



WI Centenary Planting - Malcolm Smart

A Message from Laura

March brings us to the start of Lent, a traditional time of fasting. Perhaps now a time to deny ourselves chocolate, wine, or a time to take up something new.



We are beginning a new service in church, Messy Church which will be at 3pm on the 4th Sunday of the month starting on 27th March. It is aimed particularly at families with children. It begins with a short service, similar to an assembly at school with a Bible story and song. This is followed by some craft activities and games and finally a shared meal. It is a bit of an experiment, as we have so few children in our two villages, so may need the support of our extended village family, including grandchildren and friends to get us off the ground. All are welcome, whatever age, to help make food or help with craft or fill a couple of hours on a wet Sunday afternoon. It is a time for different generations to get together and get to know each other. We need crafters, bakers, lego supervisors, and people who are willing to iust come and chat. It should be fun (if you are allowed fun in Lent) - come and join us.

In our wider church area, our deanery, you are welcome to join a Zoom Lent course, to dig deeper into issues of faith, called 'A time for...', which meets at 7.30pm on each Tuesday evening in Lent for 45 minutes. If you would like to join, please email: bunburyparishoffice@gmail.com

As the pandemic seems to be finally easing its grip, we look for opportunities at St Peter's to serve our community and I look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help, or if you want a chat about anything, knock on the door or email me: vicarofhargraveandhuxley@gmail.com

Laura Rhodes, Vicar

Mike Whittingham, Church Warden:- 01829 770842 Malcolm Smart, Church Warden :- 01829 781563 - 07538 440694



Join us for a new family service 4th Sunday of the Month at 3:00pm in church starting on March 27th



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Exciting News For 2022

Parent Teacher Association Huxley CE Primary School is part of the @coopuk Local Community Fund. Become a Co-op member and choose us as your local cause and help raise funds for our school's educational activities.

Link to the our Coop profile page https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/63375



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The PTA is registered with **Easyfundraising** & **AmazonSmile**, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference.

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You can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ptahuxleyceps/? utm_campaign=raise-more

FRIENDLY REQUEST FOR DOG OWNERS

There seems to have been a significant increase in dog walkers in our two villages of Huxley and Hargrave. This is probably due to Covid lockdowns but this has had the natural consequence that there has been a significant increase in the generation of dog poo! Unfortunately many of you are not picking up after your dog.

Would those of you who walk dogs along our pavements, roads and verges in both villages, and in Hargrave, in the Church car park and playing fields, PLEASE use doggy bags and pick up after your dog. There are two dog poo bins in Huxley and a waste bin in Hargrave. If these aren't convenient please use a poo bag and take the poo home.

Thank you for your understanding.

Jubilee Project – Can You Help?



A 70 year reign is unique in our history. I was wondering whether Hargrave and Huxley folk could re-create a picture of life here in 1952/3? Would you be willing and able to give your stories of the villages in the year of

the accession and the year of the coronation in Hargrave and Huxley? What was life like here then?

Period photographs would be a wonderful bonus too. Our Historical Group might be able to draw together a portrait of life here at the start of the New Elizabethan Age, which might be able to be published and / or held in the county archives as a tribute to the Platinum Jubilee. If you can help, please contact Bob Burgess : rwb44@talktalk.net

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QUESTIONS	Events
1- ABCD 2- ABCD	Quiz
3- A B C D	Date: Weds 27 April 2022
4- ABCD 5- ABCD	Venue: The Inn at Huxley Starts: 19:30
6- (A) B C D	E5 per person, teams of 4-6

Pre order your bar meal not included in the price Register your interest ptahuxley@hotmail.com

Summer Fete Date TBC



Stall holders please get in touch.



Get your dancing shoes ready!

Abba Night

Date TBC - September 2022



Further information to follow Further information ptahuxley@hotmail.com. PTA Huxley CE Primary School is a Registered Charity

Hot buffet Live Band

Huxley and Hargrave WI

At the February meeting, Mr Stockton showed us a wide selection of his "Knick Knacks", telling us what they were and their usage – a lot of them recognisable from our early childhood days. No plastics in sight and many items were hand-made from wood or horn, ranging from Cows' horn-straighteners, Sailors' fids - used to undo knots and make holes in canvas, babies' teething tools made from bone, wooden and glass cooking utensils and an official skirt-lifter! It was really interesting how times have changed even in our lifetime. The competition was won by Chris Hunt.

The tree-planting sessions of a Hornbeam at Huxley and an Acer at Hargrave in February went well, with sherry and shortbread afterwards. This was to commemorate our 100 years and was the last of a number of celebratory



events to mark this auspicious anniversary.

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 9th March at Hargrave at 7.30pm** (our summer venue for the next 6 months) when the subject will be "My Life at Granada" with a competition for a Theatre Programme. We have several outings planned, the first on Mon 23rd May being a trip to Halen Mon Sea Salt Factory on Anglesey in Wales, followed by the Pringle outlet village close by.

On Tuesday 12th July we will be visiting the new RHS Bridgwater Gardens and anyone wishing to go on either of these trips is asked to put their names on the list with Connie or Tricia.

As usual we have a very varied selection of speakers this year who will talk on Herbs, Pub Signs, Bee-Keeping, a Bakery, Painting for all, Flamenco Dancing and Flowers – so something for everyone. Come and join us for a meeting and a cuppa to see what our WI has to offer.

Information from Connie on 01829 781298/ Tricia on 01829 781255

'Men Who Munch'



The next 'Men who Munch' date will be on the 17th March at the Inn at Huxley at our usual time of 12noon.

I look forward to seeing as many as

possible for lunch. Tom Hobbs

01829 781250 Email: Thomas.hobbs1973@gmail.com

Ladies Who Lunch

The February lunch went well despite several last minute drop-outs and, together with some very generous donations from absentee ladies , we gave £76.00 to our charity "Blood Bikers".



The next lunch is on **Thursday 17**th March at 'Le Cornichon at the Gunnery', Tarvin. As usual, I have a menu from which to choose, so please contact me if you are not already on the list and wish to come to this lunch. Chris Hunt on 01829 781112

Village Walk Friday 18th March

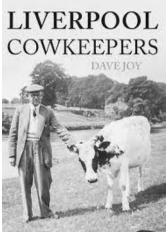
Unfortunately, our walk in February was cancelled due to storm Eunice. We will, therefore, do the same walk on Friday, 18th March.

The walk will be in Delamere Forest, stopping at the Delamere café for a coffee. It is about 3.5 miles long. Further details to be announced.



If you would like to join us, please, contact Jenny Hobbs. Everyone is very welcome. Tel. 01829 781250

Hargrave & Huxley Historical Group



Huxley Village Hall will be the venue for our next meeting on Monday, 14th March at 7.30pm. Dave Joy will give an illustrated talk on The Liverpool Cowkeepers - A Family History. There will be light refreshments following the talk. All welcome, non members £3 on the door. For further information please

contact Susan: smj2908@btinternet.com

HARGRAVE AND HUXLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Hargrave and Huxley Parish Council will be on Sunday 6th March at 5.00pm in Huxley Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

JIGSAWS

We have a short list of 'Puzzlers' who pass on any completed jigsaws to others. It looks as though they have been very popular of late and there are lots doing the rounds at the moment. If you are interested in adding your name to this list, let me know. Chris Hunt : huntic@btinternet.com



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Huxley C.E. Primary School



We have just finished for half term and what a term it has been. We have had so many exciting activities happening in school.

Here at Huxley we pride ourselves on ensuring that children have the rights 'tools' and strategies to help support their social and emotional wellbeing. As it was Children's mental health week last week, we discussed ways in which we can regulate our emotions and also put problems into perspective. These skills are so important in life. Our current worship theme is that of courage. Having the courage to face your fears; having the courage to speak out when you feel something is wrong; having the courage to stand up for what you believe in and carrying on when things become difficult.

Our older children in The Oaks class are currently learning about Egypt and were treated to a visit from Egyptologist Philip Harris "Mr Egypt". He brought ancient artefacts for the children to learn about and see first-hand. They learnt about the Pyramids of Giza, the Valley of the Kings, Hieroglyphics and heard stories about the boy King Tutankhamun. They also had fun at mummy wrapping in a 21st century style (loo rolls!) One of the children said "It was just incredible to be able to hold objects that were 3000 years old" The children are also learning the Tenor Horn and after half term, the Ukulele. The children are thoroughly enjoying these sessions and there are definitely some budding musicians among us.

We have also started our 'keeping us safe' themed assemblies which started off with a visit from the Canal and Rivers Trust and we look forward to welcoming our local PCSO and local paramedics into school to also talk about safety.

Last week, we were visited by Nick from ArgoForestry. Nick donated trees to us back in the summer at our school fete and

Anne Smart, friend of Huxley, looked after them for us until it was time to plant them. We were lucky enough to have a lovely sunny (but very cold) morning which was perfect for planting our trees and all the children were grouped together to plant a heritage fruit tree. This will eventually be our orchard and the children are coming up with names for our little fruit garden – one being 'Perfect Paradise' another being the 'Peace Garden'- they want this to be a quiet area to sit and relax in. Each tree will have a plaque on which will state who planted it and when – hopefully these will be displayed for years to come. The children will have their very own tree in Huxley!

We are looking at ways that we can develop our outdoor environment even further and one thing I am really keen on developing is an allotment and sensory garden. If we have any keen gardeners and vegetable growers in the community, then we would really appreciate support in developing this, so please do get in touch.

Mrs Rachel Gourley Headteacher at Huxley C.E. Primary





Happy Days Charities for 2022

Our Mission is to bring together the local community of the villages of Hargrave & Huxley and surrounding neighbours, through fun events that can be enjoyed by all the family. Where we are successful enough to raise funds, we will donate to

deserving local charities.

This years charities are:

- ♦ St Peter's Church
- ♦ Save the Family
- Opal Services
- ♦ Young Minds
- ♦ Huxley CE Primary School PTA

St Patrick's Day Saturday 19th March



Due to COVID, I am sure you are already aware, we were unable to get together for Burn's night, so we thought we would switch nations, in hope we get the luck of the Irish! Doors open 7pm, Hargrave Church Hall Quiz with Irish Themed Rounds



Limerick competition – send entries in advance to hargravehuxleyhappydays@gmail.com, so they can be displayed that evening Tickets £15, includes 2 Course Irish Themed Meal. Licenced bar.

We encourage you to wear something green! Please email: hargravehuxleyhappydays@gmail.com to book your tickets for this fantastic event!

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS ARE PLANNED!

Late but great news:



Huxley and Hargrave have set out their stall to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



A team of local residents now have plans in place to celebrate the Jubilee, focussing on **Sunday 5th June** with celebrations in Hargrave.

There will be a Church service followed by a 50's themed party.



Everyone is welcome, and the organisers are open to any additional thoughts and ideas to make the day really special.

Classic Cars of the period will be researched and invited, music of the era plus Juke Box, retro



again from the early 50's, are just a few of the activities planned.

fashions for all age groups, culinary delights

There will be at least one beacon which is now in hand which will be lit at dusk, and all visitors can bring their own packed lunches, snacks and drinks.

Keep a look out for the latest news as things develop over the next couple of months.





Easter Weekend Egg Trail

As last year we are organising an Easter Egg Trail throughout the two villages. The Easter Bunny will be leaving clues for you to find over the Easter Weekend (15th—18th April), follow the clues to find the secret Password. If you get the correct password there are prizes for all. Email:



hargravehuxleyhappydays@gmail.com for the clues. Its free to enter!



Happy Days Soirée

Join us for a splendid social evening at Upper Brereton Park. By kind invitation of Mrs Helen Campbell. Saturday 14th May 2022, 6pm to 9pm.

Tickets £15, includes drinks and canapés.

Email: hargravehuxleyhappydays@gmail to reserve your place.

Happy Days Weekend

Save the date, Happy Days are back !

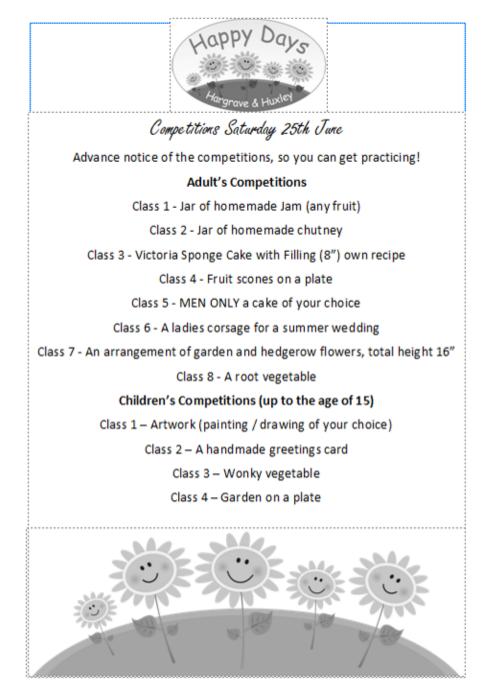
Friday 24th, Barn Dance in the marquee.

Saturday 25th, Traditional Games and Village Competitions, Bring your own Picnic, <u>Licenced</u> Bar,

BBQ, Craft Activities in the marquee, Inter-Village Tug of War.

Watch this space for more information, as plans and preparations develop.





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PTA Round Up 2021

Parent Teacher Association Huxley CE Primary School is a Registered Charity. This year, 2022, the PTA is raising funds to enhance the outdoor learning environment. Throughout the year we hold a variety of fundraising events, to help support the pupils at Huxley CE Primary School. Below is a round up of what we did in 2021.

- Assisted in securing the school's future.
- Responsible for the marketing campaign to promote the school resulting in a visit from both the BBC and ITV.
- Help to provide refreshments for parent and pupil afternoons.
- Organised a Summer Fete, opened by MP Edward Timpson and raised just over £1,000. We had just over 250 people on the day who all enjoyed the stalls, sports activities, sunshine and meeting our new Headteacher Mrs Rachel Gourley.
- Funded Year 6 Leavers Hoodies and party.
- Attended Tarporley Big Weekend with a fundraising pre loved toy, games stall.
- Supported Huxley Tots.
- Organised an Evening with Bond Night with comedian, auction prizes and raffle which raised just over £1,000.
- Throughout the winter months we have attended local farmer markets with a stall of homemade hats and scarfs and yes we have got quite cold!
- Obtained a donated Christmas Tree for the school reception area.
- Funded Christmas presents for all the pupils reading books.
- Organised Recycle for Clothes Collection, all funds raised contributed to the school's reading scheme.
- Provided refreshments and tombola at the school's Christmas Event.
- We are selected for Co-op Local Community Fund designated store is Tarvin. This should raised at least £1,000 please do support us.
- Selected as one of Happy Day's charities.
- Ongoing promotion of Easyfundraising, Amazon Smile and Parentkind Lottery.
- Ongoing marketing in DOW and on various social media platforms.
- Ongoing grant applications.
- Regular updates via newsletters and meetings.
- Update PTA information on the school website and our own website https://ptahuxleyceprimaryschool.godaddysites.com
- Platinum Jubilee Medals ordered for pupils.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported the PTA and School during the last couple of years. A special thank you has to go to our small team of dedicated volunteers and parents who make each and every event possible. Jo, Chairperson / Sarah, Treasurer - A Registered Charity.

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THE JOSHUA TREE COFFEE MORNING THE PLOUGH INN FRIDAY MARCH 4th AT 11A.M.



Have you been shriven? In Anglo Saxon times one lady using up her butter, sugar and eggs before Lent nearly missed the time, hearing the bell calling her to

church to confess before Lent, panicked and ran out of the house skillet in hand tossing her cake to cook it evenly and ran to church. This was in Olney, Buckinghamshire - it is still celebrated with a race every Pancake day. Making use of the ingredients before the start of Lent goes back many years - one recorded says...'and ever man and maide doth take their turne and tosse their pancake for feare they burne ...(Pasquale Palia 1619].

Perhaps partying is more to your taste, so join those celebrating the Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday. The big parades at Mardi Gras are in fact the culmination of weeks of festivities since Epiphany. The sombre Ash Wednesday bring us down to earth with a realisation of the real reasons for Lent.

Saint David and Saint Patrick are celebrated during March. Saint Patrick (Padrig 386AD) was in fact a Welshman, captured and enslaved in Ireland for six years. He escaped and eventually arrived in Rome where he entered the church. Returning to Ireland, knowing their ways, he converted many. Using already existing rituals he turned them into Christian ceremonies. Did he really drive all the snakes from Ireland?

Saint David or Dewi (462AD) came from a wealthy Welsh family and entered the church. He went about the country spreading the faith. One story that is told about him... He was to give a sermon to decide whether he was suitable to be the peoples' new Archbishop, many people gathered , he was almost lost in the crowd... but the ground on which he stood rose up until all could see and hear!

Wear your shamrocks and daffodils/leeks with pride. Some try to make small sacrifices to mark Lent. Don't let attending our coffee morning be one of them . The families that the Joshua Tree support need your help. Sick children raise compassion in us, but to help them we need down to earth 'cash' and spending an hour once a month can be our sacrifice for Lent!

£5.00 and a raffle prize please April coffee morning the 1st



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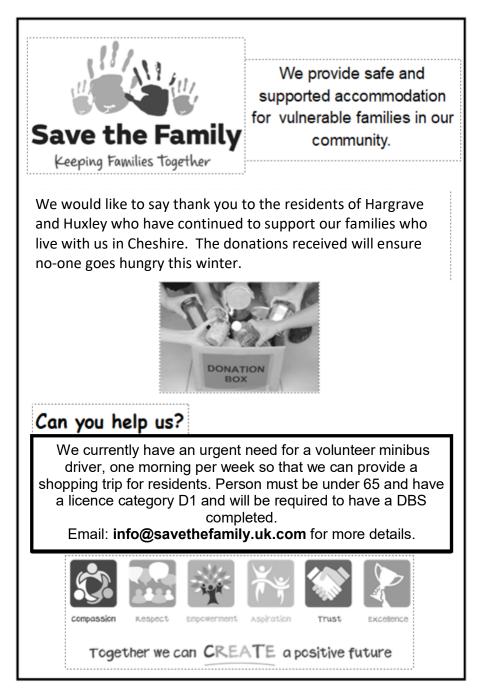
by Ol' Buzz

On a business trip to Iceland, I stayed at a hotel in Selfoss. At 5pm the town was deserted. No traffic, no people, no smoke from a chimney, no washing on a line, no kids playing out, nothing open. Nothing but the noise of the river crashing over boulders and traffic lights changing automatically. But <u>this</u> time the hotel had sprouted a satellite dish. At last, some alternative to Icelandic TV. It turned out to be a Japanese film with Icelandic subtitles. I drank my hip flask and went to bed. Subsequently I always travelled with a multi-band radio so I could listen to BBC World Service. In 1915 the Icelandic government had banned the sale of beer "because Scottish trawler men got drunk and caused trouble." During one of my visits they relented but the local brew was called Sanitas – too close to Harpic for my liking. Which is why I carried a hip flask.

My hotel in Stockholm had on TV *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*, with Swedish subtitles. So it was that I discovered that when Captain Nemo ordered "Ramming Speed", it translated as 'MAXIMAL FART'. Oh yes, travel broadens the mind. Once, my Swedish Agent asked, "What shall be done with the eye-racks ?" My company manufactured technical coatings, but this was a new one on me, until I reflected that Saddam had just invaded Kuwait. Evidently, this question was not what I had first supposed.

If you drunk-drive in Norway, the police confiscate your car and you go to jail. A friend in Oslo was the worse for wear when he reversed off his drive and collided with another car whose driver was even more over-refreshed. The man helped Tore to put both cars on Tore's drive as he hiccoughed that he would pay for <u>all</u> repairs. At 7am next morning, the garage truck collected both cars, and the man arrived, sober, with 50 red roses for Tore's wife. No one got jailed, nothing got confiscated, and the lady copped a bouquet.

Another Happy Ending.



HUXLEY VILLAGE HALL FILM NIGHT

No Time to Die Friday 11th March

Doors open at 7.30pm and drinks will be served. Please be seated for start of the film at 8pm. There will be an interval for refreshments including Cheshire farm Ice cream.

Further information, Steve 781294, Lorraine 781573



EDITOR'S NOTE

All submissions for the April edition to be in by **Thursday 24th March**. 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. Many thanks Beverley Tel 781505

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MARCH SERVICES AT ST PETERS

Wednesday 2nd 06:30 Service Ash Wednesday

Sunday 6th 1st Sunday of Lent	09:45 Eucharist CW I McDougall (R) S Williams (S) Ann Williams (S) Intercessions: I McDougall Lane by Lane: Chapel Lane and Golden Nook, Hargrave	
Sunday 13th 2nd Sunday of Lent	09:45 Eucharist CW A Roberts (R) D Roberts (S) A Ankers (S) Intercessions: D Roberts	
	Lane by Lane: Church Lane, Huxley including Huxley School	
Sunday 20th 3rd Sunday of Lent	09:45 Family Eucharist CW M Whittingham (R) C Houlbrooke (S) E Thornton-Firkin (S) Intercessions: Young People Lane by Lane: Martins Lane, Greenlooms	
Sunday 27th Mothering Sunday	09:45 Eucharist CW T Onslow-MacAulay (R) E Thornton-Firkin (S) Intercessions: E Thornton-Firkin Lane by Lane: Hoofield Lane, Huxley	

MARCH 2022 DATES FOR DIARY

4th Pg 17	11:00am Joshua Tree Coffee Morning	The Plough Christleton
6th Pg 10	5:00pm Hargrave and Huxley Parish Council Meeting	Huxley Village Hall
9th Pg 8	7:30pm WI	Hargrave Church Hall
11th Pg 21	7:30pm Huxley Film Night "No Time To Die"	Huxley Village Hall
14th Pg 10	7:30pm Hargrave and Huxley Historical Group	Huxley Village Hall
17th Pg 9	12:00 noon Ladies Who Lunch	Le Cornichon, Tarvin
17th Pg 9	12:00 noon Men Who Munch	The Inn at Huxley
17th	7:00pm Moulson Trust Meeting	Hargrave Church Hall
18th Pg 9	9:30am Village Walk	Delamere Forest
19th Pg14	07:00pm St Patrick's Day Irish Meal and Quiz	Hargrave Church Hall
20th	11:00am PCC Meeting	Hargrave Chuch Hall
24th Pg 21	Parish News Deadline	
27th Pg 3	3:00pm Messy Church	St Peter's Hargrave