY

At the time of writing all units have started the Autumn term. Rangers have welcomed new members and have started working towards the Express Themselves part of the programme. Rangers are undertaking activities around communication and looking forward to a visit from a local female police officer. 1st Hagley Guides have taken part in a quiz and walk around Hagley and working on their Take Action Theme with a visit from an architect to look at designing community spaces. Brownies have been having fun with recycling crafts and a visit from The Verve Martial Arts team to try out a new sport. 2nd Hagley Brownies are looking forward to a trip to Lush to try out making some bath products of their own. 1st Hagley Rainbows had a campfire singing night although the terrible

rain meant that they had a pretend campfire indoors but that did not dampen their spirits they enjoyed oven cooked s'mores and raised the roof with their singing. 2nd Hagley Rainbows have made shell ornaments and baked fairy cakes. They have also been learning about recycling with Nicola from Our Village Green.

As always thank you to all the amazing volunteers who give their time up to make Girlguiding so successful and popular in Hagley Village.



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In November our Rotary Club of Hagley is looking forward to our cabaret evening on Saturday the 9th November at Hagley Community Centre. Dougie Parker with Ashcroft and Lewis will be entertaining us with music and laughter.

For Rotarians the month of October is when we considered the Economic and Community Development when Rotary focuses on the economic development of the less fortunate at home and overseas.

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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Attendees all agreed that they had learned some practical lessons that they could implement in their own work to help people to live well with dementia at home and in the community, but the thing that will remain longest in the memory is the feeling that they had during the experience. The saying that "people with dementia may forget what you do and they may forget who you are but they will never forget how you make them feel" is perhaps the learning that will lead to the greatest benefits in how people are cared for at home and in the community.



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So, at last 'November arrives and with it, the highlight of Hagley Art Club's year, the Annual Exhibition. It takes place on the weekend of the 22nd, 23rd and 24th November at Hagley Community Centre and showcases members' work from the last year, and includes framed and unframed original paintings, cards and craft items. The Exhibition will be opened on Friday night by professional footballer and artist Jody Craddock.

Please see our advertisement below for further details. Also don't forget to look at our Himley Hall exhibition opening on 28th October.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Contact us at hagleyartclub583@gmail.com or turn up at Hagley Community Centre 2nd Monday of every month 7.30 start. (£5 guest fee) If you love all things arty you won't regret it Or visit our painting circle, Tuesday afternoons, ring **07831487648** or email for details

Sallie Gurney - Website Editor



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VILLAGE LADIES

Hello Village Ladies. A very short report this month just to tell you that there are two meetings in November on the 12th and the 26th. On the 12th, Claire Weston is coming to tell us all about 'The Black Country Museum' and on the 26th Roger Pugh explains 'The Life and Times of a Jester'. Please note our new permanent starting time of 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start.

For further information call Anne Poole **01562 885556** or Ann Pagett **01562 882692**.

Ann Paget



WORDSLEY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY - WADS

With Christmas almost upon us and our centenary year drawing to a close, we are pleased to be performing the timeless Charles Dicken's classic "A Christmas Carol" adapted by Mark Edwards. Rehearsals are going well with new youth members joining the society. Learning to dance for Fezziwig's ball has been great fun – Strictly eat your heart out! The ghostly challenge of transforming Ebenezer Scrooge from being an odious, covetous old sinner will warm your heart and round off your festive period. We will be performing at Hagley Community Centre on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th January 2025. 7.30pm start. Tickets are £10 (under 12s £5). Call our box office on 01384 270228 or via email on wordsleyamdram@outlook.com. Tickets may be purchased on line via www.wordsleyamdram.co.uk.

If you are not available for the Hagley dates, we are also performing at Bank Street Church, Brierley Hill, DY5 3DB from 4th-6th December and on Saturday 7th December for a 3pm matinee. Tickets are selling fast for this production which is not to be missed.

Finally an appeal for someone who may be able to support us with our Hagley productions. We would love to hear from a handy person who could help with set design and building. For more information contact Maggie on **07505 269 825**

Andrew Rock



THE ARTS SOCIETY - STOURBRIDGE

This month's lecture is by Charlie Waite on "Influences in Photography", a rare subject for us at The Arts Society Stourbridge. Charlie was an actor for 10 years and became fascinated by theatrical lighting and design which gradually led to photography where he established a world-wide reputation with solo exhibitions in Tokyo, Brisbane, New York, Sydney and California. This event takes place in Stourbridge Town Hall on Thursday 7 November beginning at 10.55am.

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Lovely girl Solo has had enough of being 'solo' and would love to find her very own family. If you would like to meet her please get in touch- hello@homerunhounds.co.uk. **Katy Rees (Volunteer)**

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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.

James and Anna.

HAGLEY COUNTRY DANCERS

Many of us associate November with Thomas Hood's poem dedicated to the month, which starts: "No sun - no moon - no morn - no noon - no dawn - no dusk - no proper time of day" and regret that the mellow days of October are over and the damp days of November are here. However, the Hagley Country dancers are well aware that at the proper time of 2. p.m on a Monday, they can come out of the November gloom and enjoy the dancing and the company of friends in the Free Church Hall. New members are always made welcome and there is always plenty of helpful advice available for anyone taking the plunge into what may be a completely different experience. 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**

HAGLEY LIBRARY - Summer Reading Challenge

Our summer reading challenge is over for another year. We had our best year yet with 117 children completing it. We are so proud of you all so would like to say a huge well done to every single one of you! On Saturday 21st September we hosted a fun day where our finishers could come in and collect their medals while also doing a treasure hunt, craft activity and lego. We also had a home made photobooth which was greatly enjoyed by all. It was fantastic to see so many children and families coming together in your local library to celebrate a love of reading. Thank you also to Councillor Fenton and Councillor Austin for attending. The library staff would also like to thank the parish council and our brilliant volunteers. They work hard all year but especially during the summer reading challenge. They have been tasked with many things from cutting out to painting a photobooth and always do it with the dedication and care that they always do. So thank you very much to you all!



ST JOHN'S BELLRINGING

Clangley Bells was formed from the bands of St. Leonard's in Clent & St. John's in Hagley. Ringing is a very sociable activity which expands and promotes your physical and mental well-being as you learn the skills along the way. It serves the community and is a beautiful old english tradition, but most of all it's fun. If you would like to try it there are a few limited spaces available for anyone interested on Monday & Wednesday evenings. Please contact either of the tower captains to give it a go or to arrange a group session.

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speaker who always gives a most interesting talk. Perhaps you would like to come along and join us. For further information please visit

www.wyreforestntcentre.co.uk

Toni Allison on behalf of WFDCNT



HAGLEY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Our Thursday rehearsals are continuing throughout November in Hagley Free Church (5.30-7pm). We are preparing for our concert for Music for Sanctuary next year, and we are practising Christmas music and carols for 'The Hagley Big Switch On' of the Christmas lights on the evening of Saturday November 30th! If you would like to join us in the orchestra, please phone or text **07545 773 139**
Cynthia Downes - Musical Director

HAGLEY U3A

Welcome back as daytime grows shorter in the second part of our 'year'. Our full monthly meetings will help brighten them and is as usual in St Saviour's church hall:

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More details of our activities are on our website
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we are reminded that their sacrifice is not dulled by the passing of time. Even if you disagree with the notion of war, it is soldiers who deserve all the praise for: "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." (John ch.15, vs.13). We wear our poppies to offer our respectful thanks to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. **Revd Tim**

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2024

Date		Morning 10.30am
03rd November 2024	Communion	Rev. Tim Mullings
10th November 2024	Remembrance Sunday	Rev. Tim Mulling
17th November 2024		Rev. Tim Mullings
24th November 2024		Rev. Peter Bradley

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SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR HAGLEY AND CLENT - NOVEMBER 2024

Date	Sunday Morning Services - all at 10.30am
03rd November 2024 All Saints Day	Holy Communion at St John's Worship 4 All at St Leonard's 6.30pm All Souls' Service at St John's
10th November 2024 Remembrance Sunday	Holy Communion/Sunday Club at St Saviour's Remembrance Service at St Leonard's - the parade starts from Clent Connect at 10.30am
17th November 2024	Family Communion at St John's
24th November 2024	Holy Communion/Sunday Club at St Saviour's Holy Communion at St Leonard's

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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 'knit and natter' group on Fridays at 10-11am. Come along with your knitting/crochet/embroidery project and chat to others while you craft. It's a great way to meet new people in a warm, welcoming environment. 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!

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