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Down Our Way

Parish News & Local Events



Poppies in Hargrave - Jenny Hobbs

A Message from Laura

This is a month of celebration, with the month of June book ended by the Jubilee celebrations and Happy Days. In between, we have two weddings in church as well. A time for celebration and I would like to reflect on the Queen and her 70 years on the throne.



I wonder if the job of Queen was advertised if our current queen would have gone for it? Or would she have preferred something quieter, maybe working with horses? We don't always get to choose our roles and we have to fulfil them as best we can. The Queen was thrown into her role suddenly, in her mid-twenties and a young woman in the highest office in the early 1950s, when Winston Churchill was still Prime Minister. You can imagine how daunting this new adventure was for her. 70 years later, the Queen's friend and cousin, Margaret Rhodes, was asked if she thought the Queen would ever abdicate. She replied, "Oh no. Through age, there is no possible danger of her abdicating... she feels... the vows she made on her coronation are ones she wants to fulfil to the nth degree." The Queen's sense of her own vocation and sustaining duty is palpable and admirable. She has woven this thread of her life very closely with her faith. She has spoken more about this faith in recent years. In 2014, in her Christmas broadcast, she said that Jesus Christ is an inspiration and an anchor in her life. Through faith we may find this steadfastness, this anchor in whatever situations we find ourselves.

The Queen describes Jesus as the anchor of her life and the light to her path. Our vocations may not be as clear-cut as the

Queen's, but we all have vocations, the things that bring us energy, that give us life. What might yours be? We may all have stages or moments in life when we have a choice between maintaining the status quo, or jumping bravely into something new, regardless of our age and stage. These choices must be taken thoughtfully and prayerfully.

The Queen often quotes a poem by Minnie Louise Haskins, quoted by her father, King George VI in his Christmas Day broadcast in 1939, just after the country had gone to war for the second time in a quarter of a century:

*I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year,
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'
And he replied,
'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of
God.
That shall be to you better than a light
and safer than a known way.'*

Following our vocation may require us to make bold, new decisions. Or it may require us to remain steadfast on our path. Irenaeus tells us that the glory of God is a human being fully alive. Reflecting God's glory means being who we are and flourishing - as Margaret Rhodes would say - to the nth degree. Enjoy all the celebrations ahead.

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Huxley C.E. Primary School

We are coming to the end of a busy, tiring but fun term at our wonderful little school.



Some of the children have taken parts in their SATs this term. They just took it in their stride and really made us proud. As a special treat I arranged for the ice-cream van to come and visit the school playground when they had finished their tests- much to the delight of the pupils (and staff!)

We also were able to finally fit the playground equipment that we ordered back in October. We are so pleased with it and it is really in keeping with our beautiful grounds. The children had to wait patiently as it was being fitted and then had the agonising wait for the concrete foundations to set so the joy on their faces when they first went on it, was amazing.



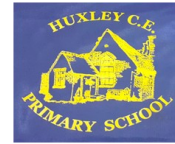
The next few weeks will see us celebrating the Platinum Jubilee and then on our return to school after half term we have many exciting events lined up including our onsite residential for our year 6 leavers which they are very excited about!

We can't quite believe how quickly this year has flown by! Next term is the final stretch of this academic year! Our eight year six children will be moving on and we will be welcoming our lovely new cohort of Reception children to our school community very soon.

Many thanks, take care

Mrs Rachel Gourley
Headteacher at Huxley C.E. Primary

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts, the first order of outdoor equipment is ready to be delivered to the school, more to follow :-



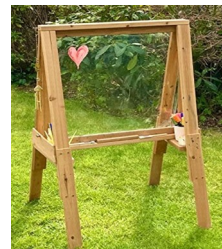
2 wooden outdoor art easels with perspex sheets.

1 wooden boat shaped sand pit

1 Lifetime Ace Flyer Teeter Totter (airplane)

1 wooden mud kitchen

Gardening starter kit - comprising of a variety of mixed vegetable seeds, large & small watering cans, large & small buckets, labels, hand trowels & forks.



Village Walk

Our next walk will take place on **Friday, 17th June**. We will be joining Tiverton District Garden Club on their annual walk to inspect some of their millennium horse chestnut trees. We will meet 10.00 am at Smithy Green, Tiverton - the parking area at the junction of Huxley Lane and the A49. Jenny will be leading this 4 mile walk. If you would like to join us, please, contact Jenny Hobbs. Everyone is very welcome. Tel. 01829 781250



Photograph from June 2019

Huxley and Hargrave WI

At the meeting in May we had a very interesting pictorial "History of Pub Signs" which originally dated back to Roman times with wine and money-changing. Ale was brewed by women using the yeast from their bread-making, and an ale-spoon was hung from the building to indicate that ale as well as wine was sold. The later signs changed to mark trades, religious origins, allegiance to royalty, The Red Lion being the most popular sign seen today.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 8th June** when Margaret Coker, one of our own members, will give a talk on "From Kent to Cheshire via the WI" and any local non-members and friends are invited to attend. The competition will be for an Unusual Wax Candle.

Members were reminded about the event on the Church field, Hargrave on **Thursday 23rd June at 7.30pm** when the Chester Male Voice Choir has been booked again for a musical evening in the marquee.



Tickets are priced at £10 and will include refreshments. There will be a raffle and the bar will also be open. It was a super evening when they last came three years ago so we can all look forward to repeating this event and all visitors are welcome.

Secretary Connie on 01829 781298
President Tricia on 01829 781255



Men Who Munch

I hope that this, my first News Letter entry, is mistake free.

Our next lunch is on **Thursday June 16th** at the usual venue at 12 noon. Please let me know whether you will be able to attend or not, so I can update the Inn.

Peter Wakley on 07759 799237
pwakley@outlook.com

Ladies Who Lunch

The lunch at Rowton Poplars was very much enjoyed and we gave £66.50 to our charity, Blood Bikes. I have the menu for the next meal at the Cock 'O Barton on **Thursday 16th**

June and anyone wishing to join us needs to get in touch with me to pre-order and pay for their lunch by 5th June.

Chris Hunt 01829 781112



Hargrave & Huxley Historical Group

The last meeting of our 2021/22 season ended with the AGM and an illustrated talk on Old Cheshire Pub Signs. The 2022/23 series of talks begins on Monday, 12th September with a talk about Balloons over Cheshire –the Ballooning Craze of 1785. In the meantime we are arranging an outing to the Nuclear Bunker at Nantwich on **Friday, 17th June**. For information about this and other HHHG matters please contact Susan – smj2908@btinternet.com


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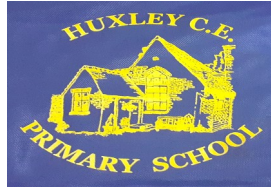
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On 6th February 2022, Her Majesty the Queen became the first British Monarch in history to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee. To commemorate her 70 years of service, a Platinum Jubilee Medal has been commissioned

The PTA would like to thank the WI & Parish Council for contributing to the costs of the Platinum Jubilee Medals. These will be presented to the pupils who attend Huxley CE Primary School and to children who live in Huxley & Hargrave. They will be available during the Big Picnic on Sunday 5th June, or alternatively to reserve a Medal, please contact Jo 07789 401777



Obverse



Reverse



Barn Dance with Pizza Shack

Friday 24th June

In the Marquee, Church Field

7:00 to 11:00 pm

Food from 7:30pm

Bottomless pizza and sides

Live music from

Usquebaugh Ceilidh Band, with Caller Ian McDougall

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or email hargravehuxleyhappydays@gmail.com





Happy Days Soirée

A most enjoyable evening was had at Upper Brereton Park in the glorious sunshine. Many thanks to all who made canapes, to Mark from Rowton Poplars for donating the beer barrel, and a huge thank you to Mrs Helen Campbell for hosting.

Happy Days Weekend June

Friday 24th June,

Barn Dance in the marquee—full details on another page.

Saturday 25th June

Everyone is invited to enjoy a fantastic family fun day!
Bring your own picnic, with chairs.

There will be a Licenced bar selling all sorts of refreshments and
a Sizzling Barbeque.

Traditional Games and Village Competitions judged by the WI,
Craft Activities in the marquee, Walking Parade,
Inter-Village Tug of War.
Bowling match

Email: hargravehuxleyhappydays@gmail.com or telephone
Bridget 01829 781348 or 07748597042
to reserve your space on the field.





Happy Days Weekend Competitions

A series of competitions to be judged by members of the Huxley and Hargrave WI, at Happy Days, Saturday 25th June.

Judging at 11am, exhibits to be in the marquee by 10:30am.

Adults' Competitions

- Class 1 - Jar of homemade Jam (any fruit)
- Class 2 - Jar of homemade chutney
- Class 3 - Victoria Sponge Cake with Filling (8") own recipe
- Class 4 - Fruit scones on a plate
- Class 5 - MEN ONLY a cake of your choice
- Class 6 - A ladies corsage for a summer wedding
- Class 7 - An arrangement of garden and hedgerow flowers, total height 16"
- Class 8 - A root vegetable

Children's Competitions (up to the age of 15)

- Class 1 – Artwork (painting / drawing of your choice)
- Class 2 – A handmade greetings card
- Class 3 – Wonky vegetable
- Class 4 – Garden on a plate
- Class 5 – Decorated cupcake

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Bridget 01829 781348 or 07748597042 to enter.





Hargrave and Huxley Jubilee Celebrations, bringing together family, friends and neighbours.

Thursday 2nd June—Jubilee Beacon

Hargrave Church Field, from 7:30pm
Following a long tradition of celebrating jubilees, we will be celebrating this unique milestone of the Platinum Jubilee, by lighting a Beacon.
The beacon will be lit at 9:45pm by MP Edward Timpson, to kick off the celebrations.
Free to attend. We will be serving some light snacks (no charge!), and will have a licenced bar selling prosecco and locally sourced beers. Any money raised will be donated to the DEC Ukraine appeal.
We do hope you can join us! All welcome!



Big Picnic - Sunday 5th June

Following a special Church service at
St Peters at 11am

A Fab 50s themed party will be held on Hargrave
Church Field from Midday.

Bring your own picnic, chairs, blankets and
sunshade/gazebo. Get into the spirit decorating
your picnic space with flags, and if you fancy it dress
to impress in 50s wear!

There will be music, family games and exciting regal
activities! Classic cars will be on display in a mini
car show.

There will also be fantastic jubilee puddings on offer.

Any funds raised will be donated to the
DEC Ukraine appeal.

We look forward to seeing you there.



The Lone Piper

by Ol' Buzz

An undertaker telephoned a professional bagpiper. There was to be a funeral of an old ex-serviceman. Efforts to trace family or friends had been unavailing, and they wondered whether he would play at the graveside, to at least make something of the sad occasion. The piper agreed to attend in full Highland dress, noting the time and place of the funeral. The cemetery was across Glasgow, but he was sure he would find it – nae bother. Came the day and he was having trouble finding the place. There was no one on the streets to ask, (he wouldn't anyway – it's a man thing). Round and round he drove, aware that he was going to be late. Would they wait for him ? Suddenly, he saw the low brick wall with a pile of earth behind it and two boiler suited workmen leaning on their shovels. He parked, carried his pipes across to the wall, and played *Amazing Grace, Crimond, Abide with me, and rounded off with Flowers of Scotland. The workmen were openly dabbing their eyes. He asked them, "Was that alright ?"*

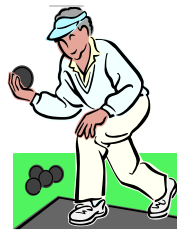
The older man replied that "That's the nicest thing anyone has ever done for us, and me and Clem have been putting in septic tanks for over twenty years."

HARGRAVE AND HUXLEY BOWLING CLUB

The bowling season resumed again in April. 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.



**NO JOSHUA TREE COFFEE
MORNING THIS MONTH**

**Congratulations to Her Majesty
on her Platinum Jubilee**



The 70th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne fell on February 6th 2022. However that is also the date of her beloved father's death. Understandably this is not a day for celebration. Therefore the first week in June is the anniversary of her coronation, a day to celebrate!

Over the reign of Her Majesty there have been many notable events. This applies to us all. Sit for a moment and think back over those years... I realise not all will be able to cover all 70, but your own years will still hold good and bad times. Anniversaries are for remembering. What notable times the world has been through ...wars , climatic change, and inventions.

Such wonderful medical discoveries....means of transport (to the Moon)...communication (whether for good or ill)...'partial' acceptance of those different from ourselves. So many changes. We all have our own anniversaries to remember with pain or pleasure. So congratulations to Her Majesty and to all of you for making our world what it is varied and exciting.

**See you all again on Friday July 1st.
11a.m. The Plough Inn Christleton
£5.00 plus raffle prize**



WANTED

Donations of any pre loved toys, gifts, unwanted presents, to help stock a fundraising stall for Ukraine.

Contact Jo Tel:07789401777 who will be happy to come and collect your donations.



CHRISTIAN AID BIG BREKKIE

Just a quick note to say 'THANK YOU' to everyone who donated for Christian Aid week and who came to support the Big Brekkie. We don't yet have a final figure, but on the day, the collection amounted to over £1000!! Watch this space next month to find the total amount raised. So many people in drought-smitten countries such as Zimbabwe will be provided with special resistant seeds to grow crops to feed their families thanks to your generosity. Many thanks.



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All submissions for the July/August edition to be in by **Thursday 23rd June**. 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.



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R Vincent (R&S) E Thornton-Firkin (S)
Intercessions: E Thornton-Firkin
Lane by Lane: Those who live outside the Parish

Sunday 12th Trinity Sunday 9:45 Eucharist CW
B Burgess (R&S) J Burgess (S)
Intercessions: J Burgess
Lane by Lane: Huxley Lane, Huxley - including Village Hall

Sunday 19th First after Trinity 9:45 Family Eucharist CW
A Smart (R&S) M Smart (S)
Intercessions: Young People
Lane by Lane: Chapel Lane and Golden Nook, Hargrave

Sunday 26th Second after Trinity 9:45 Patronal Festival Eucharist CW
M Coker (R) M Whittingham (S)
Intercessions: H Johnson
Lane by Lane: Church Lane, Huxley including Huxley School

JUNE 2022 DATES FOR DIARY

	No Joshua Tree Coffee Morning	
2nd Pg 14	7:30pm Jubilee Beacon	Church Field Hargrave
4th Pg 16	2:00pm Bowling Club - weekly	Hargrave
5th Pg 15	12:00 noon following Church Service Jubilee Big Picnic	Church Field Hargrave
8th Pg 7	7:30pm WI	Hargrave Church Hall
16th Pg 8	12:00 noon Ladies Who Lunch	Cock 'O Barton
16th Pg 8	12:00 noon Men Who Munch	The Inn at Huxley
17th Pg 6	10:00am Village Walk	Tiverton
17th Pg 8	Hargrave and Huxley Historical Group Outing	Nuclear Bunker Nantwich
23rd Pg 7	7:30pm WI Event Chester Male Voice Choir	Church Field Hargrave
23rd Pg 21	Parish News Deadline	
24th Pg 11	7:00pm Happy Days - Barn Dance	Marquee Church Field
25th Pg 12/13	Happy Days	Church Field Hargrave
26th Pg 3	9:45am Patronal Festival Service 3:00pm Messy Church	St Peter's Hargrave