

Merry Christmas



Hargrave & Huxley Happy Days - Christmas Newsletter



Welcome to our Christmas newsletter, full of festive fun!

It's been an unusual year to say the least, but we hope you have been maintaining some Happy Days cheer, and our newsletters have helped you along the way.

We've been overwhelmed with the support and community spirit in our two villages, which is what Happy Days are all about.

We hope you enjoy this Christmas newsletter, and look forward to many more Happy Days activities in 2021!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas!

The Happy Days Team

*Make sure you keep in the loop, Have you seen our brand new website?
<https://hargravehuxleyhappydays.co.uk/> and have you followed us on facebook?*



The winner of our Poetry Competition:

Cleaning the Brass

After the candlesticks' ridges and furrows

I turn with relief to the brass plaque.

A smooth surface, and easy to clean.

To The Glory Of God And In Loving Memory Of A Brave Son

A spider abseils past. My fingers slow.

Lewis Gunner Edward Stanley Dale

The name obscured by polish drying.

Fell at St Eloi, France, Aged 20

What was the manner of his dying?

Here in the church ninety years later

I read his name. It echoes in the stillness.

Buried In Bethune Town Cemetery.

His presence threw a shadow on the land

Now others work the fields he knew.

Sun slants through the coloured glass.

The church breathes, waiting.

Small things link two lives- polish, cloth, and brass,



The name emerging as I clean.

This strengthening April sun could be another century's

The distance blurring like an out of focus photograph-

That robin's fall of notes heard in a different field.

A lorry thunders past like distant guns.

His looping helix crashes to a full stop and I awake

And go on polishing.

Carole Gardner

Hargrave & Huxley

Living Advent Calendar

Displays will be revealed by 6pm each day, and remain throughout advent for everyone enjoy.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Huxley Primary School	2 Yew Tree Farm, Church Lane, Hargrave	3 Doddleston House Farm, Hoofield Ln, Huxley	4 1 Willow Cottages, Huxley Lane, Huxley	5 Brackenfield, Huxley Lane, Huxley
6 Holborn Hill Farm, Hoofield Lane, Huxley	7 Swallow Farm, Mill Lane, Hargrave	8 Bank Cottage, Huxley Lane, Huxley	9 2 Willow Cottages, Huxley Lane, Huxley	10 Laurel Bank, Church Lane, Huxley	11 But-n-Ben Huxley Lane, Huxley	12 Ivy Bank Farm, Church Ln, Hargrave
13 Elm Tree Farm, Church Lane, Huxley	14 The Hollies, Hoofield Lane, Huxley	15 Orchard Cottage, Huxley Lane, Huxley	16 Rosedale, Chapel Ln, Hargrave	17 Old Hope Cottage, Hoofield Ln, Huxley	18 Windy Ridge, Church Lane, Hargrave	19 1 Ivy Cottage, Hoofield Lane, Huxley
20 Top of Hargrave Hall and Farm Lane, Hargrave	21 Hillside, Huxley Lane, Huxley	22 Wayside Cottage, Church Lane, Hargrave	23 Lower Farm, Huxley Lane, Huxley	24 St Peter's Church Hargrave Note: 11am Live reveal!	25	

A Happy Days Event

Huxley



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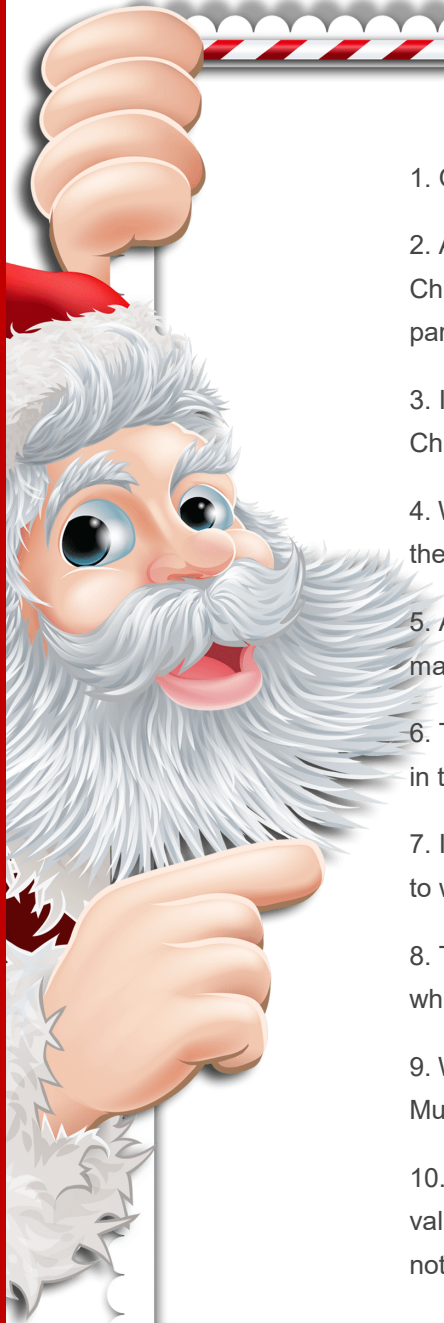
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Hargrave

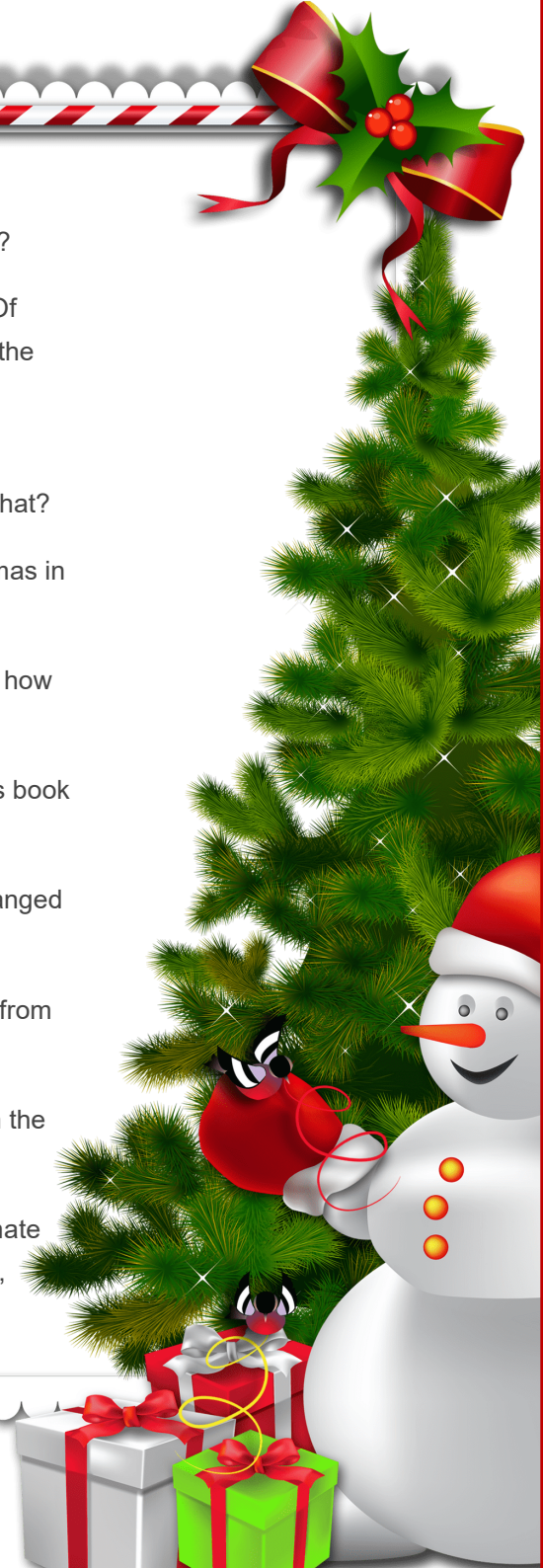


A Christmas Quiz - The Twelve Days of Christmas



1. On what date does The Twelve Days of Christmas start?
2. A popular theory is that the lyrics In `The Twelve Days Of Christmas`, are references to Christianity, if so what does the partridge in the pear tree represent?
3. In previous versions of the song `The Twelve Days Of Christmas`, 4 Calling Birds were originally referred to as what?
4. What type of bird features on the seventh day of Christmas in the song `The Twelve Days Of Christmas`?
5. According to the song `The Twelve Days of Christmas`, how many gifts in total did my true love give to me?
6. The earliest version of the song appeared in a children's book in the 1780's 1680's or 1880's?
7. In `The Twelve Days Of Christmas`, Ships-a-Sailing changed to which gifts and how many?
8. The standard tune is a traditional English folk song, but from which country do the lyrics originate from?
9. Who famously sang The Twelve Days of Christmas with the Muppets?
10. Based on Christmas 2019 what would be the approximate value of The Twelve Days of Christmas (just day 12's gifts, not cumulatively) ?

(Answers upside down on bottom of next page)





Hargrave, Huxley & Surroundings 2021
Calendar

Have you ordered your copy?
Here's a taste of some of the amazing photos in the calendar.

They are just £10. If you would like to order one, please email for an order form: hargravehuxleyhappydays@gmail.com



Happy Helpers

The Happy Days team are always looking for

helpers, please get in touch if you would like to get involved. We'd love to hear from you, please contact one of us:

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