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Down Our Way

Parish News & Local Events



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A Message from Laura

Exam Season

It's summer time. For a whole swath of families that means the school year is nearly over, the exams are over and the results are coming in. I used to be a teacher and, as part of my job, I taught GCSE and A Level pupils. I would talk to the students about how they needed to work harder and understand that the work they were doing now as 15, 16, 17, 18 year old pupils affected the rest of their life. I could see they were entirely with me, nodding along.



Then I would realise what I was saying was unhelpful, and say, "Most of this is total rubbish. If you fail every exam tomorrow, it's not the end of the world." They got so confused: "What do you mean?" they would say. What did I mean? Well, I wanted them to pass the exams, because I wanted them to do the best they could. I wanted them to have every possible option available to them. I wrote references for pupils who had able and imaginative minds. We all know children who are strikingly, or extraordinarily bright, and they don't all get the opportunity they deserve.

I tried to give children who were on the verge of the magical C grade extra help, because I wanted them to do the best they could and I believed a C grade mattered. I had been brought up in an education system where I was asked if I wanted to do well in life, I was told the answer to that question began with GCSE and A Level grades: A B C D E. I don't recall anyone ever asking us how we felt, how we were coping or what we thought mattered.

Instead of asking about GCSE results, maybe we should ask: how can we help you reach the goals you want to reach? Instead

of measuring academic achievements, we could ask, "Who have you helped, this week or this month?"

It's exam season and a lovely time to celebrate achievement, but there are other skills and pathways that are less celebrated and equally exciting. One interesting aspect of our two villages is the number of different schools and education pathways all the young people find. It is lovely to see the Year six children in Huxley school go on to new and exciting pathways. May God be with all those in their exam season and their transitions to new settings, and remember, God doesn't care about exam results, God just cares about you.

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Mike Keogh, Church Warden:- 07540 456017

CHRISTIAN AID BIG BREKKIE

Just to let you all know that the final figure sent to Christian Aid following the Big Brekkie on May 15th was a wonderful **£1033.69**. GiftAid has added around £200 to that figure, so I think that's a really worthwhile effort. Thanks to all who contributed, came to the breakfast, or provided plants to sell, but really special thanks to Julie and Betty Briscoe and Mary Strefford without whose help and support this event wouldn't have been possible. Three hearty cheers!

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Huxley C.E. Primary School

June 2022



Well I can't quite believe that we have nearly finished a whole year at Huxley. What a rollercoaster of a year it has been but what a wonderful one for our children. The progress that these children have made has been amazing and for many, this was their first year in education which should be celebrated.

Our school was inspected last term as many of you know and without going into too much detail, the school has areas for improvement. We were already very aware of these improvements and know what needs to be done to achieve these. We were unfortunate to be inspected when we were, as it was very early into our new approach. To give you some context we have 89% flexischooled children who come to us on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and they are home educated on a Monday and Friday. The majority of our children have never been to school before either.

We are pleased to say that we had 29 children when Ofsted arrived but we now have 36 children on roll, so we have gained another 7 children this term with two more possibly joining us before the end of summer- so numbers are looking great. Our current parents have been amazingly supportive and know how hard we are working to ensure the very best for our pupils. Huxley is an extremely unique school and I am incredibly proud to be head teacher here. Our staff are devoted to ensuring that our children feel safe, happy and cared for. It is in my opinion that all children need these prerequisites to learning and only when they feel their needs are being met socially and emotionally, are they ready to learn. And our children are, ready to learn and eager to do so.

The 'feel' of the school is truly magical and everyone who visits our school all echo this. I endeavour to make this school successful and to put Huxley CE on the map!

Last week we had our school onsite residential which was fantastic. The children took part in a variety of activities such as archery, laser tag, climbing wall and many team challenges like gutterball, nightline and crepe challenge. The children were so fantastically behaved, a real credit to their parents/guardians. We didn't hear a peep out of them at night

time- which is more than we can say about the local peacocks that amusingly kept the staff awake!

This week we have had our family afternoon which consisted of sports day, an interactive duck race, family rounders, maypole dancing and the first of many Huxley Egg Throwing competitions. A fantastic day was had by all!

In the next few weeks we have many events leading up to our current year 6 leaving. We have 8 children leaving us this time, some returning to home education and some moving on to high school- we wish them all the very best and congratulate them on a superb year at Huxley. We are incredibly proud of them. In September we welcome six new children in reception and two more children in our Acorns and Oaks class.

So exciting times ahead...

Many thanks

Mrs Rachel Gourley

Headteacher at Huxley C.E. Primary

HARGRAVE AND HUXLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Hargrave and Huxley Parish Council will be on **Sunday 3rd July** at 5.00pm in Huxley Village Hall and following that **Sunday 4th September** at 5.00pm in Hargrave Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Footpaths around Huxley

Following a long wait, Cheshire West and Chester Council have completed the stile replacement work on the footpaths around Huxley. Hargrave and Huxley Parish Council wish to thank CWaC for this and hope that the residents benefit when out walking.



Huxley and Hargrave WI

The visit to Halen Mon was very interesting, with the short, conducted tour being excellent and we also learned about the new "smoked water" which is a rare commodity in the best catering establishments. Having tried various samples of salt from elsewhere, Halen Mon showed up as the whitest and purest and it is used in many food cupboard items. At the Pringle outlet village we all made a dash for coffee and sustenance before tackling the serious shopping. The June meeting was rather special as one of our own members, Margaret Coker, a Kentish Maid and born the year that war broke out, told her story of how she ended up living locally at Brereton Park Farm. Having been a WI member from the age of 16 (and thinking back then how old all the members looked!) she was at the closing-down meeting of the Huxley WI just before their Golden Jubilee, mainly because they didn't have a secretary. When Margaret's hand shot up to volunteer herself, she literally saved the day and our WI! The competition was won by Jean Ankers. We have the trip to the new RHS Bridgwater Gardens to look forward to on July 12th. The next meeting on **13th July** at Hargrave is at **2.00pm (note the change of time)** with 'Bees and Bee-Keeping' with a competition for a decorative candle. On **August 10th** at Hargrave 7.30pm we have "Painting for Everyone" and a competition for a Self-painted picture. **September 14th** sees us back at Huxley for the afternoon winter meetings, when we meet at 2.00pm and Flamenco Dancing is the theme with a competition for a decorative fan.

Sec : Connie on 01829 781298/ President Tricia on 01829 781255

ST PETER'S CHURCH HARGRAVE

FLOWER ROTA JULY - AUGUST 2022

JULY AUGUST

3rd..... 7th

10th..... 14th Di Houlbrooke

17th..... 21st

24th..... 28th.....

31st.....

If you would like to make a contribution or provide flowers for a particular date please contact Brenda Roscoe, tel. 781212 or Joan Ellams, tel. 781305.



Men Who Munch

This being a double month issue of Down our Way, the next two Lunches are **Thursday 21st July** and **Thursday 18th August** at the usual venue at 12noon. I will Email early each Month to verify numbers attending or not.

Peter Wakley on 07759 799237 pwakley@outlook.com

Ladies Who Lunch

The lunch at the Cock 'O Barton, including a couple of donations, raised £53 for our charity. The next lunch on **Thursday 21st July** is at Bellis Fruit Farm at Holt, and I just need your name by the 11th July if you intend to go



as it is a "self-service, choose-on-the-day" style meal with only the tables reserved for our party. For those not familiar with the venue, it has a gift shop, deli and food store, plants and garden section and a "Pick-Your-Own" Fruit Farm with (hopefully) plenty of fresh seasonal strawberries. The meal in **August is on Thursday 18th** at 'Pesto @ Cabbage Hall,' Tarporley, and **September 15th** is at 'The Ring 'O Bells', Christleton. Details of food choices and payment will be sent out when I have them to hand.

For any of these lunches:-names please to
Chris Hunt on 01829 781112

Hargrave & Huxley Historical Group

Since our 2021/22 season finished in May, members & friends have enjoyed an outing to the Secret Nuclear Bunker near Nantwich. Our new season of lectures will begin on Monday, **12th September**, more details in September's magazine. For further information about the group, please contact Susan at smj2908@btinternet.com

Come and meet for COFFEE, CAKE AND COMPANY

Where?	Huxley Village Hall
When?	Sunday 31st July
What time?	11 -12noon
Why?	Simply for some Community time, a cup of coffee or tea, and lovely home-made cake!!

**BRING A FRIEND
TOO, IT WOULD
BE GREAT TO SEE
YOU!**



Village Walk

Our next walks will take place on **Friday, 15th July** and **Friday 19th August**. More details to follow later. If you would like to join us, please, contact Jenny Hobbs for details. Everyone is very welcome. Tel. 01829 781250



A photograph from an earlier walk.



Happy Days Reflection on the last year, and looking forward to the new

Looking back over the last year, it has been great to be able to get together again. This new Happy Days season started with a fabulous evening of Wreath Making in Hargrave Church Hall. After a minor set back with having to take the difficult decision to cancel the popular Burns Night, we found an alternative nation to celebrate with a St Patrick's Quiz. This was a most enjoyable evening, with laughter filling the Hall again! From then we have enjoyed some other great events, including a lovely Spring Soiree at Upper Brereton Park, and the Village Fete with Barn Dance and Picnic.

All these fantastic community events have been raising money for good causes.

This year Happy Days is supporting:

St Peter's Church Hargrave
Save the Family
Young Minds
Opal Services

We have lots more fun events planned, so keep watching out
In Down Our Way,

our Website: <https://hargravehuxleyhappydays.co.uk/>
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Or email us to be added to our mailing list: hargravehuxleyhappydays@gmail.com

Or Contact Bridget: 07748597042
to keep up with our latest news.

Upcoming events to look out for:

Christmas Decoration Making in Late November
Allo Allo Performance Saturday 18th March 2023
And many more.....



SIR THOMAS MOULSON TRUST

The Sir Thomas Moulson Trust awards educational grants to students, under the age of 25 years, to assist with costs associated with further education. Application forms can be obtained from the Clerk, Sarah Murray, via email on the following address:

mrmrsmush@hotmail.com

Applications must be received by **31st August 2022** to be considered by the Trustees at the meeting in September.

The Duke of York

Frederick Duke of York, was the second son of King George III, and a very capable military officer. His Army reforms stamped out corrupt dealing in appointments and promotions, improved recruiting, instituted regular training for officers and men, and led to the establishment of the Royal Military College in 1801, and subsequently to Sandhurst and the Staff College. All of this hugely improved the quality of the armies led by Wellington against Bonaparte, and indeed of the British Army to this day.



However, he was obliged to resign in 1809 over a scandal involving his mistress, Mrs. Clarke. Of course, a scandal like that could never happen today.....

Bob Burgess, Hargrave & Huxley Historical Group



The jubilee celebrations were a great success despite the British weather!

Thank you to the Parish Council, Sir Thomas Moulson Trust and the W.I. for their contributions. Thank you to everyone who helped and took part in making it a memorable jubilee.

Special thank you to Steve Martin for fabrication of the amazing beacon!
And thank you to Mary for the Platinum Puddings.

We raised a fantastic £145.36 in donations which have been given to the DEC Ukraine Appeal.



Platinum Puddings



Beacon lit by Edward Timpson MP



Classic Car Show

The Bowling Bishop

by Ol' Buzz

In our university days, Bill Ind and I were in hall together. He was a reader, follower and player of cricket, whilst I got my fun from riding horses. Bill bowled in a match whilst Bishop of Grantham, and in a bishops match at the 1998 Lambeth Conference, where he had the benefit of two generous LBW decisions by Archbishop Robert Runcie.

Called upon to speak after a cricketing dinner, after Ted Dexter, Bill said he'd had an audience with the Pope, lunch with the Queen, lectured at Oxford and Cambridge, and preached in several cathedrals, and continued, 'Lord now lettest Thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen Ted Dexter and Hubert Doggart.'

Bill, (from Cheltenham), was particularly interested in a left hand batsman, who played with some distinction for Gloucestershire, and was selected for England a few times in the late 1940s. The man's name was Jack Crapp.

Bill went on to retire as Bishop of Truro, and liked to recall the 1948/9 South Africa series when Denis Compton and Jack won the game and series for England, noting a particularly unfortunate headline in a West Country newspaper which read, "All Englishmen take their hats off to Crapp".

Please don't blame me for that – the Bishop made me do it.

HARGRAVE AND HUXLEY BOWLING CLUB

We are a very friendly, sociable group that would welcome new members of any age and ability to join us. For more details contact Tony 01829 770623 or Mike 01829 781212. Or, come along to the green next to Hargrave Church on a Saturday from 2 pm (weather permitting), and speak to any of the members present.



**THE JOSHUA TREE
COFFEE MORNING
THE PLOUGH INN**

JULY 1st & AUGUST 5th - 11am - Noon



Are you all 'jubilee partied' out? Now it is holiday time - time to retrench! What a topsy turvy world it has been for the last few years. Nothing seems to have been according to plan! But that's just life - never the same or as you think it should be.

Many times in our lives things that actually happen were not intentional – sometimes for the best. Going back to as far as Columbus , ' this doesn't look like China' as the Americas hove into view – mundane things such as turning on a TV or radio programme to find it's not what you expected, but turns out to be interesting, so that you are pleased you did not miss it.

A casual meeting that brings a lasting friendship or romance! All not as planned but sometimes life changing. Unfortunately sadness can be as part of our lives just as suddenly.

Many families find that the illness of their children can suddenly disrupt family life. Medical help is needed and often overwhelming to all the family. The everyday routine for all members is reorganised. Siblings have their routine disrupted and homelife is altered.

However much families cope, they need places like The Joshua Tree to provide that support – to keep the family together and to make sure siblings do not suffer too much loss of family 'togetherness'.

Through your assistance by our monthly meetings we can help to keep The Joshua Tree in the forefront of ways to keep families together through play, support and information.

Come and drink coffee with us, chat and enjoy a morning gossip all to raise a few pounds for The Joshua Tree's very important work.

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**See you all again on Friday July 1st
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EDITOR'S NOTE

All submissions for the September edition to be in by **Thursday 18th August**. All submissions need to be submitted in a document as an attachment please and **not typed** directly into an email. Please note this email is **only checked** at submission time.



Many thanks

Beverley

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JULY SERVICES AT ST PETERS

**Sunday 3rd
Third after
Trinity**

9:45 Eucharist CW
M Keogh (R&S) J Keogh (S)
Intercessions: A Roberts

Lane by Lane: Martins Lane, Greenlooms

**Sunday 10th
Fourth after
Trinity**

9:45 Eucharist CW
M Whittingham (R&S) C Houlbrooke (S)
Intercessions: J Wilson

Lane by Lane: Hoofield Lane, Huxley

**Sunday 17th
Fifth after
Trinity**

9:45 Family Eucharist CW
M Strefford (R&S) J Ankers (S)
Intercessions: Young People

Lane by Lane: Old Hall Lane, Cinder Lane, Cow Lane, Hargrave

**Sunday 24th
Sixth after
Trinity**

9:45 Eucharist CW
H Johnson (R) J & B Burgess (S)
Intercessions: B Burgess

Lane by Lane: Red Lane, Huxley including
Crow's Nest

**Sunday 31st
Seventh after
Trinity**

9:45 Eucharist CW
B McDougall (R) E Thornton-Firkin (S)
T Onslow-MacAulay (S)
Intercessions: I McDougall

Lane by Lane: Church Lane including the Nook,
Hargrave

AUGUST SERVICES AT ST PETERS

Sunday 7th 9:45 Eucharist CW
Eighth after A Roberts (R) D Roberts (S) J Ankers (S)
Trinity Intercessions: D Roberts
Lane by Lane: Long Lane (Back Lane), Huxley

Sunday 14th 9:45 Eucharist CW
Ninth after R Vincent (R&S) E Thornton-Firkin (S)
Trinity Intercessions: E Thornton-Firkin
Lane by Lane: Guy Lane, Hargrave

Sunday 21st 9:45 Family Eucharist CW
Tenth after M Smart (R&S) A Smart (S)
Trinity Intercessions: Young People
Lane by Lane: Mill Lane Huxley

Sunday 28th 9:45 Eucharist CW
Eleventh after B Burgess (R&S) J Burgess (S)
Trinity Intercessions: J Burgess
Lane by Lane: Leadgate Lane and Brereton Park

JULY 2022 DATES FOR DIARY

1st Pg 15	Joshua Tree Coffee Morning	The Plough Christleton
2nd Pg 14	2:00pm Bowling Club - weekly	Hargrave
3rd Pg 16	Hargrave and Huxley Parish Council 5:00pm	Huxley Village Hall
13th Pg 7	2:00pm WI (note change of time)	Hargrave Church Hall
15th Pg 9	10:00am Village Walk	TBA
21st Pg 8	12:00 noon Ladies Who Lunch	Bellis Fruit Farm at Holt
21st Pg 8	12:00 noon Men Who Munch	The Inn at Huxley
24th Pg 20	3:00pm Messy Church	St Peter's and Church Hall
31st Pg 6	11:00 - 12:00 noon Coffee, Cake and Company	Huxley Village Hall

AUGUST 2022 DATES FOR DIARY

5th Pg 15	Joshua Tree Coffee Morning	The Plough Christleton
6th Pg 14	2:00pm Bowling Club - weekly	Hargrave
10th Pg 7	7:30pm WI	Hargrave Church Hall
18th Pg 8	12:00 noon Ladies Who Lunch	Pesto @ Cabbage Hall
18th Pg 8	12:00 noon Men Who Munch	The Inn at Huxley
18th Pg 22	Parish News Deadline	
19th Pg 9	10:00am Village Walk	TBA
28th Pg 20	Messy Church	St Peter's and Church Hall
31st Pg 11	Sir Thomas Moulson Trust educational grants. Applications must be received by 31st August	
6th Sept Pg 17	Hargrave and Huxley Parish Council 5:00pm	Hargrave Church Hall