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# Down Our Way

Parish News & Local Events



**Spring is on its way**

## Wardens' Corner

As I sit to write this piece my mind goes back 7 years, as Anne sat to write her piece for this journal when she was warden with Bob, during our last vacancy. How things have changed! All our normal village activities are shut down, including having no church services.



But let's be positive! Many of us are already vaccinated, and it won't be long before the rest of us are. The end of the pandemic is in sight. Spring is almost upon us, together with the feel-good factor that that brings to all of us. Soon there will be bowling on the green in Hargrave! Also we will open our Church for our first post-lockdown service on Mothering Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Put the date in your diary! Because of Covid distancing, the Church has limited capacity so be aware!

What an opportunity, after the enforced break for us all, to do things differently and better. Our village CofE school in Huxley is certainly planning that, with a largely new Board of Governors with exciting plans to re-invigorate our school. And maybe, just maybe, we can have some sort of Happy Days event. By September there's every prospect of our villages returning to full activity - with a new energy and zest for "making our community great again" (!) after Covid.

We have now entered the period of Lent. Lent is the time when Christians take time to try and live God's way, the way that Jesus showed us. At the end of Lent comes Good Friday, when we remember the big love of God on the cross where Jesus died. Then comes Easter Day, when we celebrate that love brings life and joy to the world. And we have just had Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is about love – and so is Lent. Love goes the extra mile for other people, taking time to listen, to do new things together, and to make a difference to the world.

**Malcolm**

**Note:** During the vacancy one of your two Churchwardens, Mike Whittingham and I, 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 March due to coronavirus.**

It would, however, be lovely to see you at the **Mothering Sunday** service on March.



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## **MOULSON TRUST MATTERS**

The Moulson Trust holds its next meeting this month on the **25<sup>th</sup> at 19:30 in the Church Hall**, when two new Trustees will join the Charity – namely Neil Robinson and Alex Watson, both Hargrave residents. At the same time we will be saying farewell to Chris Houlbrooke, Jane Windsor and Christopher Deakin. They have all given dedicated and practical support to the Trust and Chris Houlbrooke's commitment has stretched across many decades – thank you to them all. When we have a new vicar in post, he/she will be invited to join the Trust and help cement the link between Church and School. For our founder, these two elements were inseparable.

The Church Hall remains available to use in these challenging Covid 19 times but with strict rules applying to ensure the safety of all. The Trust and the generosity of Thomas Moulson still benefits our local community through the provision of the Church/Village Hall in Hargrave, the adjoining field where the Happy Days weekend is held in June and the Old School House which provides an income through being rented out. Sir Thomas Moulson left an endowment to the parish in his will and the investments arising from this allow an annual distribution of funds – one third to defray the cost of expenses incurred by the vicar, one third to help maintain St Peter's Church and one third to give to young applicants to help in paying for their education and associated expenses.

Finally, we must thank Diana Deakin for acting in recent years as bookings secretary for the Hall. Dear reader – is this something you could help out with now? If so, or if you would like to know more about the Trust, or would like to hire the Hall, pending appointment of the next bookings secretary, do get in touch with Edward (781423) or Trisha (781255) because ***“Moulson Trust Matters”*** to us all.

*Edward Thornton-Firkin  
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10:50-11:25am— Mixed Session (later class)	11:15-11:50am— Mixed Session (later class)

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'Developing confident children through creativity and choice within a Christian Community.'

The staff at Huxley CE Primary continue to shine a light into the lives of the children at our school both through in-school learning and zoom lessons 3 times a day. This is very much keeping our school community together and supporting each other's mental wellbeing. Despite the challenges of this new style of teaching, the children continue to enjoy their learning and make good progress in all areas of school life.

We are – of course – very much looking forward to all being together again when it is safe to do so. That time will come. In the meantime, we take strength in knowing God is in our hearts and supporting us every step of the way.

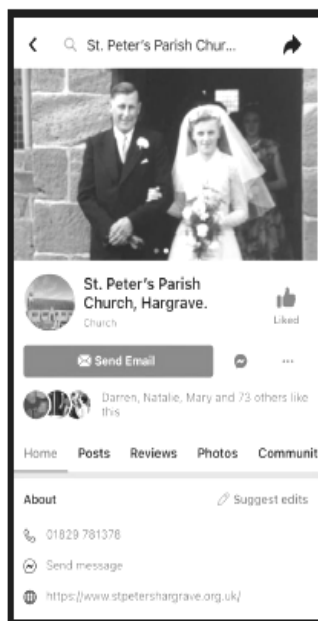
Every day is filled with learning and fun. One lunchtime, we even designed ourselves a workstation - with chairs - made out of the wooden blocks so that we could play our made up games.





## Facebook & Website update

We've been working hard to create a brand new Facebook page to enhance our online and social media presence. Why not get yourself an account if you haven't already?! It's a great way to keep in touch with family and friends (and join lots of useful groups too!) We've already had a great response to requests sent out on the page asking for photographs of baptisms and marriages but we'd love more! Please email them to [stpete1627@hotmail.com](mailto:stpete1627@hotmail.com) and we'll feature them on the page.



Following Christopher's retirement, Beverley has kindly agreed to keep St. Peter's website updated.

Keep visiting the page [www.stpetershargrave.org.uk](http://www.stpetershargrave.org.uk) for updates!



## **Hargrave and Huxley Parish Council**

Hargrave and Huxley Parish Council meet on the first Sunday every other month - the next meeting will take place on **Sunday 7th March 2021 at 17.00 via Zoom**. The agenda is available on the website for anyone interested in attending this meeting on **[www.hargravehuxleyipc.co.uk](http://www.hargravehuxleyipc.co.uk)** If you are interested in attending this meeting which is held in public, please contact the clerk to get access no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting on **[clerk.huxleyhargraveipc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.huxleyhargraveipc@gmail.com)**

### **Cheshire West and Chester Council – REPORT IT**

If any residents wish to report fly tipping, potholes or flooding (where drains are not working) this can be reported to Cheshire West and Chester Highways by accessing via their online page [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk). This enables you to locate the problem on an interactive map and send photos too. The report will be given an incident number. There is also an app that can be downloaded onto your mobile and the details of this is on their website.

If you would like to provide the clerk with the details of any items that you have reported together with the CWaC Reference code she will monitor the progress.

**Contact: [clerk.huxleyhargraveipc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.huxleyhargraveipc@gmail.com)**

### **Cheshire West and Chester Council – WASTE CONSULTATION**

Cheshire West and Chester Council would like to hear your views on our proposed waste strategy, which will shape how the Council delivers waste services over the next 10 years. Our current waste strategy was developed in 2002. We are preparing a new strategy to ensure that our vision and priorities reflect the needs of our communities, are aligned to emerging national plans and policies, as well as helping to address our climate emergency.

The new strategy will also help the Council ensure that the waste collection and recycling services are managed in a cost-effective way in order to address the unprecedented budget challenges faced by the Council.

The aim of this consultation is to:

- Describe the current waste service in Cheshire West and Chester.
- Share some of the challenges and opportunities we face over the next 10 years.

- Receive feedback on the proposed key priorities for our strategy and the options we are considering in order to achieve our priorities.

Please take time to read the information and complete the related questions in our consultation questionnaire. <https://participatenow.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/waste-strategy-consultation>

### **Cheshire West and Chester Council - Garden waste kerbside collections**

During the Christmas period, the garden waste service is suspended for a further three weeks until Monday 1 March 2021. The resources for the garden waste collections will be utilised to assist both recycling and domestic collections during this time.

Reasons for the extended suspension: The extended suspension provides Cheshire West Recycling with greater flexibility, to make sure that core waste and recycling collections can be maintained for our residents whilst mitigating the impact of increased sickness levels in these unprecedented times.

Cheshire West and Chester residents can take their garden waste to any one of the recycling centres for free or this is a great time of year to start home composting <https://www.recyclenow.com/reduce-waste/composting/why-compost>

### **Further Garden waste information**

Further information about where to take garden waste and Christmas trees can be found on the Cheshire West and Chester Website:

**Recycling Centres:** <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/find-a-recycling-centre/find-a-recycling-centre-or-loc.aspx>

**Kerbside waste collections:** <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/recycling-and-waste-collection.aspx>

**Litter Picking:** If you would like to borrow any litter pickers to undertake litter picking whilst you are out walking, please get in touch with the clerk to arrange to borrow the equipment (we will arrange to sanitize the equipment in between lending them out). Please remember to keep your litter picking within the lockdown rules.

**Contact:** [clerk.huxleyhargravepc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.huxleyhargravepc@gmail.com)

## THE JOSHUA TREE

Here we are again! No coffee mornings, no shopping trips (is that a bad thing?) no gossipy chats, no visits from friends and relations.... very depressing. But life still goes on, not the same but with a new outlook. The weather is still as



changeable, Nature hasn't changed! The squirrel in my garden still comes out on sunny days to top up his store, the birds still squabble over food on the feeder and my cats still vie for the warmest place by the radiator. The spring flowers have started to show - that always gives everyone a lift. To some, the lockdown is a time to slow down and take stock, others it is frustration of plans. Has it given you space to evaluate your former 'outings', for example 'do I really enjoy those hours at '...'? Am I really going just because I think it is expected of me? Time to take stock and maybe change our way of living.

Unfortunately families living with children with grievous illness see no change, only more difficulty in keeping family life normal. The lovely long awaited new 'Tree' centre is all ready for use, but these children are strictly in the 'vulnerable' group so all aims for socialising and friendly play are on hold. Very sick children are so fragile, the worry for their families very real.

Can we do something to help? I can't offer you coffee, cake or chat, our magnificent raffle is on hold, but can I touch your generosity of spirit if not pocket

Your prayers and/or cash very welcome.. When deciding on your charity of the year, let it be 'The Joshua Tree!

Stay well and happy.



### *Spring Newsletter Coming Soon*

Look out for our Spring Newsletter which will be coming very soon. It will spring into your inboxes before Easter.

We aim to have this next newsletter packed full of activities to keep you happy and entertained.

We will also share some of our exciting plans for the year ahead.

We remain positive that we will be able to hold some kind of gathering in the not too distant future (obviously sticking to any government guidelines).

We are sure everyone is looking forward to the restrictions being lifted, and let's hope this is for the last time!



*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](mailto:hargravehuxleyhappydays@gmail.com)  
We look forward to hearing from you!

*Updates* Make sure you are kept up to date with all our events. Email us at [hargravehuxleyhappydays@gmail.com](mailto:hargravehuxleyhappydays@gmail.com) to make sure you are on our list. Check out our website [hargravehuxleyhappydays.co.uk](http://hargravehuxleyhappydays.co.uk) or search for Hargrave & Huxley Happy Days on Facebook.

## Community After-School & Evening Activities



### Continuing virtually: French Conversation

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Dr Ann Williams [ann.williams1789@gmail.com](mailto:ann.williams1789@gmail.com)

**We look forward to clubs re-starting as soon as Covid restrictions allow. Why not reserve your place now?**

**Monday 4-5 pm 'Music Fun'**- Bring your own instrument or just bring yourself! All abilities welcome. £12 per lesson. Brittany Howard University of Chester & Andrew Starmer. To book a place, contact [ann.williams1789@gmail.com](mailto:ann.williams1789@gmail.com)

**Tuesday Huxley Tots 10.15-11.15am** - donation £1 per family. Fliss Johnson-Cooke. To book a place, contact [felicityjohnsoncooke@gmail.com](mailto:felicityjohnsoncooke@gmail.com)

**4-5pm Boxing** 5-16 year old boys & girls, all abilities welcome £3 per session with Chris Aldcroft AW Coaching. To book a place, contact [aw\\_coaching1@hotmail.com](mailto:aw_coaching1@hotmail.com) 07504816986

**4-5pm 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](mailto:ann.williams1789@gmail.com)

**Wednesday 6-7.30pm Adult French Conversation**, all ages & abilities welcome £8 per lesson with Dr Ann Williams. To book a place, contact [ann.williams1789@gmail.com](mailto:ann.williams1789@gmail.com)

**Thursday Little Beats** Pre-school Music & Movement group. Baby class and Mixed age classes. Thursday mornings with Amanda Wrigley. To book a place Tel: 07515721754

**4-5pm Dodgeball** 6-12 year old boys & girls, all abilities welcome, £3 per session with Chris Aldcroft AW Coaching. To book a place, contact [aw\\_coaching1@hotmail.com](mailto:aw_coaching1@hotmail.com) 07504816986



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## **My Colleague Wykes            by Ol' Buzz**

In October 2017, this feature described Wykes being photographed, puffing on his morning cigar, right underneath a big NO SMOKING sign on a petrol station. This time, this resident of "Godawfulming" as he always called it, dealt the conversation stopper. The A46 crosses the M4 at Jnct. 18, where an old hostelry caters for travellers, as it has done since coaching days. In the late '70s, after a bitter cold winter day, with the dusk came a strengthening wind and heavy snowfall which closed first the side roads and then the M4 itself. A few faithful locals had trudged to the cheery pub with its log fire. Suddenly, the door opened and in came a police officer, who told the landlord that outside he had a very important person, unable to continue their journey – had the hostelry any private accommodation? The landlady was sent to change the bedding, run the vacuum round and see that all was presentable in the "throne room" en suite.

Her Majesty had been visiting Princess Anne at Gatcombe Park, when the storm broke and was unable to return to London. Instead, she settled companionably on a bar stool with a 'large measure', enjoying the small talk. Next day, the snowploughs did their stuff, but the local hot news story went round. I was relaying it to colleagues in the company HQ, among whom was Wykes, tall, with his gold framed glasses perched on his aquiline nose. Then he played his bathos card, adding – "Wouldn't that just be the night one had a Zeppelin jammed in the bog."





### CHURCH WEBSITE

Have you visited the Church Website? Please have a look and keep up to date with what's happening.

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### EDITOR'S NOTE

Can all submissions for the April 2021 edition be in by **Thursday 18th March**. 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.

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## **CHURCH SERVICES**

St Peter's Church, in common with most churches in the area, has been closed since beginning of January as the pandemic seemed to be getting worse. This was despite Government rules not requiring this. With the growth of the number of us who have been vaccinated, and the fall in infection rates, the decision has been made to reopen for Sunday morning services from Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March. This day is also Mothering Sunday so we will have our usual Family Communion Service that day at 9.45am.

As we are in our vacancy following the retirement of Christopher, this service will be led by Rev. Trevor Davies, who is well known to us in this parish. The service will be held in accordance with Covid rules with everyone wearing a mask, and social distancing. Unfortunately we are still not allowed to sing, but we will make the service as enjoyable as possible with appropriate music.

Because of social distancing, the capacity of the church is limited, but we hope that those who wish to come can be accommodated.

Please come if you can for this important occasion – if you have any concerns or wish to know more don't hesitate to call one of the Churchwardens:

**Mike** (01829 770842) or

**Malcolm** (01829781563)

## MARCH SERVICES AT ST PETERS, HARGRAVE

**Sunday 14th** 09:45 Family Eucharist CW  
**Mothering** M Whittingham (R&S) M Smart (S)  
**Sunday** Intercessions: Sunday School  
Lane by Lane: Church Lane, Huxley including Huxley School

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**Sunday 21st** 09:45 Eucharist CW  
**Passion** B Burgess (R&S) J Burgess (S)  
**Sunday** Intercessions:  
Lane by Lane: Martins Lane, Greenlooms

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**Sunday 28th** 09:45 Eucharist CW  
**Palm** T Onslow-Macaulay (R&S) E Thornton-Firkin (S)  
**Sunday** Intercessions: E Thornton-Firkin  
Lane by Lane: Hoofield Lane, Huxley

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### **Farewell from the Vicarage**

The vicarage has become 'cardboard box land' as we pack up all our bits and pieces prior to our departure to Lincolnshire early in March. We thoroughly enjoyed the zoom meeting (with wine) at the end of January when we were able to see so many friends, some of whom we hadn't been able to see for some considerable time. Diana and I were truly overwhelmed to receive such wonderful gifts and the generous cheque will be a tremendous help as we set up our new home. The bouquet of flowers was absolutely beautiful and each time we use the lovely crystal glass vase we will think of you all in Hargrave and Huxley with very fond memories. Thank you so much for all your messages and cards which we have greatly appreciated. The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace, Amen.

**Christopher and Diana**

## MARCH 2021 DATES FOR DIARY

<b>7th Pg 10</b>	<b>3:00pm Hargrave and Huxley Parish Council Meeting</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
<b>18th Pg 22</b>	<b>Parish News Deadline</b>	
<b>21st</b>	<b>11:15am PCC Meeting</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
<b>25th Pg 6</b>	<b>7:30pm Moulson Trust Meeting</b>	<b>Hargrave Church Hall</b>
<b>Mondays Term Time</b>	<b>4:00pm-5:00pm Music Fun After School</b>	<b>Huxley School</b>
<b>Tuesdays Term Time</b>	<b>10:15 - 11:15am Huxley Tots</b>	<b>Huxley School</b>
<b>Tuesdays Term Time</b>	<b>4:00pm - 5:00pm Boxing After School Session</b>	<b>Huxley School</b>
<b>Tuesdays Term Time</b>	<b>4:00pm - 5:00pm French Conversation Children</b>	<b>Huxley School</b>
<b>Wednesday Term Time</b>	<b>6:00pm - 7:30pm French Conversation</b>	<b>Huxley School</b>
<b>Thursdays Term Time</b>	<b>9:10am - 11:25am Little Beats Pre-School Music</b>	<b>Huxley School Hall</b>
<b>Thursdays Term Time</b>	<b>4:00pm - 5:00pm Dodgeball</b>	<b>Huxley School</b>