

First prize goes to The Pritchards with their Olympic Swimmers

#### Wardens' Corner

I hope this issue finds you well and coping with the continued Covid lockdown. Our Church services have continued weekly in spite of our continuing vacancy and having to comply with Covid rules.



Vacancies are always busy times for the wardens – organising visiting clergy, organists etc as well as overseeing

maintenance and repairs to the vicarage, most of which are now completed. The good news is that both the vacancy and Covid restrictions seem to be nearing the end. Let's hope and pray that they don't have to be re-imposed!

It seems unbelievable that we have now passed the summer solstice and the days are now starting to shorten once again. Let's hope the weather bears up – lots of lovely sunny days, and the rain that farmers and gardeners need all falls during the night! Also let us hope and pray that the Covid situation does not worsen and the lifting of restrictions is not delayed. Schools will shortly break up and we can all enjoy the summer holiday, albeit in the UK.

Progress is being made in getting our new vicar. That will be a big relief to us all and we can settle to a more normal church life - though vacancies always provide an interesting variety of visiting clergy and resultant service and sermons! So later in the year we will be in the unusual situation of welcoming both our new vicar and our new Headteacher at Huxley school. Mrs Rachel Gourley will start in post as Headteacher in September. Rachel has lots of exciting new ideas and is very keen to progress our school's development plan to become a successful Church of England school providing a hybrid model of a mixture of full time pupils and flexi pupils attending 3 days a week. We all look forward very much to sharing in its progress. There will be an opportunity for everyone to meet Rachel at our School fete on 17<sup>th</sup> July starting at 2pm.to which all are welcome.

We would also like to wish our current Headteacher, Cathy Davies, all the very best in her new role as the Executive Head of Tushingham and Shocklach CE Primary schools. Cathy has achieved a great deal in turning the school around in her time with us.

#### Malcolm

**Note:** During the vacancy one of your two Churchwardens, Mike Whittingham or Malcolm Smart, will write a piece for "Wardens' Corner". If you have any questions about St Peter's Church, Hargrave,- or indeed any village organisation, please give one of us a call. We will try our best to help. Mike Whittingham:- 01829 770842 Malcolm Smart :- 01829 781563 – 07538 440694

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL - ST PETER'S HARGRAVE

The Sunday School normally meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. However, **there will be restricted Sunday school due to coronavirus.** 

There will be no Sunday School for July and August, but we would love to see every one at the Family Services.







# Happy Days Summer Community Event

### Saturday 28th August 2021 from Midday

Join us for a celebration to mark the end of lock down. A fun get together for all the family. Fun activities come rain or shine. Bring your own picnic, chairs and blankets. We'll bring the bar and activities!

We have some items available to lend out, so please let us know if you need anything. We are on hand to help with transporting chairs if needed. Anything we can do, please just ask!

To manage numbers and allow us to be responsible with spacing, please get in touch to book a spot on the field. It's free!
Bridget 07748597042 •Carolyn 07730523553 •Kay 07941326256 or email: hargravehuxleyhappydays@gmail.com

#### Here's what you can look forward to:

Bar serving all types of beverages. Prize giving for sunflower competition.

FREE activities: Classic school sports day games for all ages to take part, or cheer others on! Boules, croquet and garden games. Inter-village tug of war.



### **Huxley C.E. Primary School**

I'm delighted to report that there are now lots of children thriving in the provision from our two teachers at Huxley CE Primary and many more are enrolled to begin in September. It is a real joy to be in school every day and to be welcoming our new



school family. I have been working closely with Mrs Gourley –the new headteacher – to ensure a smooth transition. The school is very lucky to have her on board. The future for Huxley CE Primary really is bright.

#### Mrs Cathy Davies

I'd like to introduce myself as the new headteacher at Huxley CE Primary School as of September 2021. I know the school has been on an incredible journey already and it's with thanks to the community and the hard work of the headteacher and current staff at Huxley, that it is in a strong position moving forwards in September. We still have so much to do going forward but it is very exciting to see the new hybrid model grow and develop. The staff are so enthusiastic and we have already started to discuss the exciting plans going forward for our tiny school. It really has already lived up to its strap line of 'Tiny School, Big Heart' and I very much look forward to and feel privileged to be leading the school in the near future.

#### Mrs Rachel Gourley



and trace.



We look forward to seeing you there. All enquiries ptahuxley@hotmail.com

PTA Huxley CE Primary School is a Registered Charity



### Huxley Tots at Huxley CE Primary School

Tuesday 10.00-11.00

The group is suitable for parents & carers of children from birth to primary school age. Please bring own snacks & drinks; suggested donation will be £1/£2 per family.

Come and explore the School's outdoor space. In the event of bad weather session will be held in the school hall - so picnic blankets, wellies, waterproofs, etc all a good idea.

Organised by Tetyana English

To book a place contact Jo 07789401777

Our Facebook page is Huxley Tots at Huxley CE Primary School https://www.facebook.com/groups/472983840625345/?ref=share



#### Wednesday

6 months to 17 months: 9.45am-10.15am 18 months to 3 years: 10.30am-11.15am Catchy Music & Songs, Action Games, Bubbles & More! Booking: www.happity.co.uk/froggle-tots/chester Email: jenna@froggletots.co.uk Telephone: 07513 662 482



## **Ladies Who Lunch**

Following a successful trial run at The Inn @ Huxley, we were able to donate £46.00 to Endometriosis, our current charity.

It is hoped that we will be able to continue to function as a group (although restrictions are



still in place) and a booking has been secured for our next lunch on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 12.00 for 12.30 prompt at the Fox and Barrel, Cotebrook

Places will be on a first-come basis and again numbers are limited.

For more details contact Chris Hunt on 01829 781112

## **Community After-School & Evening Activities**

Monday Music Fun- 4:00-5:00 pm Bring your own instrument or just bring yourself! All abilities welcome. £12 per lesson. Brittany Howard University of Chester. To book a place, contact ann.williams1789@gmail.com



**Tuesday Huxley Tots– 9:00-10:20am** With Tetyana English. To book contact Jo at ptahuxley@hotmail.com or 07789401777

Wednesday Froggle Tots- 9:45-10:15 6-17months 10:30-11:15 18months-3years. Catchy songs, music and movement, instruments, parachutes, puppets and more! For ages 6 months to 3 years. For further information contact jenna@froggletots.co.uk or call 07513 662 482

Wednesday AW Coaching Sports Club- 4:15-5:15pm 5-16 year old boys & girls, all abilities welcome £21 for 6 weeks with Chris Aldcroft, AW Coaching. To book a place, contact 07504816986 aw\_coaching1@hotmail.com

Continuing virtually - French Conversation for children and adults:

Wednesday Adult French Conversation- 6:00-7:30pm All ages & abilities welcome £8 per lesson with Dr Ann Williams. To book a place, contact ann.williams1789@gmail.com (via online)

**Thursday French Conversation for primary school children- 4:00-5:00pm** All abilities welcome £8 per lesson with Dr Ann Williams. To book a place, contact ann.williams1789@gmail.com (via online)

**Friday Little Beats- 9:10-11:25am** Pre-school Music & Movement group. Baby class and Mixed age classes. Friday mornings with Amanda Wrigley. To book a place Tel: 07515721754 or Email: amandajanewrigley8@gmail.com www.buzzytots.co.uk/organisers/little-beats-cheshire



#### HARGRAVE AND HUXLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Hargrave and Huxley Parish Council owns the phone box which is currently situated at the Inn at Huxley. We have decided that it could be put to good use by the community to display notices relative to local events. If any of our organisations wish to use it for this please feel free to do so.

You may not be aware that Chester and Cheshire West has an on line facility to report highway and related issues. We would encourage residents to lodge complaints re highways using this and let the Parish Council know the reference number issued and we will monitor and chase progress. We have had quite a bit of success in getting drains fixed and potholes filled recently.

There will be no Parish Council meeting as scheduled on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July as we are not legally allowed zoom meetings and we are not happy to have a public meeting just yet. We hope to resume face to face meetings on **Sunday** 

**September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm** but will advise accordingly. If you have any urgent items please contact our clerk.

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK ENVELOPE COLLECTION

This is just a very quick THANK YOU note to you all for raising a wonderful £514.28 during our CAWEEK collection.....and that's



before we've even planned the BIG BREKKIE! It WILL happen....keep watching this space!

## **CHURCH BELL and CLOCK**

By the time you read this, scaffolding will be in place around the northwest corner of St Peter's to allow access to dismantle and remove the old clock mechanism and corroded clapper. The new mechanism and clapper should be in place in early August. Thank you again to all you generous people who have answered the call and made a donation to St Peter's Church Clock and Bell Appeal – this means that our new vicar, when appointed, will be able to ring the bell (as well as tell the time!) as part of their inaugural ceremony of installation. Let's hope that Covid 19 restrictions will have been lifted by then and permit the church to be crowded out, both to welcome our new incumbent, and to hear the bell ringing out in thanks for living in our beautiful rural community.

Edward Thornton-Firkin for Hargrave Parochial Church Council



### Village Walk Friday, 23rd July & 20th August

Details of the walk to be announced. An email will be sent to regular walkers but, if you would like to join us, please, contact Jenny Hobbs for details Tel. 01829 -

781250 Everyone is very welcome.





#### JOHN WHITTLE REMEMBERED

John Whittle lived in Hargrave with his wife, Kay, for some 30 years before moving a little distance to Waverton when their house became too big for them. John had taken early retirement from Shell Research and needed to get his teeth into something when he arrived in the midst of our community. This turned out to be the writing and editing of "A History of Hargrave and Huxley", the first edition appearing in 1988 and the second in 2008. John was a trustee of The Sir Thomas Moulson Trust and took a particular interest through the Historical Group in researching the Moulson family. He was immensely fond of all the activities our twin villages have been party to over the years and he and Kay were generous hosts to many of these.

John died in March but his funeral in April was limited in attendance by Covid 19 restrictions. His daughter and son, Debbie and Nigel, now want as many of John's friends and members of local groups with whom he was associated, to come to a Reception that they will host in Hargrave Church Hall on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August from 5 – 7pm**. Please come and remember John.

Edward Thornton-Firkin for the Sir Thomas Moulson Trust

### SIR THOMAS MOULSON TRUST

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

Applications must be received by **31<sup>st</sup> August** to be considered by the Trustees at the meeting in September.

# The Joshua Tree

Things are getting back to a sort of normal. What was 'normal' I have almost forgotten! To start our coffee mornings again was very pleasant and I thank you all for coming. Pauline and



Dave need our support after all the years of their generous gifts to the 'Tree' of free coffee and cake, allowing us to give all the money you so generously donate to go to the charity. We thank you all.

The charity is reliant on the generosity of people to help them help others.

For many years we have been supporting The Joshua Tree, helping to finance their consulting sessions, adding a drop in the finance bucket of their new premises and it is greatly assisting the work they do.

They want to say 'thank you' and have invited us to visit them at the new premises on **Wednesday July 28<sup>th</sup> at 11.00**. They would be pleased for us to see the new buildings and hear what they intend to offer their 'families'. Please can you let me know by July 2nd if you would care to come. In case you are not sure of the location: Dalesford Lane, Sandiway, Cheshire CW8 2GW.

#### THE PLOUGH CHRISTLETON 11a.m July 2nd and August 6th £5.00 donation and a raffle prize please



Scarecrow festival

Thank you to all who entered into the scarecrow festival. Some fantastic and creative scarecrows.

Fature Happy Days Events to look out for

•Womble Walk •Pound the Boundary September 2021 •Christmas Drinks with Floral Workshop December 2021 •Summer Soiree 2022 •Happy Days Weekend 24th – 26th June 2022

Happy Helpers

The Happy Days team are always looking for helpers so please get in touch if you would like to become involved. We'd love to hear from you.

please contact one of us: •Bridget 07748597042 •Carolyn 07730523553 •Kay 07941326256 or email: hargravehuxleyhappydays@gmail.com We look forward to hearing from you!



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## The Unobtrusive Arrival by Ol' Buzz

A work colleague, Mike, had been a BBC cameraman earlier in his career. Following the Lord Mayor's Show comes the Lord Mayor's Banquet at the Guildhall, where the City of London turn up in their finery, to be addressed by the Prime Minister. This was a big date in the BBC calendar and all the cameramen wore evening dress, to blend in – as they each handled TV cameras the size of Bofors anti-aircraft guns, which blended less successfully. The TV crews toiled through the afternoon, setting up cables and equipment, only being released late-on to dash out and get something to eat. Mike knew an Italian restaurant nearby, where the food was hot, tasty and reasonably priced. But he was still waiting to settle his bill when he should have been reporting for duty at the Guildhall.

Duffel coat over his evening dress, he sprinted to the Guildhall, only to find a scrum of attendees blocking the foyer and checking their coats. Worse, there was a toastmaster taking everyone's particulars before allowing them to proceed. Mike "*Excuse-me'd" his* way along the throng until stopped by this official. Dabbing his brow, Mike said quietly, "*Mike Burridge – BBC."* 

To his horror, the man turned and boomed, "MR. MICHAEL BURRIDGE of the BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION".

Well, if you are going to be late, you might as well make an entrance.

#### **Huxley & Hargrave WI**

There are still a couple of places on the **boat trip on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July.** It leaves at 7 coom, returning at 9.30pm and is free to our WI members 125 for a guest) with refreshments on board. This promises to be a good evening to start our delayed centenary celebrations.

The first meeting will be at Hargrave on **Weds 11<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm** when we are going to have a talk on Southern India and the competition will be for 'An Eastern Memento'. From September through the winter the meetings then change to afternoons at Huxley at 2pm, starting on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September** with 'Toytown to Buckingham Palace' and a competition for a 'Child's Toy'. **On Weds 13<sup>th</sup> October** we have a gin-tasting and birthday cake evening ( no competition as yet, but after a few gins it could be as frivolous as walking in a straight line!) **Weds 10th November** brings 'the Reluctant Shepherdess' and our AGM with a competition for a 'walking stick'. Still in the planning stage is a **Supper Club Lunch** with speaker sometime at the beginning of November and our In-House Christmas party on December 8th.

Please feel free to have a chat with either Tricia on 01829 781255 or Connie on 01829 781298 for details of any meetings or for membership.

#### HARGRAVE AND HUXLEY BOWLING CLUB

The bowling season is now well under way and the Tuesday afternoon league matches have resumed. 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 on a Saturday from 2 pm (weather permitting), and s



on a Saturday from 2 pm (weather permitting), and speak to any of the members present.



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and search for: Huxley C.E. Primary School

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for T&Cs. Closing date for entries: 17th July 2021



#### CHURCH WEBSITE

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# **EDITOR'S NOTE**

Can all submissions for the September 2021 edition be in by **Thursday 19th August**. All submissions need to be submitted in a document as an attachment and **not** 

**typed** directly into an email. Please note this email is **only checked** at submission time. Many thanks Beverley Tel 781505 **HandHDOW@gmail.com** 



	JULY SERVICES AT ST PETERS	
Sunday 4th 5th Sunday after Trinity	09:45 Eucharist CW D Roberts (R&S) J Ankers (S) Intercessions: A Roberts Lane by Lane: Those who live outside the Parish	
Sunday 11th 6th Sunday after Trinity	09:45 Eucharist CW H Johnson (R) T Onslow-Macauley (S) D Holroyd (S) Intercessions: J Wilson Lane by Lane: Huxley Lane, Huxley - including village hall	
Sunday 18th 7th Sunday after Trinity	09:45 Family Eucharist CW E Thorton-Firkin (R&S) R Vincent (S) Intercessions: Sunday School 11:00 PCC Meeting in the Church Hall Lane by Lane: Chapel Lane and Golden Nook, Hargrave	
Sunday 25th 8th Sunday after Trinity	09:45 Eucharist CW J Burgess (R&S) B Burgess (S) Intercessions: B Burgess Lane by Lane: Church Lane, Huxley including Huxley School	
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Sunday 1st 9th Sunday after Trinity	09:45 Eucharist CW B Mcdougall (R) M Whittingham (S) C Houlbrooke (S) Intercessions: I Mcdougall Lane by Lane: Those who live outside the Parish	
Sunday 8th 10th Sunday after Trinity	09:45 Eucharist CW T Onslow-Macauley (R&S) E Thornton-Firkin (S) Intercessions: D Roberts Lane by Lane: Huxley Lane, Huxley - including village hall	
Sunday 15th 11th Sunday after Trinity	09:45 Family Eucharist CW A Smart (R&S) M Smart (S) Intercessions: Sunday School Lane by Lane: Chapel Lane and Golden Nook, Hargrave	
Sunday 22nd 12th Sunday after Trinity	09:45 Eucharist CW H Johnson (R) E Thornton-Firkin (S) R Vincent (S) Intercessions: E Thornton-Firkin Lane by Lane: Church Lane, Huxley including Huxley School	
Sunday 29th 13th Sunday after Trinity	09:45 Eucharist CW B Burgess (R&S) J Burgess (S) Intercessions: J Burgess Lane by Lane: Church Lane, Huxley including Huxley School	

# JULY & AUGUST 2021 DATES FOR DIARY

2nd July Pg 16	11:00am Joshua Tree Coffee Morning	The Plough Christleton
7th July Pg 20	7:00pm-9:30pm WI Boat Trip	POSTPONED
15th July Pg 9	12:00 noon Ladies Who Lunch	Fox & Barrel Cotebrook
15th July	12:00 noon Men Who Munch	The Inn at Huxley
17th July Pg 7	14:00pm-17:00pm Huxley Primary School Summer Fete	Huxley School
18th July	11:00am PCC Meeting	Hargrave Church Hall
23rd July Pg 13	9:30am Village Walk	Huxley School
28th July Pg 16	11:00am Visit The Joshua Tree	Sandiway
6th August Pg 16	11:00am Joshua Tree Coffee Morning	The Plough Christleton
7th August Pg 15	5:00pm-07:00pm John Whittle Remembered	Hargrave Church Hall
11th August Pg 20	7:30pm WI	Hargrave Church Hall
19th August Pg 22	Parish News Deadline	
20th August Pg 13	9:30am Village Walk	Huxley School
28th Aug Pg 5	12:00 noon Happy Days Summer Community Event	Hargrave Church Field