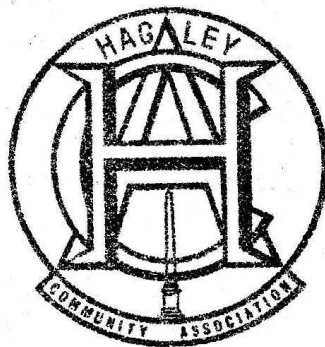


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## EDITORIAL.

The Community Association's last three functions were very successful and it is gratifying that support was received on a very large scale for three functions of such widely different types.

The Halowe'en Dance in the Church Hall proved to be a complete success. About 100 people attended and had a most enjoyable evening dancing to the music of the George Denny Quartet. The dancers were 'bewitched' by the excellent decorations of spiders, witches, black cats and bats, which were made by Mr and Mrs. Bill Hughes. Most of the lighting was by Turnip Lanterns, made by members of the Social Committee. Refreshments were provided by Mrs. D. Cole and the lady members of the Committee. £25 was raised for the Building Fund. The M.C.s job was shared by Mr. Gee and Mr. Patchell.

The second function was the Grand Jumble Sale, held at the Church Hall on Saturday 2nd. November, which was organised by the Members of the Social Committee and the Hagley Women's Institute. Their very hard work resulted in a collection of tons of varied jumble, the sale of which made £65 for the Building Fund. Our thanks to the Members of the Women's Institute for their wonderful help and for giving us the benefit of their experience.

Undeterred by the dismal weather on Bonfire Night, between 1,500 and 2,000 people of all ages attended the Bonfire, Barbecue and Fireworks Display, held on the Playing Fields. The attendance figures were most encouraging and it is hoped to make this an annual event. Two firework displays were given during the evening and a giant bonfire lit up the whole district. During the evening, no less than 15 gallons of hot soup were consumed, not to mention hundreds of hot dogs, hamburgers, roasted potatoes, toffee apples, tea and minerals. The Community Association would like to express their thanks to the Hagley Parish Council for the use of the Playing Fields and Allotment, to Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds for the loan of the Cooking Equipment, to Chapman's of Old Hill for the Public Address System, The West Hagley Football Club Members for their help in Patrol Work, etc and to all the many Members of the Community Association for their very hard work both in building the bonfire and for their efforts 'on the night'. The approximate amount made from this function was £130, which makes an approximate sum of £220 raised during a mere seven days.

Two more functions are being arranged for the Christmas Season as well as the Carol Singers, already in training. (See further details in this issue)

Mr. J.L. Hakney has written this month's article and intends it to reply to several matters raised in previous articles. Any person wishing to submit articles on this or any other Local Theme should contact the Editor at Hagley 2322 before the 15th of the month prior to publication. Articles should be about 200 to 400 words and will not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Hagley Community Association. Any Represented Organisation is welcome to insert material about their Aims, Objects, Achievements or proposed Functions or Programmes. Please ask your Secretary to contact the Editor for details.

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### BOY SCOUTS AND GIRL GUIDES GANG SHOW !!!

STOURBRIDGE GANG SHOW '63 with a cast of over 200 will be held at Stourbridge Town Hall December 4th. to 7th. at 7.15 p.m. Tickets from 2/6d to 6/-d available from 18.11.63 at West Midlands Travel Agency, 154 Lower High Street, Stourbridge. Produced by David L. HOWARD and Musical Direction by Reg HOMER and Don RICHARDS, this promises to be a grand show.

## 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.
West Hagley Cricket Club.	West Hagley Football Club.
United Nations Association(Local Branch).	

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### Why I want a Community Centre.

The smallest community is the family, but no family is self sufficient. Even the cat men craved companionship and advanced intellectually from the exchange of ideas.

A Community Centre in Hagley will link all age groups, creeds and mentalities, surely benefitting our community in many ways. Mothers will be happier knowing that their teenagers have somewhere to meet and are not 'foot-loose and fancy free' in the highways and byways. Newcomers to the district will find it easier to settle in and make new friends through the medium of the Community Centre.

Naturally a Community Centre such as we have in mind for Hagley cannot be built without a great deal of assistance from the Residents of the Village and the more people willing to help, the quicker we shall obtain the resources to build the Centre.

As the Village lacks a suitable Hall where Dances, Plays and other activities can take place it is essential that this gap in our Communal Life be filled as soon as possible.

Rental charges for such a Centre would vary from as low as 7/6d for the use of a Committee Room and £6:0:0d. for the hire of the Hall and Coffee Lounge for a large dance. A schedule of charges made by other Community Associations in the County is shown at the end of this article. These charges are in general use and the Associations concerned have been able to not only keep their heads above water, but have been able to make structural additions to their original buildings.

The scale of charges for hire of rooms in a community Centre is determined by the Management Council in accordance with its own policies. All affiliated organisations in the Village are entitled to have two seats on the Council and 'Private' members are represented by two seats for every hundred members.

It is in everyones' interest, therefore, to become an ordinary member so that public opinion can be fully represented at Management Council Meetings.

An example of the type of charges made by Local Community Associations is shown overleaf.

Example of Charges for Hire of Rooms.

<u>DANCES</u>	Village Organisation (any night)	£2:0:0d.
	Outside Organisation (Friday or Saturday)	£3:0:0d.
	(Any other night)	£2:10:0d.
	With Licensed Bar (Village Organisation)	£6:6:0d.
	(Outside Organisation)	£7:7:0d.
<u>WHIST DRIVES.</u>	Village Organisation	£1:5:0d.
	Outside Organisation	£1:10:0d.
<u>STAGE PERFORMANCES</u>	Village Organisation	£2:0:0d.
	Outside Organisation	£2:10:0d.
	Rehearsals	10:0d.
<u>MEETINGS.</u>	Political and Public Meetings	£1:10:0d.
	Whole Hall	10:0d.
	Committee Room	7:6d.

J. L. HAKNEY.

HAGLEY RAMBLERS SCOUT GROUP.

Mr. T.W. Pagett, Hagley 2302.

With the very large number of people becoming residents in Hagley over the past few years, it has been suggested that there may be a number of interested persons who do not know of the Scouts existence here.

The HAGLEY RAMBLERS SCOUT GROUP has been running without a break for 36 years, this being in succession to the 2nd. Hagley Group, which had run for many years previously. The present H.Q. is off Hall Lane, where it was constructed by the Scouts themselves six years ago.

The main meeting nights each week are Friday for the Scouts, Wednesday for Cubs and Rovers and Brownie Pack also meet there on Tuesday evenings.

The Scouts are an 'Open' Group, which means that they are not sponsored by a particular church or other body outside the Scout Movement, and are therefore, fortunately able to accept boys of all denominations. Anyone who would like further information on any Section is invited to contact the Group Scoutmaster, Mr. T.W. PAGETT, or any other Scouter.

HAGLEY HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY.

Undaunted by the cancellation of the meeting to be held in conjunction with the "Young Wives" and addressed by Lord Cobham, the Chairman, Mr. J.E. Hyde-Linaker hastily got together a good team of speakers, Mr. Bernard Tate of Blakedown, and Mr. Bob Bassett and Mr. Michael Oakes, both of Hagley. Their subjects were respectively, the philosophy of morals, the function of the historian, and railways. Mr Oakes is doing intensive research on the last named, and it was interesting to hear of the various freights carried by the trains which go through our station.

The next meeting will be held at 7.45 on Wednesday, December 11th in the Hagley Primary School, when the speaker will be the Rvd E.N. Judge B.A., Rector of Beoley, who will speak on Parish Records. Anyone who is interested will be welcome at the meeting.



### LET'S DO A PLAY CLUB.

Tickets are NOW ON SALE for our next play:-

#### 'A FISH OUT OF WATER'

by Derek Benfield.

which will be produced in the Church Hall on December 12th, 13th and 14th.

This comedy takes place in a sun drenched hotel on the Italian Riviera. The sort of romantic spot we all long to escape to for sunshine and a little peace and quiet.

The play has no strong plot but is really a caricature of the British Tourist, and those who have enjoyed holidays on the Continent should relish the gentle satire. We do not imply that 'FISH OUT OF WATER' will ever become one of the immortal comedies, but we do feel that it is extremely good fun, which we hope will send everyone home in a happy frame of mind.

If you have never visited one of our shows, come along this time and see this most amusing comedy.

The Let's Do a Play Club is always pleased to welcome new members, both acting and non-acting. During the past month, in addition to rehearsals for the current production, we have had a talk on stage make-up and a very successful Play Reading. There is always scenery building, painting and many other back-stage duties.

If you are interested, please write or 'phone our Secretary'. Miss Pauline LEWIS, Dene Cott, Wychbury Drive, Hagley (Hagley 3173) or myself (Hagley 2164).

Joe Adams.

### HAGLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

The Bromsgrove Rural District Council has instructed their Consulting Engineer to investigate the smell from the Sewage Disposal Plant. When the report is completed and considered by Bromsgrove, the Parish Council have agreed to call a Public Meeting so that the whole matter may be discussed.

At the request of the Parish Council, the Worcestershire County Council are arranging to make up the footpath at the end of Sweetpool Lane down to the Level Crossing.

The County Council have made a Bye-law to prohibit the fouling of footways by dogs in the Parish of Hagley and application has been made to the Secretary of State for confirmation.

In 'The Tidy Village Competition' Hagley only obtained 58 marks out of a total of 100. It is hoped for better results next year.

As from the 25th. March next the Council will have 4 vacant Allotments. Any Resident, who may be interested, please make application to the Clerk of the Council.

### BRITISH LEGION - BLAKEDOWN AND HAGLEY BRANCH.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Hagley Primary School Park Road, West Hagley at 7.45 pm Tuesday December 3rd. 1963.

Anyone interested in joining the British Legion can obtain full details from Mr. G. PARDOE, 11, Park Road, West Hagley.

The amount collected in the district for Poppy Day, this year was approximately £325. Our thanks to everyone who assisted in the collection and who contributed towards the excellent donation.

### WEST HAGLEY CRICKET CLUB.

A Meeting will be held at Park Road School at 8.00pm on Wednesday December 11th., 1963. All persons interested may attend.