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EDITORIAL.

The Community Associations Autumn programme is now fully organised; at the time of publication the Hallowe'en Dance will have been held. Tickets were almost all sold by the middle of October!!

Mounds of jumble and almost a mountain of bonfire material have been donated to the Association for their GIANT JUMBLE SALE and BONFIRE AND BARBECUE. The Jumble Sale will be held at the Church Hall at 2.30pm on Saturday November 2nd. (((The Hall will be open to residents of Hagley from 10.00am.))) More Jumble is still required and anyone wishing to arrange for jumble to be collected should contact Members of the Women's Institute or the Officers of the Community Association. The Association offers thanks to everyone who gave bonfire wood and those who helped in its collection and in the building of the bonfire.

The article on 'The Idea of a Community Centre in Hagley' this month, was submitted by Mr.A.M.DURKIN, Headmaster of the Hagley R.C.Secondary School. Anyone wishing to submit articles on this or any Local theme should contact the Editor at Hagley 2322 before the 15th. of the month prior to publication. Articles should be 200 to 400 words and will not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Hagley Community Association.

Membership of the Association is growing steadily, but so many residents have moved into the district recently that the original invitation for members is no doubt out of date. The Association takes this opportunity to welcome our new neighbours to the district. Anyone wishing to become a member of the Association should fill in and return the attached form. Membership is free and all that is asked is that you support as many of the Associations Activities as you possibly can. Should you wish to learn more about the Association, please contact either the Editor or the Membership Secretary, Mr.Rex WILLIE, who will be pleased to answer any questions about our aims and objects, etc.

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HAGLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Mr./Mrs./Miss.....Block Capitals
Please.

Address.....

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Age (if under 18 yrs.).....

I WISH TO BE ENROLLED AS AN INDIVIDUAL/JUNIOR MEMBER,

Signed.....

Please return to R.F.WILLIE, 38, Woodland Avenue, West Hagley.

ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTED.

Anglican Young Peoples Association.	British Legion.
Hagley Coffee Club.	Hagley Conservative Association.
Conservatives, Ladies Section.	Hagley Hockey Club.
Hagley Infant Welfare Clinic.	Hagley Let's do a Play Club.
Hagley & District Light Car Club.	Hagley Liberal Association.
Hagley Parish Council.	Hagley Parochial Church Council
Hagley R.C. School.	Hagley Rambler Scouts.
Hagley Women's Institute.	Young Wives Group.
West Hagley Youth Association.	Worcestershire County Council.
	United Nations Association (Local Branch)
	West Hagley Football Club.

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The Idea of a Community

Centre.

So many sciences, studies and virtues - politics, civics, sociology, charity, to name only a few - bear on the art of living happily and usefully in a community. We must, for our very survival, succeed in getting along well with our neighbours, and all the big problems of the world, industrial dissension, international tension, social jealousy and misunderstanding, deprived and underprivileged classes, racial or religious discrimination, only underline man's weakness in the practice of this social virtue.

Most of us would consider that all these things are rather wider than our immediate lives, and that they are the concern of someone else. Yet more and more we are coming to realise that this question of charity does in fact begin with ourselves in our own circles, domestic and social, and that the usual solution of mixing only with close friends and with business acquaintances is not helping to widen the sphere of "getting on" with other people. To many, the war had a revolutionary effect on social relations, and the business of fighting for one's life broke down barriers of race, class, and creed to an extent to which it had never been thought possible.

The Government of this country is based upon a system of community of interests, where groups of people with different interests make their points of view felt. On most issues, the majority of people are completely indifferent: only an enthusiastic few carry the position, and others wonder at their energy.

The obvious conclusion from all this is that in a residential area as diverse in constitution as Hagley, a community centre can serve a splendid and constructive social purpose. Broadly, it can serve as a club, where people can foregather and meet others on an equal footing: more specifically, it can offer accommodation for all those activities which appeal to a small group, and in this way can make those interests an accepted contribution to the life of the village instead of being an eccentricity. The diversity can be unified by the idea of a Community Centre, and everyone's life becomes the fuller for its presence.

A. Michael Durkin.

PLEASE TO REMEMBER, THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER.....

BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS - THE LOT !!!!!

at Hagley Community Associations November the fifth
BONFIRE AND BARBECUE!!

Commencing at 7.00pm. in HAGLEY PLAYING FIELDS.

BARBECUE.

FIREWORKS.

ADMISSION. Adults 2/6d. Children 1/-d. TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE.

(or pay at the gate)

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HAGLEY HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY.

A party consisting of 21 adults and 7 children had a happy afternoon visiting Buildwas Abbey on September 28th. Whilst the older members of the party reconstructed the abbey in their minds, under the guidance of Mr. Hyde-Linaker, the children played on the grass and explored the ruins. A squirrel, hanging so motionless that at first it was thought to be dead, caused considerable interest to the younger children. An excellent tea was obtained in Carding Mill Valley. The party enjoyed a beautiful ride in glorious weather to Buildwas via Bridgnorth, on to Church Stretton and home through Ludlow.

The Committee hopes that similar Field Expeditions attended by family parties, will become a regular feature of our village life.

HAGLEY ROMAN CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL DANCE.

EVERYONE INVITED !!! Tickets from the School at 5/-d or pay at the door. In aid of School Funds. To be held at the School Hall on Friday 15th. November, 8pm to Midnight. Dress Optional. Dancing to the EMERALD VARIETY BAND. Refreshments at moderate prices.

THE PARISH CHURCH WITH ST.SAVIOURS. HARVEST SUPPER.

The Harvest Supper is to be held at Hagley School at 8.00 pm on Friday 1st. November. It will be a Cold Turkey Supper. Tickets 5/-d each obtainable from Mr. DARK, 24, Summervale Road, Hagley. Tel. No. 2764. Master of Ceremonies : De VOLDI.

HAGLEY COFFEE CLUB.

The meeting arranged for the 6th November is POSTPONED until Wednesday 13th November. It will be in the Church Hall at 8.00pm.

The Last Meeting of this season will be on Wednesday 27th. November when Mrs.BAYLISS will talk about 'Floral Christmas Decorations'.

THE HAGLEY YOUNG WIVES' GROUP.

What is the Young Wives' Group? And why does it exist? Your Editor kindly asked me to write a few lines about the above Group and I am glad to be able to do this. Of course, many of you will already know of our existence and many of you will already be members,

The Hagley Young Wives' Group is a Church organisation existing to cultivate a sense of friendship between young married people based on the important Commandment, Love of God and Love of Neighbour. We believe that you can't really carry out the second part of the Commandment without understanding the first part: and we also believe that without a meaningful relationship to God other relationships will not have real meaning. With that very firmly to the forefront we manage to run a very successful organisation.

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday in each month at 7.45 pm. in the Church Hall, and afternoon meetings are held at fortnight after an evening meeting at 2.00pm. in the Church Hall. We also run a Study Group, a Drama Group and an Art Group. We have Theatre Trips, (Usually two a year), and all our members are divided into small groups under the care of a Committee Member, through whom baby-sitting arrangements and Home-help system can probably be arranged, where necessary. In this way it is possible to get to know a small group of people fairly well. We have a membership of between 70 and 80 and we pay 2/-d per year subscription.

In November we have Lord Cobham coming to talk on The History of Hagley Hall and The Church. In December a Probation Officer is talking on her work. Also in December we have a trip to the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry.

You would be very welcome. Do come along.

H. Mayfield
(Leader).

HAGLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

The Parish Council at their last meeting concurred with the Petition from the residents of the Titford Estate, sent to the Minister of Housing and Local Government, regarding the continued obnoxious smell from the Sewage Plant and a letter from the Council has been sent to the Ministry, supporting the complaint. It asked for early action to eliminate the nuisance. The Council are also suggesting to Bromsgrove Council that trees are planted as a wind-break round the Sewage Plant to temporarily minimise the nuisance.

The Council would like to remind residents of the Notice at the entrance from the Station to the Playing Fields which states that this is not a Right of Way and must not be regarded as a short cut to and from the Railway Station.

HAGLEY CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.

November 28th and 29th. Old Tyme Music Hall at Tardebigge. Commencing at 8.00pm. Details from Mr. Cook, 7, Station Drive, West Hagley.

November 29th. 'BINGO' at the Church Hall. Admission 2/6d. Games Free!!! Dozens of prizes.
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LET'S DO A PLAY CLUB.

The activities of your local drama group are well known to most of you, but for newcomers to Hagley, we would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves.

The Let's do a Play Club is not a recent innovation. Our first play was performed more than eighteen years ago and last year we had the pleasure of celebrating our fiftieth production.

We are also proud of the fact that we have always received sufficient support to keep ourselves solvent by the sale of tickets for our shows without resorting to other money raising schemes. In fact more than £250 has been contributed to charities since we began. Last year £23 was donated to the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

As far as our resources will permit we try to give varied types of play which will cover all tastes. There are usually four productions during the winter season, each play being given for three nights. Our ever growing audience however, seem to indicate that it will soon be necessary to give four performances; at any rate, our first play this season, 'The Shop at Sly Corner', a Thriller by Edward Percy, played to capacity houses.

For our next play we have chosen something in much lighter vein, 'Fish Out of Water' by Derek Benfield - a holiday comedy with the Italian Riviera as the background. This will be given in the Church Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday December 12th, 13th and 14th and tickets (3/-) will be on sale at Shops in the Village within the next few days. We look forward to seeing you on one of the evenings, but PLEASE GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY.

Joe Adams.

HAGLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION.

Council Meeting.

THE MEETING OF THE HAGLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL, PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED FOR THE 29TH. OCTOBER, HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER, COMMENCING AT 8PM. AT HAGLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL.

CAROL SINGERS.

A Carol Singing Party has been formed by the Hagley Community Association. Anyone wishing them to call and sing carols at their home during the week before Christmas Day should contact Mrs. Akerman at Hagley 2722 as soon as possible. Proceeds to the Building Fund.

Barbecue for hire. Hagley Community Association has a complete barbecue unit for hire. Contact the Chairman at Hagley 2084

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Remember! Remember! Our fifth of November BONFIRE AND BARBECUE at Hagley Playing Fields, commencing at 7.00pm