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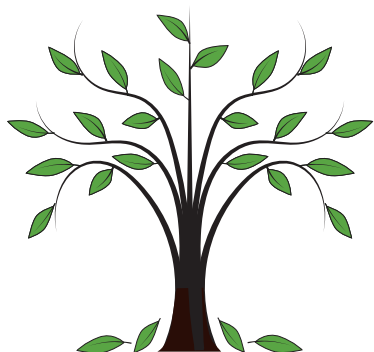
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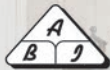
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Seasons Greetings

Welcome to December and our last edition of 2024. By the time this reaches you the Christmas in Hagley event will have taken place and hopefully a good time will have been had by all who attended. This ever popular annual village occasion always serves us a good helping of festive spirit!

We have quite a packed full issue this month, but we'd like to start first by mentioning the HCA's AGM which will be held on 17th January next year. Please do come and join us - more details on page 4.

HPC have had a busy year both maintaining and improving various areas in the village, whilst also moving forward with their commitment to biodiversity. Read more about this on page 8 and also their upcoming exciting new wild flower project.

We're pleased to include another 'Step Back In Time' feature from Old Shops of Hagley. Head over to pages 10 and 11 for a little history and some wonderful photographs of West One through the years.

See Steve Colella's report on page 12 for the latest news of what's happening with the Community Centre. This very valuable space relies heavily on the ongoing support of both hirers and events. This month the Christmas Village Market Special takes place and next month a WADS performance of 'A Christmas Carol'. Why not treat yourselves and pop along to both.

On the subject of all things festive, we have word that Santa will be in our midst. If you don't believe us then see for yourselves - visit St Saviour's Hall on the afternoon of Saturday 7th December because this is where you'll find him

As always we have details of the local church services throughout December and Christmas - see pages 35 and 36 for these.

And so that's it for 2024! Another year over and a new one soon to begin! Have a happy and peaceful Yuletide - catch up with you again next year!

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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In Memory of
MARGARET GARBETT
17th Dec 1946 - 7th Sept 2024

Margaret's family would like to express their sincere thanks to all friends, neighbours and local groups for all their kind prayers and support over the past few years when we needed it most. Margaret will always be fondly remembered around the village having lived at their forever home in Hagley for over 52 years. Also, for the many years she helped at local Brownies as Tawny Owl and delivering the Hagley Village News for over 30 years.

HAGLEY HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

On 3rd December we welcome popular speaker Max Keen who in full costume (as always!) will be presenting 'Alfred the Great: A King Who Rode Good Fortune?'

Alfred, born in 849 – stands alone of all the English kings and queens to be known as 'the Great'. One of the best known stories in English history is that of King Alfred and the cakes. Children are taught the story where Alfred is on the run from the Vikings, taking refuge in the home of a peasant woman. She asks him to watch her cakes baking by the fire, but distracted by his problems, he lets the cakes burn and is scolded by the woman. More importantly, this Saxon king is remembered for his valiant defence of his kingdom against a stronger enemy, for securing peace with the Vikings and for his farsighted reforms in the reconstruction of his kingdom. How much of this was down to 'lady luck'? Come along and find out!

On 7th of January, we welcome Phil Downing presenting 'Harvington Hall: Discover the House of Secrets' Only 6 miles from Hagley, Harvington Hall has one the country's finest collection of priest hides. During the reign of Elizabeth I, wealthy Catholics had to come up with ways of keeping priests safe from the

priest hunters, who were permitted to search houses looking for them. Priest hides were secret hiding places built within the house for a priest to hide, sometimes for over a week! Conditions would be cramped, cold and dark. It must have felt terrifying hiding in the pitch black knowing that when the house fell silent, the priest hunters were waiting to hear any sound. It was a real-life game of hide-and-seek, with terrifying consequences for any priest caught.

Phil, who is the manager of Harvington Hall (and has spent 36 hours hidden in one of the hall's priest hides) will share his experiences and tales from 'The House of Secrets' in what is bound to be an entertaining talk.

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 approaching the festive season once again! Active Seniors classes will continue to run until mid-December when we take a well-earned extended break for the Christmas and New Year period.

Not many people choose this time of year to start exercising but if you intend to start in the New Year then why not give us a call now to book a taster session for January and beat the rush!! Remaining places are limited so it's a good idea to get your name down now as normally quite a few people contact us after the festivities are over to start their healthier New Year habits!!

Active Seniors wish all our existing customers a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy, healthy and active New Year. For those we have yet to meet we look forward to getting to know you in 2025 and helping you to become more active.

Angela - 07512546480



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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The members and guests of Hagley Probus Club were entertained by actress and raconteur Jenny Rigby at their meeting on Monday 28 October. Jenny, whose father was an actor and mother a teacher grew up in the 1970 – 80s when children's television had many iconic programmes which she used to watch with her Nan. We were reminded of many of those TV performers through Jenny's impersonation of some of the memorable sketches popular at the time. Firstly, we heard Joyce Grenfell trying to coach a class of young children for their annual Nativity Play – a task not without its distractions and familiar hilarity. This was followed by Julie Walters recalling the unforgettable "Ballad of Freda and Barry", aka "let's do it"! Jenny then materialised as Pam Ayres who reminded us that "they should have asked my husband" who apparently has the answer to all the world's problems. Jenny concluded with the famous Stanley Holloway poem of "Albert and

the Lion" featuring Albert, with his "stick with its 'orses' ead :andle, the finest that Woolworth could sell". During the Covid pandemic Jenny formed a local group to help those suffering from isolation. This has flourished and this year she is producing a Christmas pantomime, giving 28 performances in her local community.

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

As you may know, 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.

We aim to maintain everything to a good standard and over the past year we've been making improvements to all areas including the playing fields. The signage has been updated as the previous ones had been in place for many years and looked worse for wear. We've secured Government funding and resurfaced the zip wire area and more recently our very own Councillor Suhayla Lawson made some large planters from railway sleepers, that are situated in front of the Pavilion.

Next year we plan to re-wild around the perimeter which we've done for a couple of years now, and it also forms part of our commitment to Biodiversity. See our website for full details of our Biodiversity policy.

We can't achieve everything without the support of residents, so we'd like to remind you to pick up and dispose of your dog waste responsibly and put litter in the bins or take it home.

We're also embarking upon a wildlife project that will give us not just splashes of colour, but a much-needed ecological

restoration and an attempt to rejuvenate the number of pollinating insects. Bromsgrove District Council are preparing areas of ground for seed, for example the island at the top of Park Road near the War Memorial, and we'll be sowing the seed which will in turn regenerate the soil for ongoing further planting. It should look really good in the spring/summer.

As the daylight hours have reduced, 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.

We would like to wish all the residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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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Take A Look Back

WE HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE **BACK ISSUES ARCHIVE** OF PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THE HAGLEY VILLAGE NEWS

From October 2004 they are in searchable pdf format, but earlier copies are scanned and cannot be searched. If you have any 'missing' copies that we could add to our collection then please do email admin@hagley.uk. To access the archive visit: www.hagley.uk see Hagley Village News section where the back issues are located. **Happy Reading!**

HCK BADMINTON CLUB

HCK Badminton's season is well underway now, with many matches being played in both the Cradley and Worcester leagues. For members and visitors (please contact us first if you wish to visit), play is on Tuesdays from 7pm to 10pm, and on Fridays from 8pm to 10pm, at Hagley Catholic High School Sports Hall. New players are invited to come and visit us on club nights for up to six sessions, at a cost of £7 per session, before deciding whether or not to join. Membership is subject to availability at the time, as we occasionally operate a waiting list.

Following the success of our current tranche of adult coaching sessions for beginners and improvers, which run up to Christmas, we are pleased to confirm that we will be running more sessions in the new year. We would encourage anyone who is interested in attending to contact us, to secure their place.

Registration is 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, or to improve their 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

In case you were wondering if we put our feet up during the winter, the answer is definitely NO. There are still the usual friendly mix-in sessions each week on Friday and Sunday mornings 1000-1200 and Monday evenings 1800-2000. We also have regular men's, women's and mixed team matches in the Hereford and Worcester League. We are always being told how important it is to keep fit and enjoy the outdoors, both for our physical and mental wellbeing, especially during the winter months when the tendency is to hunker down and stay indoors. Playing tennis is a great way to get out there and

have some fun. Whether you are a seasoned player, haven't touched a racquet for a while or a beginner you would be most welcome. If we have whetted your appetite just head over to our website <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BlakedownTennisClub>. See you on court! **Sammy Thomas**



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'!

STEP BACK IN TIME OLD SHOPS OF HAGLEY

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This was a general shop from which milk was delivered by Mary Forrest. Another dairyman was Mr Newman who together with Land Army girls sold milk from here. By 1940 Mrs Louise White and Mary Roberts had set up the Lyttelton Cafe with its sign of a Hovis loaf backed by a setting sun. Mrs Roberts baked cakes in the huge oven

and sold them in the shop. In the early 1960's Mr and Mrs Woodhouse and their daughter set up an excellent grocery shop where Brenda specialised in unusual cheeses. It was known as The End Shop. In 1969 the owners of the property, Mr and Mrs Genner carried on the business for a further year.

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might be able to reschedule another patient to take the appointments slot.

The surgery completed the Covid and Flu vaccines in November with many comments that the whole process was quick and efficient. Thank you to PPG members who were able to lend a hand.

At our November meeting we were aiming to complete the 2024 PPG Newsletter.

**Steve Colella - Chairman
Hagley PPG**

HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

It's really pleasing to be able to report that the internal redecoration works in the centre have been completed. We also took the opportunity whilst the centre was closed to replace the lighting to LED and to repair the heating system.

The committee's sincere thanks go to the charity 'Volunteer it Yourself' for helping us taking a massive step forward with the repair and maintenance of the centre. My sincere thanks also go to committee members who worked with the contractors to facilitate the works.

This now gives us a great platform to do other works such as the removable of the outside prefabricated garage stores, complete the roof checks and ceiling repairs, do a general tidy and weather dependent on works on the external cladding and guttering.

We also want to improve the committee room's use and will be looking to introduce a few new features to increase bookings. Along with plans to revise the website I'm looking forward to some very exciting changes to the centre.

As you will be aware the centre relies on our regular hirers, and we want to try to increase the flexibility of hiring the centre to meet the needs of more hirers. This helps generate much needed income to keep the centre going and improving. We have a few seasonal events which I would like to encourage you to support in the centre starting on 14th December the Village Market Christmas special and the WADS performance of 'A Christmas Carol' 10th and 11th January 2025.

**Steve Colella - Chairman
Hagley Community Association**

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I'm aware that several areas in Hagley have set up WhatsApp groups and have benefited from being able to raise issues immediately alerting group members to issues as they arise. These WhatsApp groups don't have to be large, but just to cover a road, or cul-de-sac, or street. It's a great way of letting neighbours know if you're going away or if there is any suspicious behaviour going on.

Please don't forget those that might not use social media and keep in close contact with them to check that everything is ok, especially now that we're in winter and vulnerable and lonely people retreat further when days become shorter. Also, there's nothing like a quick chat on the doorstep making sure neighbours and friends are well and keeping safe.

Police reports have reduced over the last few months, and it might be a timely reminder to report suspicious behaviour as soon as possible to 101, even if you are unsure. It's better to be safe than sorry as you just might be witnessing something that could turn into something more serious.

The usual winter and Christmas warnings apply. Don't forget to ensure that a lamp or two is left on if you're out after dark, tell neighbours if you're going away, and don't leave valuables and Christmas presents in vehicles in clear open sight. It's easy for well-intended gifts left in vehicles to end up with someone that they're not intended for.

Steve Colella
Hagley Neighbourhood Watch
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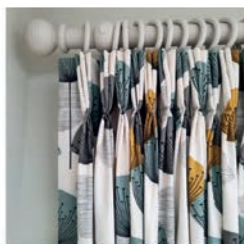
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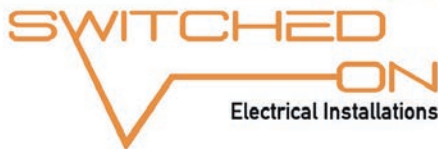
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HAGLEY STRING ORCHESTRA

The Reverend Richard Mudge is not a name that will be known, even to well-versed scholars of music. He was born in 1718, the third of five children, to Zecariah and Mary Mudge, and was educated at Pembroke College, Oxford. He earned his crust in the Church, acting as curate in the villages of Great and Little Packington and then for a time as a priest in Birmingham. Not a great deal is known of his musical education, but in 1749 he published a set of 6 string concertos in the baroque style of Handel, who was at the height of fashion at the time. Hagley String Orchestra has been playing the first of these concertos and we have found it interesting and worthy of wider recognition. The writing shows a great deal of skill and stands comparison with more well-known composers of the time. Perhaps his meagre output has not helped his reputation, but

who knows if there are more manuscripts to be discovered in the attics of old houses in Birmingham and Packington?

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

Merry Christmas Everybody. Seems only yesterday we were saying that to each other a year ago. We now have a lovely, redecorated community centre, love the colours, really light and fresh.

After enjoying the life story of Coco Chanel in our November meeting, we are now all ready to celebrate Christmas together. Our ladies always ensure a delicious buffet for us all to enjoy. After the fun and laughter of last Christmas, where the Committee dressed up and made up to hilarious effect and produced the pantomime, Cinderella, this year we look forward to enjoying entertainment by John Cale. A guitarist and singer, we will be sure to join in and sing a long.....

We also enjoyed a Christmas afternoon with other WI groups within the local area at Blakedown Parish Rooms, enjoying a group playing ukelales, really entertaining. Of course, it wouldn't be complete without our homemade cake.....

As always we've had our monthly clubs Craft Club, Book Club, Coffee Mornings and enjoyed a walk around Hagley, the last of the year until next Spring when hopefully the weather will be good and we can enjoy the spring bulbs. So now, on behalf of Hagley WI, I would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas.

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.

Judi Priest

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GIRLGUIDING IN HAGLEY

In the run up to Christmas all units are very busy and have lots of fun activities planned. There are the usual Christmas parties and lots of Christmas crafts and baking.

Many of the Rainbows and Brownies are off to the Black Country Museum for a Girlguiding Midlands Festive Journey Through Time. This is a Girlguiding take-over of the Museum. Over 3000 Rainbows and Brownies will be attending the event from across the Midlands. Members will take part in fun activities and get to enjoy all that the museum has to offer and of course there will be a badge to be earned at the end of the day. On November 1st Hagley Guides enjoyed an adventurous residential in the Shropshire Countryside.

2nd Hagley Rainbows sang songs around kettle drum fires and many of the units were involved in Remembrance events. Rangers have been working on their Pamper Night Badge developed by 2nd Hagley Brownies and have had fun making their own pamper products.

Many young members over 14 are now participating in the exciting new Young Leader Development Programme which is helping to inspire leaders of the future.



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Hagley Rotary Club Appreciates Your Help. Continuing with the humanitarian aid project for Ukraine, our Rotary Club held several fund-raising events including to which the people of Hagley have been most generous with their donations and support. Rotary and people of Ukraine are very grateful.

The emergency supplies collected finally left our storage and was sent overseas to the needy people of Ukraine. We are continuing to collect on their behalf and hope to send another consignment early in the new year.

On the 25th November the AbenGarth duo entertained a full club and guest evening with country and folk music which was very well received, which continued throughout December with our annual Christmas Evening Party.

Our Rotary club is always open to speakers who would like to come to a meeting and tell us about their experiences and charities, so if you would like to tell the club more, give us a call on one of the phone numbers below.

In December the Rotary month is dedicated to fighting and preventing disease. Rotary and

Rotarians are committed to helping people to live healthy lives. Our signature project in this area is Polio Eradication. But polio is not the only disease or aspect of healthy living on which Rotarians have expended energies.

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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VILLAGE LADIES

Hello Village Ladies. Who can believe that we are in the last month of 2024, when we are thinking of decorations, tinsel, roast potatoes, cards, turkey and so on but let's hope we can take some time to stop and think about the real meaning of Christmas. This month, there is a look back at our two October meetings. The first was on the 8th when we all met our new house groups and the second on the 22nd when we held a special meeting to discuss the future of Village Ladies. This proved to be a very useful and productive evening and the committee will be looking at all the ideas put forward. This month, we only have one meeting

which is on December 10th when we hold our 'Christmas Celebrations'. Remember, our new start time for every meeting is 7.30 for 7.45 and we meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at St. Saviour's Church Hall. For further information call Anne Poole **01562 885556** or Ann Pagett **01562 882692**.

Ann Pagett



BEE KEEPING

For humans, it's autumn, but for insects, it marks the Fruiting period - a time to prepare for Dormancy. Soon, by the end of October, they will enter a season where survival against the cold and damp becomes critical, waiting until the days lengthen and temperatures rise again. The honeybee colony, in particular, reduces in size to around ten thousand bees. To endure the winter, they form a tight "winter cluster" on their combs, generating warmth through sheer numbers and sustaining themselves by consuming the honey collected during the warm Flowering season. As long as they stay dry and sheltered from the wind, they can thrive through the winter. If you want to learn more about the fascinating world of beekeeping, why not enroll in a Beginner's Course in Beekeeping next February? Details are available at **www.hsbka.org**.

THE ARTS SOCIETY - STOURBRIDGE

Last month's lecture was 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. 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 COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Unfortunately, we were unable to play at the Hagley 'Big Switch On' of the Christmas Lights after all. The outdoors was unsuitable for our stringed instruments and the Free Church venue where we hoped to play wasn't considered central enough in the final plans. Instead, we are very much looking forward to accompanying Advent hymns with organist Marjorie Davies in the service at Hagley Free Church on Sunday morning 15th December at 10.30am. We hope to see you there! **Cynthia Downes - Musical Director**

WORDSLEY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY - WADS

WADS members are about to bring a newly adapted version of the classic festive ghost tale by Charles Dickens. "A Christmas Carol", adapted by Mark Edwards, will tell the story of the Victorian miser, Ebenezer Scrooge. He is visited by his former (now deceased) business partner, Jacob Marley who warns him of the events about to unfold. Ebenezer's conscience is tested by the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future in an attempt to prove that everyone has the ability to change.

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.

WADS are always on the look-out for new members. There is a variety of things you can get involved with - on stage, back stage, front of house, set design, patrons, set building, wardrobe, make up, props... the list is endless. The main thing is our passion for local amateur theatre. For more information contact Maggie on **07505 269 825**

Andrew Rock



ART CLUB

So, the Exhibition is over for another year, a year's work sweated over and finally exposed to the public gaze.

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It makes you feel as though maybe you could try something different. Industrial Landscape for instance? Good job we have one of the best exponents of Black Country industrial art, Keith Turley coming to give our December demonstration, then. See you there!

Don't forget to check out our other exhibition at Himley Hall, moved from October now to 12th December, no hurry though, it's on till 4th April.

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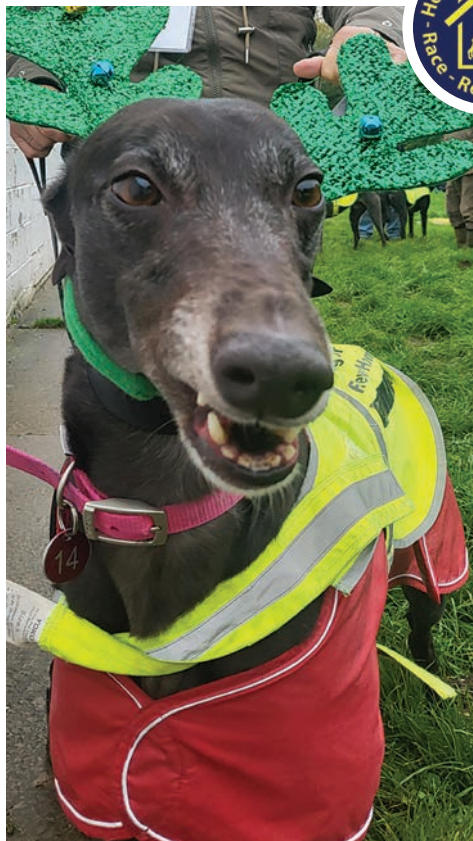
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would love his own garden to play in. Ada is a gorgeous little pocket rocket, 4-year-old, black girl! She walks well but likes a fast pace and enthusiastically enjoys squirrel watching! She seems to enjoy walking alongside other greyhounds, loves meeting people and had no issues with other breeds whilst out and about.

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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.

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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WFDNCNT is your local National Trust support Group raising funds for local NT properties to preserve them for future generations. We meet at Blakedown Parish Rooms, during most of the year on the second Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm for interesting talks. During the winter months we meet in the afternoon at 2.30pm at the same venue on the second Wednesday in the month. This month on we have Dorothy Nicholle coming to talk about the History of Nursery Rhymes at 2.30pm on Wednesday 13th December. Do come and join us for a relaxing afternoon enjoying our speaker's topic.

Our new programme will begin in January when I can hopefully inform you about our latest schedule. In addition to our

monthly talks, there is an opportunity to go to Symphony Hall by coach, day trips in the summer months by coach or car share and a week long holiday .

Why not come along as a visitor and see if you enjoy the meeting, there is a modest charge. For further information please visit **www.wyreforestntcentre.co.uk**

Toni Allison on behalf of WFDNCNT



HAGLEY U3A

The next U3A monthly meeting is our Christmas lunch in St Saviour's Church Hall, 12.30 for 13.00, on Wednesday 4 December (admission by ticket). There will also be a Christmas wreath-making session on Friday 6 December at Hagley Community Centre, 10am - 12pm, entry £15. Looking ahead to next year, our first 2025 session is on 8 January in St Saviour's and will feature an Arts and Crafts afternoon. This

is to be interactive, engaging the general membership and demonstrating their skills. More details are on our website at **<https://hagley.u3asite.uk/welcome>** or from the Chair, Jane Mottram, via **01562 888219 / janemottram42@gmail.com**

u3a Hagley

HAGLEY FREE CHURCH
95 Worcester Road, Hagley DY9 0NG



Hagley Free Church
Established 1905



As we approach the festive season, marking off each day on the Advent calendar, Christmas is all about Jesus Christ: It's His festival. His Birth, the Angels, the Shepherds, the Star and the Wise Men are part of the celebration, but also is His life, and His ultimate sacrifice on the cross for all humanity. God is so close to us, because

He was born as one of us. The truth is there for all to see. Don't take this precious season and valuable time for granted. Discover, or maybe even re-discover what was really going on in that Bethlehem stable: God is indeed with us! HFC wish you a joyful and peaceful Christmas
Revd Tim

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2024

Date		Morning 10.30am
01st December 2024	Communion	Rev. Tim Mullings
08th December 2024		Mr. Ian Carnell
15th December 2024		Rev. Tim Mullings
24th December 2024	Carol Service (4pm)	Rev. Tim Mullings
25th December 2024	Christmas Day	Pastor David Umbers
29th December 2024		Mrs. Marjorie Davies

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

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

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We wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas!

Wednesday 4 December: Ex Cathedra Christmas Music by candlelight, 7.30pm at St John's. Tickets available via Eventbrite.
Thursday 5 December: Clent Mothers' Union meeting, 2.00pm at Clent Parish Hall – Christmas music with Harry Grove.
Thursday 5 December: Bishop Martin will license Revd Tom Owen at 7.00pm at St John's Church, Hagley.
Thursday 12 December: Hagley Mothers' Union Advent Service 2.30pm in at St Saviour's Church followed by seasonal refreshments in the Church Hall.
Sunday 15 December: Trombone Concert at St John's 3 pm – Christmas music with refreshments. Free entry.

SUNDAY WORSHIP & CHRISTMAS SERVICES FOR HAGLEY AND CLENT - DECEMBER 2024

Date	Services
01st December 2024 Advent Sunday	10.30am Holy Communion at St John's 10.30am Christingle at St Leonard's
08th December 2024	10.30am Holy Communion/Sunday Club at St Saviour's
15th December 2024	10.30am Holy Communion at St John's 10.30am Café Church - Family Service at St Saviour's 3.00pm Trombone Concert at St John's - free entry
22nd December 2024	10.30am Nine Lessons and Carols at St John's 6.30pm Carol Service at St Leonard's
24th December 2024 Christmas Eve	3.00pm Crib Service at St Leonard's 5.00pm Crib Service at St Saviour's 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion at St John's 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion at St Leonard's
25th December 2024 Christmas Day	10.30am Service at St Saviour's
29th December 2024	10.30am 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 Pewsheets (details as above). Holy Communion is held in St Leonard's at 10.30 am on the 1st 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
ACTIVE TOTS Hagley Library 2.15-2.45pm
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
BELBROUGHTON TODDLER GROUP Belbroughton Church Hall 9.30-11.30am
PRE=SCHOOL PLAY Clent Parish Hall 10.30-11.30am

TUESDAY
LITTLE BABS PLAYGROUP St Kenelm's Church Hall, Romsley 9:30-11.00am Call Laura 07525 476339
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
SATURDAY
LEGO CLUB 5+ Hagley Library 2.30-3.30pm

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HAGLEY LIBRARY

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