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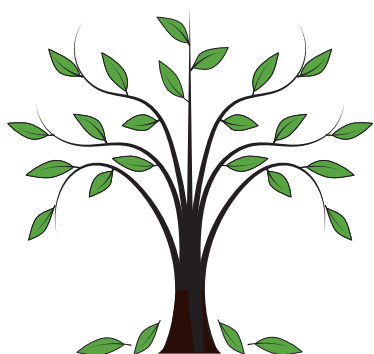
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Welcome to February

This month we celebrate all things romantic as we embrace St Valentine - so lets see what all you love bugs out there have in mind! Perhaps it will be a romantic stroll with your nearest and dearest to enjoy a beautiful sunset like the one on our front cover. Maybe it will be a delicious hot chocolate snuggled up in a cosy cafe or a beautiful twilight meal by a cosy open fire. Whatever you decide upon - Hagley and the surrounding villages are all beautiful places to spread that loving feeling ♥♥♥♥♥

This month we have a few updates for you of what's going on in the community. Starting with the Hagley Helpline - they will be holding their AGM next month in March so please see page 6 for more details of when and where this will be. Try and pop along if you can and support this very valuable community service

We have news from the very talented Hagley Theatre Group of a new production they have been working on that will be taking place soon - "Into The Woods". Further information

about this can be found on page 8. They always put on a superb show, so why not grab your tickets as soon as you can for a lovely evening or matinee performance!

On pages 24 and 25 we bring you another "Old shops" feature. We look at the many changes that have taken place over the decades at number 121 Worcester Road - this is now known as the delightful and very popular "CUP" coffee shop.

And a reminder to you all to make good use of our much loved community centre. It's available for the public to hire - so whether you want to hold a one off event or a regular group or class then drop a message to Nick - **bookings@hagley.uk** for more details.

So we leave it there for now folks as we wish you all a good February and very loved up St Valentine's Day - PS: It's February 14th - enjoy!

Alison Akers Editor

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COMMUNITY CENTRE TIMETABLE 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ACTIVE SENIORS Happy Hearts 9.30-10.30am			LITTLE TREASURES 10.00-11.30am	PILATES WITH YASMIN 9.45am (Female Fit) 10.30am (Mummy & Me)	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		
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On 4th March, we are pleased to welcome local musician and storyteller Dr. Richard Churchley back to entertain us with 'A Century of Popular Songs: 1860s to 1960s'

Join Richard as he takes you on a musical journey through the decades, singing some of your favourite songs and sharing fun facts about their historical context. You'll get to enjoy a bit of nostalgia, whether it's from hearing these tunes on the radio or remembering when they were sung by our parents and grandparents. We encourage lots of audience participation, and with great music you're sure to have a fun night!

Visitors are most welcome at all our events. See hhfs.org.uk for more details and contact information.

Rachel Paget - Secretary



ACTIVE SENIORS

Do your bones need some exercise? Not just your body but specifically your bones? We perhaps think of how we need to exercise for our muscles or our heart but possibly not exercises that helps to keep our bone density on track. The Royal Osteoporosis Society (theros.org.uk) reminds us that bones are made of living tissues but as we get older, we start to lose bone strength. The good news is that staying active and incorporating exercise into our week can help to keep our bones strong and less likely to break.

So what should we do? Exercise should (ideally) be weight bearing with some impact and include muscle strengthening exercises. Exercises that involve a range of movements in different directions and at different speeds are ideal but of course we also need to work on our balance as most fractures occur when we fall. So if we work on our balance as well we should reduce our falls risk and therefore our fracture risk.

I would recommend everyone check out the Royal Osteoporosis Society website – not just if you have been diagnosed with the condition but for information about how to check your risk factors and how to keep your bones strong. Of course the strength and balance classes held at the community centre each week are a good place to start too!

If you would like to find out more about how they help then give Angela a ring on **07512 546480**



HAGLEY SCOUT HUT TIMETABLE 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Jess PERFORMANCE HUB 8.30-1.00pm
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On November 26 did anyone see Sir Oliver Cromwell in Hagley? Well, I did, along with 44 others who were members and guests at our November meeting. His presence was in the persona of Max Keen, a retired history teacher, who dressed in the uniform of Cromwell, complete with spurs and helmet.

Before becoming involved in politics, Cromwell (nee 1599) was a farmer in Huntingdon, married with 9 children. These were turbulent times, with the country divided by religion and the King at odds with Parliament. In 1629 Charles I dissolved Parliament and at this point Cromwell, being opposed to the King's autocratic rule, joined the uprising against him and Civil War broke out. Cromwell raised an army, and the first battle of the War was fought at Powick Bridge. Subsequent battles were fought at Marston

Moore and then at Naseby in 1647 when the Royalists were routed. Charles I was executed, and Charles II became King but was defeated at the battle of Worcester and fled to France. England then became a Commonwealth. Cromwell died in 1658.

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 Theatre Group



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HCK Badminton's season is now in full swing, with the majority of matches having been played in both the Cradley and Worcester leagues. For members and visitors (please contact us first if you wish to visit), play is usually on Tuesdays from 7pm to 10pm, and on Fridays from 8pm to 10pm, at Hagley Catholic High School Sports Hall. Membership is subject to availability at the time of applying, as we occasionally have a waiting list.

Following the success of our first tranche of adult coaching sessions for beginners and improvers, which ran up to Christmas, our second tranche of coaching sessions is now underway. We would encourage anyone who is interested in attending to contact us, to secure a place for future sessions. 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.



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'!

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!**Sandy Thomas**



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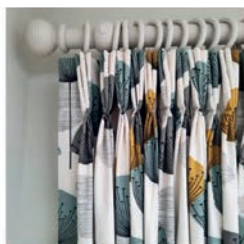
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HAGLEY STRING ORCHESTRA

One of the pieces we are playing this term is a version of Mozart's String Quartet No 19, sometimes referred to as the 'Dissonance' Quartet. It is unusual to think of Mozart and dissonance in the same sentence, because he is normally associated with the height of classical elegance and harmony. However, the slow opening of this quartet certainly raises an eyebrow or two, containing harmonic progressions that you would not expect to hear before the 20th century.

Indeed, the publisher in 1785 returned the score assuming there must be multiple copying errors. 'Barbarous, and 'execrable' were two words used by reviewers at the time to describe the opening of the quartet. Haydn, to whom the quartet is dedicated, defended Mozart claiming that, "if Mozart wrote it, he must have meant it".

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

February can be a cruel month as far as weather goes. I always think in February, the worst of winter is behind us and we've certainly seen our share of storms this winter.

While January is known for making resolutions of change, February feels the time to put these changes into action.

At Hagley WI we always vote on the resolutions for action for the year. aim to bring change for the better for everyone and where it is needed.

February also sees us welcoming Sue Merrill who is talking to us regarding her life and book entitled From One Pig To Another. She will be telling us about her life as a Mounted Policewoman then changing direction to becoming a Pig Farmer. That's a real Change.

But not all change has to be large. One of our most popular groups is the Craft Group. So, this year we have made changes!

Now, not only will we have a craft group where we can all learn new and exciting crafts from Dorset Buttons to sketching, we are also adding now a Knit and Natter group for all of our knitting and crochet ladies. And of course, along with the natter will be Coffee and Cake. No, February isn't such a bad month.

We meet the second Monday of each month at Hagley Community Centre 2.00pm till 4.00pm. If you want to know more about Hagley WI, please contact Judi on **Tel: 07890 117097** or email: **judipriest1@gmail.com**

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The Rotary Club of Hagley enjoyed their Christmas celebrations in December at the Blakedown and Churchill Golf ending a full year of activities.

President Bill Harris expressed his gratitude to the members and our guests for the fundraising which had enable us to give generously to food banks and other local charities as well as providing a shelter pack for the Garda Homeless.

For Rotarians the coming month of January is dedicated to their vocational service. This involves the promotion of the highest ethical standards in all occupations, including fair treatment of employers, employees, associates, competitors, and the public. We seek to recognise and commend the contribution of our own vocational talents to solving the problems of society and meeting the needs of the community 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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GIRLGUIDING IN HAGLEY

We reflect on the year we have had in Girlguiding as leaders start to plan for the new term. Last year saw a wealth of opportunities for girls involved in Girlguiding in Hagley.

Units have taken part in visits to; museums, a pantomime, Lush at Merry Hill to make bath products, the Christmas Market in Stratford, The Think Tank, Cinemas, Swimming Pools and Water Parks. Through Girlguiding girls have tried; sledging, tubing, climbing, zip wires, high rope trails, canoeing, paddleboarding, cooking on a fire, baking and making many sorts of crafts. They have taken part in community events, had fun with other units from the wider area with County Fun Days and Region Events. Girls have slept in tents of course but also, in halls, at adventure centres, on a canal barge, in a shark tunnel at the Sea Life Centre and in the Imagination Street soft play venue.

Girls have represented their County in Mexico and been selected to represent their County next year in Finland.

One of the mottos of Girlguiding is that "Girls Can Do Anything", there is no doubt that girls in Hagley have proved this to be true last year. In short, they have had lots and lots of fun and some amazing adventures. None of this would be possible without the dedicated volunteers who give up their time to run meetings and activities. If you are interested in joining our team please visit **www.girlguiding.org.uk** and follow the instructions on how to join us.



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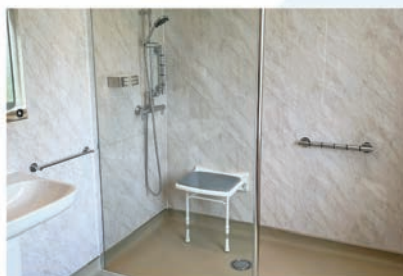


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VILLAGE LADIES

Hi Village Ladies. Our only meeting last December was on the 10th when we held our Christmas Celebrations with the usual delicious, shared supper and an evening of fun and games.

Now we look forward to this month. On the 11th Mike Bottomley is telling us about 'Rudyard Kipling' and on the 25th we have '50s The Optimistic Decade' by Philip Bowen. As usual we meet in St Saviour's Church Hall at 7:30 for 7:45pm.

For further details please ring Anne Poole **01562 885556** or Ann Pagett **01562 882692** or email annpagett@tiscali.co.uk

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 this month? Details are available at www.hsbka.org.

HAGLEY COUNTRY DANCERS

February is described in an old country rhyme. February, fill the dyke, Be it black or be it white, If it be white, the better to like. Whether February fills the dykes with black rain or white snow, Hagley Country Dancers will continue to meet on Monday afternoons. The weather may still be cold but the welcome is as warm as ever, to our new members as well as to those of many years standing. If you are still looking for a new social activity for 2025, Hagley Country Dancers offers an opportunity to spend an enjoyable Monday afternoon in friendly company. There is plenty of parking via Chapel Street. There is no charge for a first visit, subsequently the cost is £3.00 per person. For more information, ring June Waterhouse **01562 700639**

HAGLEY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Our rehearsals began again on Thursday January 9th, with 3 more rehearsals taking place on January 16th, 23rd and 30th, all in the upper room of Hagley Free Church, 5.30-7pm. We will be practising for our concert in St Anne's Church, Bewdley, on March 30th at 3pm. If you would like to join us in the orchestra, please text or phone **07545 773 139 - Cynthia Downes, Musical Director**

ART CLUB

So onwards towards the end of the winter (hopefully) and we have Jilly Oxiade-Arnott to demonstrate her unique watercolour and fine line pen Architectural Impressions and because it is still winter, there is always a silver lining.

The silver lining in this case being our Zoom demos, where you don't even have to step out of your door. Following last month's session by Peter Keegan, we have Tom Shepherd on the 25th February, two very popular, and well known artists to our club, but all from the comfort of your own home.

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, on Tuesday afternoons, ring Sue on **07831487648** or email for details Why not join for £25 per year and a small entrance fee? We are incredible value without compromising on the calibre of visiting artists.

Sallie Gurney - Website Editor



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This month meet Mason, a 4 year old black boy who has an easy going nature. Mason is beginning to discover the big wide world enjoying lots of local walks and trips to the park with our volunteers. He travels well in the car and walks well on the lead and is generally calm around other dogs. He will show off his dancing skills with a little twirl when he spots a squirrel but is typically easy to handle. He can be little unsure and nervous at times and enjoys a reassuring chin scratch, but with more trips out, will get more used to life beyond the kennels.

Mason is a friendly boy with a brilliantly waggy tail who is a pleasure to hang out with. If you would like to hang out with Mason, please get in touch.

Katy Rees (Volunteer)
Hello@homerunhounds.co.uk



WORDSLEY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY - WADS

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Jane Goldsmith



HAGLEY VILLAGE ALLOTMENTS

As we enter a new year and a new growing season, we hope the Greek god of harvest Demeter is smiling down on us all - but also that her sister Poseidon is not! We need 2025 to be just enough dry and just enough wet - not the extremes that 2024 continually threw at us!

We've actually had a busy winter at the allotment. The onions, shallots and brassicas are all currently present and correct - with nothing yet washed away or frost bitten! But I did see some cat-sized pigeons stalking the joint - I fear they were what ended the all-too-brief lives of last summer's extensive sunflower and pumpkin plants.

There's nothing like a fresh notebook twinned with new year enthusiasm to get the plot planning grey cells working. We seem to have endless lists of ideas, seeds and a potting schedule - let's see how quickly we fall behind with it!

The sweet peas continue to do well in my greenhouse and the lasagne planted pots are done, albeit a little later than I'd have liked! These were a great success last year -

as well as being deeply satisfying to see the sequential layers of spring flowers.

Once my winter wreath is on the decline I can't wait to restyle it in a spring one. You know better days are coming when the daffodils are back on the shelves!

James and Anna



THE ARTS SOCIETY - STOURBRIDGE

6th February 2025 – Our next lecture is entitled “THE TWO GUSTAVS”. In 1897 Gustav Klimt and colleagues broke away from the imperially endorsed art institutions in Vienna and founded the Secession. In that year Gustav Mahler arrived to take charge of the opera house in the city. Our lecturer Gavin Plumley compares these two fin-de-siècle talents and finds what fundamentally links and indeed, divides them. If you would like

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HAGLEY U3A

As usual (after the brief hiccup in January), our main meeting will be on the first Wednesday of the month, and this February Chris O'Grady is taking us "Travelling round Japan on a couch"... (No, it's not a typo!) That's at 1.45 pm on 5 February in St Saviour's Church Hall. Then on Friday, 14 February, there's a Valentine's Day tour of Hagley Hall, starting at 10.30 am at £8.50 each. The tearoom there will be open. On 14 March the following month we'll be visiting the new

glass museum at Wordsley at 11am, and the £12 price includes coffee and biscuits. Details of all our 2025 activities are on our website at **<https://hagley.u3asite.uk/welcome>**. If you want to book for our Friday trips, contact Andrea Price on **07787 501 076**

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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.

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