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**Chance to meet the new
Headteacher, Mrs Rachel
Gourley, at the Summer
Fete Saturday 17 July 2021.**

**Gates open 1400
Gates close 1700.**

Wardens' Corner

Well here we are at long last, hopefully saying goodbye to the pandemic and, with luck, getting life back to some normality. The Vacancy is proceeding well and we are having some very interesting visiting clergy. Our congregations have not forsaken us and we are welcoming twenty plus worshippers most Sundays. We have had some tremendous support from the Deanery when asking for help with services and, whilst on this subject, we must say how sorry we were to see the Rev Canon Ian Davenport retire as our Rural Dean. Ian was an inspiration to so many, especially throughout the lockdown and he will be sorely missed. We look forward to welcoming his successor, the Rev Tim Hayward, vicar of Bunbury parish. We are also sad to see our young talented organist Curtis leave us for the warmer climes of Australia, but we understand he will return in the spring of 2022.



As many must know, the church clock and bell have been out of action for well over a year. On behalf of the PCC, Edward Thornton-Firkin has appealed for donations to restore the clock and the bell and our community has responded magnificently to the appeal with great generosity – so a big thank you to one and all. This has now enabled us to place the order for restoration with Smith of Derby (ex J B Joyce of Whitchurch) and we trust the works will be complete before the arrival of our new vicar.

Mike

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.

There will be restricted Sunday school in June due to coronavirus.

There will be no Sunday School, but we would love to see every one at the June Family Service.



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HARGRAVE CHURCH HALL

On the Church website www.stpetershargrave.org.uk, you can see the interior of the Hall magnificently decorated for a wedding reception – just one of many reasons for hiring this local facility – you don't have to get married to use it! – you can play games, hold a childrens' party, demand another general election to vote at, celebrate a BIG birthday with family and friends, hold a fund raising event..... Please help the Parochial Church Council to recover some of its lost income as a result of the pandemic. The Hall Committee has been hard at work to spring clean the kitchen and The Moulson Trust is constantly looking at ways to make improvements to the building and surroundings. A Bookings Secretary is still being sought – could it be you?

Edward Thornton-Firkin,

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Huxley C.E. Primary School

The clouds parted over Huxley CE Primary

School. Whatever the weather, there are smiles all round at Huxley School. Not long ago the small band of children holding the fort were wondering how long their school would still be there. Today their patience is rewarded. Just come to the school gates at drop off time and you'll



understand. Wait for the bus to arrive, bringing a band of excited children, meeting their other friends dropped off by their parents. No hugs – Covid oblige – but smiles and laughter and happy chatter all round.

Then they rush in to see their teachers, two of whom recently joined the team. The school is growing so fast: 20 children already on roll, according to Mrs Davies, the current Headteacher, soon herself to move on to lead two new schools as Executive Head. The School Governors say we are on track to reach the required pupil numbers and everyone breathes a sigh of relief. The effort continues and the School looks forward excitedly to meet their new Head, Mrs Rachel Gourley, who cannot wait to take up her post in September. Plans are made and the work by the Staff, the PTA, the Governors and devoted members of the community continues, to ensure that Huxley CE Primary School becomes the place of learning, joy, energy and excellence that it was meant to be. Exciting events will mark the re-birth of Huxley School: the first to put in your diary: **the School Fete on July 17.**

In the meantime, school goes on. Weather permitting – and there are some beautiful sunny days - activities take place in the lovely grounds of the school. The children are becoming amateur market gardeners, with their own vegetable patch; planting wild flowers, making dens which are rain proof: survival is the name of the game. When it rains, learning to cook healthy dishes, with accurate measurements; building a skeleton to learn the human body; so

many activities to apply their class learning. Well done, Huxley CE Primary School – God bless this school – and all who sail in her.

Dr Ann Williams,
Vice Chair of Governors.



Huxley C.E Primary School Summer Fete Saturday 17 July 2021

Gates Open 1400

Gates Close 1700

Fun activities for children

Various stalls including:

Food stall

Children's Clothes stall

Craft and Art stalls

Book stall

Plant stall

Tombola stall

Pre-loved clothes/toy stall and more tbc

Refreshments inc pizza maker!

We look forward to seeing you there.

Entry FREE



Huxley Tots

at

Huxley CE Primary School

Thursday 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>



Let's fire those brains up! Spot the difference. 10 to find. Nativity Play from 1985.



Community After-School & Evening Activities

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



Monday 4:00-5:00 pm Music Fun- 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

Wednesday 4:15-5:15pm Sports Club- 5-16 year old boys & girls, all abilities welcome £21 for 6 weeks with Chris Aldcroft AW Coaching. To book a place, contact aw_coaching1@hotmail.com 07504816986

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

Thursday 10:00-11:00am Huxley Tots- With Tetyana English. Please contact Jo at ptahuxley@hotmail.com or 07789401777.

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

Friday 9:10-11:25am Little Beats- 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
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6 months to 17 months: 9.45am-10.30am

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Date for your diaries

Saturday 13 November 2021

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The Inn at Huxley

Raising funds for Huxley C.E. Primary School

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Village Walk

Friday, 18th June

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.

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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, Julie Turner, via email on the following address julie@jturner.plus.com
Applications must be received by **31st August** to be considered by the Trustees at the meeting in September.

HARGRAVE AND HUXLEY BOWLING CLUB

The bowling season has been able to resume again this year and League matches are due to start this month. 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 speak to any of the members present.



Church Bell and Clock

Thank you to all who have answered the call and made a donation to St Peter's Church Clock and Bell Appeal – there has been a magnificent response and it means that the order can now be placed with Smith of Derby to put the repair and renewals work in hand. We will ourselves be responsible for providing, erecting and dismantling the scaffolding both internally and externally to permit safe access at high level for the clockmaker. Whilst this is in place, it will be the opportunity to inspect the spire structure and the cedar shingles that cover it and undertake any essential remedial works. There are also main roof tiles that need re-fixing or replacing. It's not too late if you would still like to consider making a donation and join the 30 local families and the Parish Council who have contributed to date. Thank you again.

Edward Thornton-Firkin for Hargrave Parochial Church Council
01829 781423 and edwardtf@hotmail.com

The Joshua Tree

'Boys and girls come out to play.'.....
things may have changed between writing
and receiving, but hopefully this month
may be the start of our return to helping
the Joshua Trees' endeavours with a
pleasant morning coffee and gossip.



This has been a difficult and very frustrating time for people at the Joshua Tree . The only blessing has been the time to finish their new premises at Sandiway. The final piece in the completion was the road and car park. Tarmac and the Cheshire Freemasons generously funded this finishing touch. So many companies and individuals have given of their time and money to help build this unique centre – it floats on an air of goodwill and hope.

The families that attend its sessions both private and communal use it as a lifeline of instruction and support. There is a lonely road. Family and friends bring sympathy but the hard physical and emotional day to day living takes its toll. An eight to ten year old that needs to be carried and lifted in and out – a four year old that cannot understand the need for invasive treatments. The siblings that also need understanding and attention. The husband and wife that need love and time. The trust cannot cure, but they can bring together families and show they are not alone and advise .

How can we help? Drink coffee and eat cake, a raffle prize and contribute £5.00. Let us hope that 'the virus' grants us the space and time to do our small bit to help. Hope to see you soon.

THE PLOUGH CHRISTLETON 11a.m
JUNE 4th and JULY 2nd
£5.00 donation and a raffle prize please



25th to 27th June 2021

Returning for another year the Scarecrow festival this June! Let's decorate the village with jolly scarecrows. There will be a prize for the most creative scarecrow; judging will be on the 27th June. Email us to enter.

Saturday 28th August 2021

A fun get together for all the family. Classic school sports day games. Inter-village tug of war. Bar serving all types of beverages. Bring your own picnic.

We hope your sunflowers are now sprouting. The competition categories are: Tallest Sunflower and Largest Diameter Seed Head. There will be prizes for entries from the following three classes:

Huxley Primary School,
Other School children,
Adults.

Prizes will be presented on the 28th August.

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

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We look forward to hearing from you!



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A Few Words After Dinner **by Ol' Buzz**

A Chancellor of the Exchequer (pre - Healey), used to get his after dinner speeches written for him by a private secretary – often at very short notice. Until one evening he addressed a civic gathering in Sheffield. He began, "My Lord Mayor, Lady Mayoress, Ladies and Gentlemen, we are facing a most daunting situation, and unless we find a solution, the future looks sombre and our prospects stark. I foresee only two options open to us." Then he turned the page and read, "From now on, you're on your own, you b-----d."

Another guest speaker had the misfortune to break his dental plate during dinner, and confided to the Toastmaster that he would be unable to speak. The Toastmaster returned and proffered something under the table (dentures), which the speaker tried behind his napkin. Too small. A further set was offered – too large. A third set proved good enough for the speaker to complete his engagement, and he told the man afterwards that it was lucky he was a dentist. "I'm not sir, I'm an undertaker."

The Astors hosted a house party at Cliveden. A guest was a Labour politician and union activist, Jimmy Thomas. Nancy Astor asked Thomas what he might speak about if asked to say a few words after dinner. "I could say what we will do with this house if we are elected after the war." "My own suggestion", replied Nancy, "is that you turn it into a boarding house with me as landlady though in that case, Mr. Thomas, you'd have to pay for your board and lodging, which you have never done before."

At a formal Embassy dinner, one lady complained that according to precedence, she should be seated next to the Ambassador. All the other guests had to rise and move to accommodate her. After dinner she apologised for making a fuss, adding that these details must be a real problem for an Ambassador. He replied, "Not really, experience shows that those who matter don't mind, and those who mind, don't matter."

Huxley & Hargrave WI

A reminder to all members (and any new ones who are thinking of joining us) that we are intending to start again in July with the River Boat trip first on the list of attractions! In case you have forgotten what lies ahead, see below...

JULY 7th – 3-hour River trip with Buffet. Members to be paid for from WI Funds. Guests are very welcome at £25 p.p. Times for ‘cast-off ‘etc will follow in June . Please let Tricia know number of guests in plenty of time.

AUGUST 11th meeting as usual at Hargrave , 7.30 pm . Clive and Caroline Dawson talk on ‘A visit to Southern India In Costume .’

Note: Winter meetings at Huxley are changing to afternoons for a trial period.

SEPTEMBER 8th at Huxley @ 2pm. Speaker John Sterling ‘Toytown to Buckingham Palace’.

OCTOBER 13th at Huxley @ 2pm Birthday Cake and Gin Tasting with Mary Strefford

NOVEMBER 10th at Huxley @ 2pm AGM & Speaker Rosie Lee ‘ The Reluctant Shepherdess ‘

We are hoping to have a Supper Club Lunch in November 3-course meal with a speaker. Details to follow .

DECEMBER 8th at Huxley @ 2pm. Christmas Party.

(Under normal conditions our Christmas Party this year would be at a local hostelry, but as we missed our ‘in house ‘ party in 2020 with the Chinese Cultural Evening, we will be in-house this year). More details to follow.

As you can see, plenty of things planned (fingers crossed!) and we would love to see new members.

For any information please contact Tricia or Connie

HELP NEEDED PLEASE

We always make a good effort to make our church look great every week. We have received many compliments for our flowers on the altar and in front of the pulpit. But these need supplying and arranging and we would like more help to do this.



If you feel you could help with this, we would be very grateful. Please contact Joan 781305 or Brenda 781212. They will add you to the Flower Rota.

HUXLEY VILLAGE HALL

We are delighted to announce that the hall will be fully open again from June 21st if restrictions are lifted according to the government road map.

We welcome back our regular users Parish Council, WI, Historical Group and look forward to restarting our popular Film Nights on the second Friday each month with the new season opening on **Friday 10th September**.

We also plan to run our traditional annual events of the Bingo Night on Friday December 3rd and Jumble Sale on Saturday 5th March.

We would like to increase the use of the hall for the benefit of the whole community. It is available for hire at £10 per hour for parties, meetings, classes and other activities.

Please contact Kay Martin 07941326256 or Fiona Halton 07812419781 to book or Steve Hyden 07810216399 for general enquiries.



CHURCH WEBSITE

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Can all submissions for the July/August 2021 edition be in by **Thursday 24th June**. 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

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JUNE SERVICES AT ST PETERS, HARGRAVE

Sunday 6th 1st Sunday after Trinity	09:45 Eucharist CW R Vincent (R&S) E Thornton-Firkin (S) Intercessions: E Thornton-Firkin Lane by Lane: Those who live outside the Parish
Sunday 13th 2nd Sunday after Trinity	09:45 Eucharist CW B Burgess (R&S) J Burgess (S) Intercessions: J Burgess Lane by Lane: Huxley Lane, Huxley - including village hall
Sunday 20th 3rd Sunday after Trinity	09:45 Family Eucharist CW M Smart (R&S) A Smart (S) Intercessions: Sunday School Lane by Lane: Chapel Lane and Golden Nook, Hargrave
Sunday 27th 4th Sunday after Trinity	09:45 Eucharist CW M Whittingham (R&S) C Houlbrooke (S) Intercessions: H Johnson Lane by Lane: Church Lane, Huxley including Huxley School
Sunday 27th	St Peter's day. St Peter is Hargrave Church's Patronal Saint.
Sunday 4th July	09:45 Eucharist CW

Banned by Cromwell ?

It is claimed that "Cromwell banned Christmas" – (no he didn't). But his Act of Parliament, 24 August 1653, enacted that the banns of marriage should be published three separate times on three separate Sundays in church or chapel. Or in the market place on three separate market days. It appears that the last recorded proclamation of banns in the market place of Boston, Lincs was 1659. Couples proclaiming their banns in the market place could be married by a Justice of the Peace. Bob Burgess

JUNE 2021 DATES FOR DIARY

4th Pg 16	11:00am Joshua Tree Coffee Morning	The Plough Christleton
18th Pg 13	9:30am Village Walk	Huxley School
24th Pg 22	Parish News Deadline	
27th Pg17	Scarecrow Festival 25th-27th Judging	
Mondays Term Time	9:45am-10:30 & 10:45am-11:30am Froggle Tots	Huxley School
Mondays Term Time	4:00pm-5:00pm Music Fun After School	Huxley School
Wednesday Term Time	4:00pm - 5:00pm Sports Club After School Session	Huxley School
Wednesdays Term Time	6:00pm - 7:30pm Adult French Conversation	Huxley School
Thursday Term Time	10:00 - 11:00am Huxley Tots	Huxley School
Thursdays Term Time	4:00pm - 5:00pm Children French Conversation	Huxley School
Friday Term Time	9:10am - 11:25am Little Beats Pre-School Music	Huxley School
Advance Notice	2:00pm-5:00pm Summer Fete Saturday 17th July	Huxley School