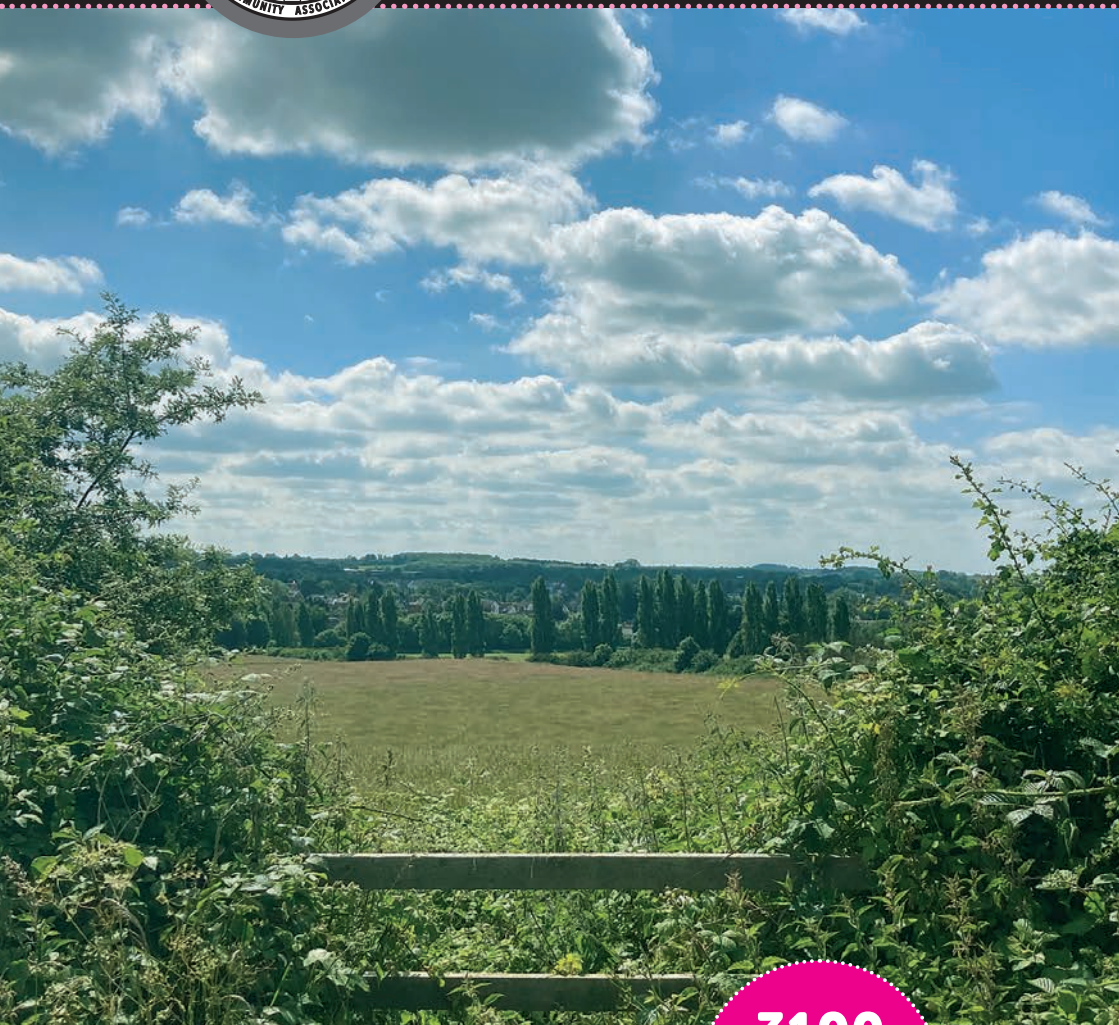




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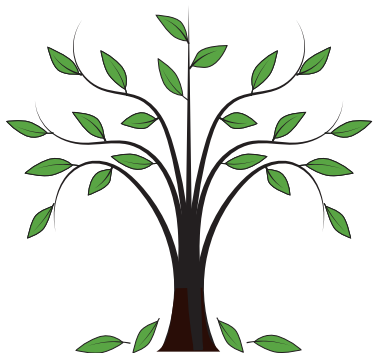
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Welcome to March

Hello all you lovely folks - a big welcome to our first spring issue of the Village News.

First in this March edition we'd like to highlight a lovely new report from The Friends of The Church of St John Baptist. We've not heard from them for a while so it's a real pleasure to be able to once again feature them in them in our village magazine. They will be celebrating their 45th birthday with various events taking place throughout the year - visit page 6 to find out more about 'The Friends' their history and their mission.

Just another quick reminder that the Hagley Hepline's AGM is being held on the 19th of this month - more info also on page 6. Please pop along if you can.

On pages 24 and 25 we have updates from Steve Colella and Hagley Parish Council on the all important happenings in the community. If you're feeling green finge ed then there are some allotments up for grabs - if you fancy snapping one up and growing

your own then there is form available on the Parish website - just print it off and fill it i

We need to mention Home Run Hounds - they are still on the lookout for homes for Hughie and Tim. If you or anyone you know can offer either of these gorgeous greyhounds a loving and comfortable abode to rest their beautiful heads and long legs then head over to page 29 for more details. We dare you not to resist!

We have a really interesting article in the issue about Blood Bikes. Severn Freewheelers are a charity of volunteers who transport items such as blood, medicines, sample etc across Worcestershire, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and North Wiltshire. They're looking for more riders, despatchers and also donations - so if you can help in anyway then please see page 32 for more information.

Happy reading - hope you enjoy this month's News - catch up again in April.

Alison Akers Editor

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On April 1st, join us for a talk by Alan Hill, a retired manufacturing systems consultant, on 'The Great Exhibition of 1851.' Held in Hyde Park, London, from May to October 1851, this international event was organized by Prince Albert and Henry Cole (who invented the

Christmas card). It aimed to showcase Britain's industrial leadership. The exhibition's iconic building was a marvel of iron and glass, built in just 8 months using modular, prefabricated design and was made almost exclusively in Birmingham and Smethwick. Six million people attended, and enjoyed displays like the velocipede (precursor to the bicycle), the image telegraph (early fax machine), and the world's first public toilets!

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

Rachel Paget - Secretary



RAIL SERVICE - STOURBRIDGE LINE USER GROUP

Any readers that have used the train service from Hagley station will be aware that the timetable has varied considerably over the years as has the standard of train service on offer. Last year Hagley saw the reintroduction of regular through services beyond Kidderminster to Hartlebury, Droitwich and Hagley's county town of Worcester cutting out, on average, a 15 minute wait for Hagley passengers at Kidderminster for these destinations. What may not be so well known is that this improvement was very much down to the championing of this change by a group of volunteers dedicated to improving the train service along the Stourbridge railway line. This group is the Stourbridge Line User Group or SLUG for short. They independently monitor all things connected with the train service and meet regularly with train operators and planners as well as government bodies, like West Midlands Rail Executive, to press and lobby for improvements. These improvements do not just involve the current train service

but also involve long term strategic planning discussions with the various authorities. Currently they are in discussion about the best use of the rail corridor from Stourbridge through Brierley Hill and Dudley to Wednesbury and their independently produced paper on the subject has been included in a current feasibility study being carried out by Transport for West Midlands. Other more immediate issues being championed are better Sunday services and better direct train services between Kidderminster, Stourbridge and London. SLUG membership costs a very modest sum for a year so if any local residents are interested in supporting their work or even become involved in their campaigns, they would be most welcome as members. The quarterly newsletter has been recognised nationally in recent years and has won a number of awards as best rail user group newsletter in the UK. Their website for further information can be found at www.stourbridgelineusergroup.info

THE FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN BAPTIST HAGLEY - CELEBRATING 45 YEARS

In the 1100's a small stone church was built in the grounds of Hagley Hall. Over the years new churches were built and improved and enlarged so that today St John's Church is a beautiful place to visit, sitting next to Hagley Hall, the Deer Park and Hagley Cricket Club. In the 1970's the Church needed much repair and faced closure as the Parochial Church Council (PCC) did not have sufficient funds for repairs etc. However, a small group of people were determined to keep the Church open and set about raising much needed funds. To ensure ongoing repair and maintenance a Trust Deed was set up in 1980 called "The Friends of St John". The Aims and Objects of the Trust Deed were set and these can be viewed on the Charity Commission website: <https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search/-/charity-details/5194161/governing-document>.

Despite the Pandemic and with continuing help from the local community "The Friends" continue to raise, many thousands of pounds to ensure this beautiful Church remains a focal point in the life Hagley Village. This year "The Friends" are celebrating both it's 45th birthday and also a new beginning post Pandemic. The Trustees of "The Friends" will be considering how best to ensure St John's remains an important part of Village Life. To begin these celebrations, Eva Corlett will, in June, be hosting a very special Coffee Morning in St John's at which Michael Jones, the celebrated organist and pianist will be playing. Other events will take place later in the year. Finally, St John's and the Churchyard are open every day, why not pop along to see how peaceful and lovely it is – you will be surprised.

Tony Battersby - Trustee
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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 almost complete. We would encourage anyone who is interested in attending to contact us, to secure a place for planned 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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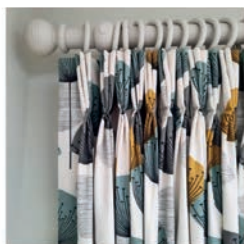
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March brings the promise of spring, with warmer weather and cheery daffodils, but also winter's final sting in the tail. It is therefore good to be playing pieces at this time which reflect the optimism and hope of the season. One such piece is the 'Serenade for Strings' by Josef Suk. If you have not heard of him before, he was a Czech composer and violinist (1874-1935) who was reputed to be a favourite student of Dvorak. In fact, he became 'family' when he married Dvorak's daughter. Strangely, he was awarded a silver medal at the 1932 Olympics, not for any sporting prowess, but for a piece of music (a symphonic march called, 'into a new life'). However, the honour was a back-handed compliment as no gold medal was awarded, suggesting that the judges didn't think the

piece worthy of the ultimate accolade. I would recommend listening to the 'Serenade', though, as it's definitely gold medal standard. 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



GIRLGUIDING IN HAGLEY

It has been a busy start to 2025 for all units in Hagley with much to celebrate. Guides Rangers and Young Leaders enjoyed a January Sleepover at Imagination Street in Redditch where they took over the venue for a night of trampolining and playing in the soft play area. Rainbows, Brownies and Guides enjoyed a visit to the Stourbridge Pantomime to see Sleeping Beauty where everyone enjoyed the audience participation and some members of our district got onto the stage. Rainbows have been celebrating the Chinese Lunar Year. 2nd Hagley Guides have had a CSI re-enactment to help them to complete their investigation badge. Rangers have started work on their Sparkle Badge in conjunction with the New Life Charity where they will be

exploring challenges faced by others in society. They enjoyed learning Braille by making braille biscuits and spelling out positive messages. We are looking forward to lighter nights but in the meantime some units will be enjoying torchlight walks in the local area. All units marked World Thinking Day by thinking about Guiding around the world and raising money for the World Association of Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGS) to support Guiding activities across the World. 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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On Sunday March 30th at 3pm in St Anne's Church, Bewdley, Hagley Community Orchestra will be giving the first concert of the Music for Sanctuary series 2025 (raising funds for the homeless). We will be playing music by Händel, Elgar, Vangelis, Simon & Garfunkel and Andrew Downes. We promise you a very enjoyable afternoon! Admission is free and there will be a retiring collection at the end. Please come and support this important charity, founded by Anna Downes, who has received an award from the High Sheriff of Worcestershire for her fundraising concerts in aid of the homeless. **Cynthia Downes, Musical Director**

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The Club enjoyed a good start to the year with speakers from Blakedown Day Nursery and Mary's Meals, two very worthy supportable courses. We dispatched a large consignment of equipment and supplies to Ukraine which was greatly appreciated. The people of Hagley have been most generous at this time of year, and we are still collecting for our next contribution in the spring. In addition to transport, we are looking to send urgently needed:

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HAGLEY WI

They say March 'Roars in like a lion and out like a lamb'. I don't know if that's always true but knowing that Easter is a few weeks away always makes March a lovely month and certainly tames the lion. Easter is a favourite time of year for the WI when we will be decorating our Easter Bonnets, and some are very elaborate..... We have ribbons, fl wers, bows and of course chicks and rabbits. Each lady decorates her hat, followed by an 'Easter Parade' just around the hall. There will most likely be chocolate eggs around the hall too.....

Before then, we have a very important date to celebrate. Saturday March 8th is International Women's Day. An anniversary never missed by Hagley WI. From the women who fought so bravely to give every woman the vote and all the women who worked so hard during world wars to help secure victory to the women of today.

This year, our craft group have been asked to make White Poppies. A symbol for peace. There will be lots of various poppies made from paper and material to the knitted and crocheted variety. As with every month, alongside our craft group is our Knit & Natter group, Book Club, Coffee Mornings and hopefully our walking club, weather permitting.

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: hagleypres@wfedwi.org.uk

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HAGLEY PATIENTS PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

At our January meeting with the senior clinician team, we asked about the new triage system. Triage is a process where the clinicians try to allocate resources based on the type of problems presented and clinical need. Patients will be asked to fill in an online form to detail what their concerns or problems are. This will then be looked at by the GP who will then decide the appropriate clinical action. The doctor or reception team will reply to the patient with either a prescription, telephone appointment, face to face appointment or clinical advice. If you wish, you can still phone up the surgery, where a reception care navigator will take the information and add it to the triage list. This new system will allow doctors to decide which is the

most appropriate type of appointment for each patient and will be clinician led. You are still able to call up the surgery as normal and ask the team to take your details. The main difference is that the receptions will not be able to book appointments directly and will respond back once the clinician has looked at the problem. The surgery is hoping that this new model will allow more timely appointments for those with most need and to make use of the wider clinical team to help with ensure the best clinical care.

Look out for the PPG latest Newsletter. You'll find it in the library, churches and other public places.

**Steve Colella - Chairman
Hagley PPG**

HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Historically Neighbourhood Watch has revolved around reporting crime and supporting the Police wherever it can. Understanding how this has changed over the years I'm keen to see that it remains relative and that it plays an active role in our community. For these reasons I'm talking to a couple of stakeholders from Hagley that might partner with the Hagley Neighbourhood Watch to form an added dimension as part of a Community Watch aspect. The Hagley Neighbourhood Watch will act as a conduit for residents to support neighbours who might need help, especially if they are vulnerable or feeling isolated. These partners will help either directly or be able to point them in the direction of other

healthcare professionals. We'll give this a go and see if we can't bring Hagley's community closer together. More details will follow as soon as possible.

I have asked the Policing Team to attend the Monthly Village Market in the community centre with their 'drop-in' sessions as I feel that there would be more opportunity for them to engage with residents.

Please remember that its important to report any suspicious behaviour or crime to 101. In cases of emergency always report it immediately to 999.

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

HAGLEY PROBUS CLUB

Hagley Probus Club offers a warm welcome to professional and business gentlemen from Hagley and district. A place to share ideas and information, coordinate opportunities for friendship, fellowship, and social interaction. Activities include a monthly lunch time meeting with speaker and occasional outings and social events.

Please contact Alan Hess **07967 590219** for further details.



HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Hagley Community Association held it's AGM in early January where reports were received from various committee members into the activities for the year 24/25. The meeting heard how the costs of producing the Village News have increased significantly which is affecting the surplus from the receipt of the advertising revenue which is a very valuable income towards the repair and maintenance of centre. The recent problems with the heating system were discussed. The repair and replacement parts were agreed and works are due to take place by the end of January. The hire of the hall remained strong with most evenings being booked, whilst the committee room does offer more availability it remains under booked. I presented a look back over the year and thanked committee members for all their

help and support and numerous hours of volunteer time put into the centre. Without their support and dedication much of what we do would not be possible. I also thanked the groups, charities and activity groups that hire the centre for their continued support. They are our customers, and we appreciate their perseverance whilst we tackle some of the problems we face and for their patience whilst we plan the next phase of the centre's upgrade of our priorities.

I'm very pleased to report the return of the Hagley Theatre Group (under a different name) to the centre and look forward to their first performance towards the end of March. Watch out for more details coming soon.

**Steve Colella - Chairman
Hagley Community Association**

HAGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

If you've ever fancied becoming greener fingered, we currently have a few free allotment plots available. The allotment garden on Church Street has a mix of half and quarter plots and each tenant has access to a communal shed for storing tools and a water tap. More information about fees is detailed on our website. If you're interested, simply print and complete the form on our website and return to the **clerk@hagleyparishcouncil.gov.uk** or request a form from the Parish office on **01562 885253**.

Earlier this year, Councillor David Lawson, Chairman of the Parish Council, met with our local MP Bradley Thomas and raised several issues that residents have raised with us. Drugs within the village has been an ongoing problem and not just amongst young people. There have been many reports of adults buying/taking drugs in various establishments, which needs to be stamped out.

Councillor Lawson discussed the independent business community and support that may

be available, especially in light of changes to employer NI contributions. Other points discussed was speeding/cruising and if West Mercia Police could introduce new measures for example, High Court Injunctions, especially on the A456. The proposed local government unitarisation was also touched upon and we're seeking clarification on what this would mean for District Councillors, County Councillors and Parish Councillors and more importantly our residents.

The Annual Parish Meeting is set for 7pm on March 10th and all are welcome. It's an ideal opportunity for you to get up to date with the work of Hagley Parish Council and meet the Councillors. The meeting will take place in Hagley Pavilion. To stay up to date with news and information, give our Facebook page a 'like' and keep an eye on the website.

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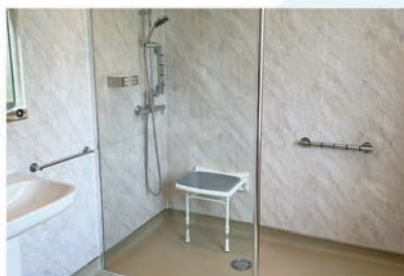


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a fall and the affect this has had on them, whether its an injury, a broken bone or a loss of confidence. And what about flexibility? The ability to reach to put on shoes and socks, the shoulder movement to reach up to that top shelf? So if all these things are important to you then perhaps you should consider exercise?? If you would like to discuss what options there are in Hagley then call Angela for a chat on **07512 546480**



BEE KEEPING

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VILLAGE LADIES

Hi Village Ladies. Is it too soon to start thinking about packing away the winter woolies? Maybe not as long as we don't put them too far away!

Hopefully Spring is just around the corner. Now here's a brief look back to our first two meetings of this year.. on January 14th Alan Peace gave us a warning 'Never Work with Children or Animals'.

We had to get out the WD40 (other oils are available) to lubricate our brains for the quiz on 28th. Our first meeting this month is on 11th when Alan Tumber's title is 'Rhyme nor Reason' and the second is on 25th when

Rosemary Winnal MBE will be revealing what happens 'Between the Tides'.

As usual we meet on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month at 7.30 for 7.45pm start in St Saviour's Church Hall. If you would like to join us and need more details please ring **Anne Poole 885556, Ann Pagett 882692 or email annpagett@tiscali.co.uk**

Ann Pagett



ART CLUB

It's strange to think that for many of us the New Year is actually March into April as the March meeting is our Annual General Meeting, an occasion to look back at last year and forward to the next. We have the opportunity to reflect on how to progress as a club and the chance for members to have their say in how the club will advance. More zoom demonstrations, more sketching evenings, more 'en plein air', all the decisions are up for debate, but most importantly, this is the time to sack the committee. No, no, I'm only joking but it is the chance for others to join the committee and help fashion the future. Our Exhibitions Manager Hazel Gilliard is on hand to offer advice on mounting and framing our work and remind us that apart from the Annual Exhibition, the club stages various other exhibitions throughout the year.

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



HOME RUN HOUNDS

Hello from all of us at local charity Home Run Hounds. Sometimes our greyhounds take a little longer to find their forever sofa and this month I wanted to put out a special plea for two who have been with us much longer than most. Both have featured in previous editions but sadly are still waiting for an owner to love.



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

HAGLEY COUNTRY DANCERS

We started the year with some sad news. Gwen, our most senior member, died recently after a short illness. Gwen had been dancing with us as long as we can remember and was still performing the Ladies' Chain, Circular Hey and Figures of Eight when she was well into her nineties. Gwen was truly inspirational and will be greatly missed. We continue to meet on Mondays at 2 p.m. and we will remember a great lady. For more information on the club, ring June Waterhouse **01562 700639**

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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

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design aesthetic through Modernism. Our speaker, Suzanne Perrin, lectures on many linked Japanese topics. If you would like to join us or come along to this lecture then please contact Neill Robb on **07484 830487** or email neillrobb@btinternet.com

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which defines our vision as welcoming membership, or even the occasional interested visit, from those living in surrounding villages or towns too. We see ourselves as appealing to those who want to befriend others and extend their interests in the process. Meetings for the general membership are at 13.45 in St Saviour's church hall on the first Wednesday of each month. On 5 March, Dr Gillian White will be talking about Bess of Hardwick; on 2 April we have our Annual General Meeting, during which there's a chance to join the

committee or sign up for one or more of our study groups. We also sponsor events outside the village as well. On Friday 14th March we'll be visiting the new glass museum at Wordsley at 11am, and the £12 price includes coffee and biscuits; on Friday 4th April we're visiting a local Recycling Centre. For booking and further information, please contact Andrea Price via our website Contact page

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HAGLEY FREE CHURCH
95 Worcester Road, Hagley DY9 0NG



Hagley Free Church
Established 1905



Where’s faith when we need it? Romans 10:17 – “So faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes from the Word of God.” I could tell you about countless difficult and drawn-out circumstances over which I have tried to stand firmly in faith until they finally came to pass. Sometimes I made it and sometimes I was weak and began to doubt. But God mercifully came through for me on

these things, despite my lack of strength to stay faithful. Much of what we describe as ‘faith’ has nothing to do with Biblical faith. Our faith must not be based on emotion, or want, and not on the latest exciting ideas or revival. But it must be centred on God’s Word, on Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection, His salvation! Believe this, claim this, state this and we will grow strong in faith! **Revd Tim**

SERVICES FOR MARCH 2025

Date		Morning 10.30am
02nd March 2025	Communion	Rev. Tim Mullings
09th March 2025		Rev. David Tennant
16th March 2025		Rev. Tim Mullings
23rd March 2025		Rev. John Maile
30th March 2025	Mothering Sunday	Rev. Peter Bradley

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

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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**

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CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Here for Christ. Here for the challenge of the gospel. Here for the community around us.

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THE PARISH OF HAGLEY

St John the Baptist with St Saviour's
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THURSDAY 20 MARCH: Hagley Mothers' Union 2.30pm St Saviour's Hall
ASH WEDNESDAY is on 5th March. There will be a service of Holy Communion with "Ashing"
Service at St Leonard's at 10.30am and at St Saviour's at 7.30pm, to mark the beginning of Lent.

SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR HAGLEY AND CLENT - MARCH 2025

Date	Services 10.30am
02nd March 2025	Holy Communion at St John's Worship 4 All at St Leonard's
09th March 2025	Holy Communion/Sunday Club at St Saviour's Holy Communion at St Leonard's
16th March 2025	Holy Communion at St John's Family Service - Café Church at St Saviour's
23rd March 2025	Benefice Holy Communion at St Leonard's
30th March 2025 Mothering Sunday	Family Communion at St John's Family Communion at St Leonard's

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to enquire about a baptism or wedding or to receive our church magazine "Contact" or weekly Pewsheet (details as above). 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 we look forward to seeing you soon!

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 have two experienced Walk Leaders in the group who will take you on some lovely one hour long walks around the local area.

Our walks in 2025 are: 5th & 19th March, 2nd & 16th April, 7th & 21st May, 4th & 18th June, 2nd & 16th July, 6th & 20th Aug, 3rd & 17th Sept, 1st & 15th Oct, 5th & 19th Nov, 3rd & 17th Dec

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.

GENTLE HEALTHY WALKING GROUP

We would like to set up a walking group for people who would like a shorter walk around the local area, probably 40-45 minutes. If you are interested in coming on the walk, or leading it please get in touch with us by popping into the library or emailing us at halib@worcestershires.gov.uk or telephoning the Worcestershire Hub on **01905 822722**. Let us know which day of the week you would prefer to walk on too. We look forward to hearing from you!

Hagley Village Directory

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

ACTIVE SENIORS: Angela.....	07512 546480
BLAKEDOWN AND HAGLEY TENNIS CLUB: www.blakedownhagleytennis.co.uk blakedownhagleytennis@gmail.com	
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HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: Mr B McArdle.....	01562 883193
HAGLEY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA: Cynthia Downes.....	downlyn@gmail.com
HAGLEY C of E: Sue Priest.....	admin@hagleycofe.co.uk : 01562 886363
HAGLEY CRICKET CLUB:	07834 157035
HAGLEY FREE CHURCH:.....	hfc1905@btinternet.com : 07922 508014
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WYRE FOREST NT: Toni Allison.....	01562 884079
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CRIME STOPPER LINE (CONFIDENTIAL) Freephone.....	0800 555111
HAGLEY LIBRARY.....	01905 822722
HAGLEY MEDICAL PRACTICE.....	01562 881700

LOCAL COUNCILLOR/MP CONTACTS

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

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when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade" **Charles Dickens**



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