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Parish News & Local Events



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A Message from Laura

Last week, the division bell rang in parliament. But instead of MPs dividing for a vote, they kept a minute's silence to remember the



death of MP David Amess: a friend and colleague remembered in so many ways. Despite all political divides, all were quiet and respectful, the usual shouts and jeers were silenced by grief.

In November, we turn each year to a time of remembrance. We remember at the start of November 'All Souls', in the first week of November, which is a time to remember all those who have died that we wish to call to mind each year. Then, we move to remember on Remembrance Sunday, 14th November, those who died in war. On Remembrance Sunday, we say the Kohima Epitaph: 'For our tomorrow, they gave their today.'

In the silence that follows those words, more than words can be felt. We know that many of the last people who fought in the Second World War are, or have come to their end. Their stories never told, their actions never honoured. They were called the 'silent generation' and didn't feel the need to share the details of their stories with us. In the silence of the pandemic, without visitors, many more lost their lives. We keep silence for those who have died, for those we remember, for those whose actions might have saved us. We remember all the names on the cenotaph and all those who have died in the covid pandemic and beyond. Join us on 14th November for

Remembrance Sunday.

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

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It's getting colder, so cold weather food is important. At this harvest time let's think about those who are just not as fortunate as we are. for those who are in food crisis.and yes, they really do exist in the prosperous Chester area! Just a little means so much to a family that is struggling. Thank you so much for your donations.

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Light refreshments inc mince pies!

If you would like a stall get in touch.

Contact ptahuxley@hotmail.com

or Jo 07789 401 777

or Sarah 07812 377 110 or Anne 07803 897 689.

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Huxley C.E. Primary School

Another month has flown by and how busy we have been since the last DOW write up. We have just finished our 'Step back in time' topic which the children thoroughly enjoyed. In the summer, I had discovered an old box of Huxley CE School memorabilia- it was fascinating for both children and staff alike. We looked at the old plans of the school and even uncovered the old well. The children couldn't believe how deep it was! The artefacts and accounts were then brought to life by our visitors who talked about their own school days and memories of Huxley. We welcomed Ian McDougall, Mike Whittingham and Basil Ackerley into school to share their memories and I must reiterate our thanks as the children really enjoyed their visits. The children have made comparisons to their life now and what life in school used to be like. Our youngest children also went on a small walk up the road to look at the house types and compared old to new, thinking about building materials and features. To finish the topic we all dressed up and did some re-enactment class photos and posed using the old school desk and ink wells. We even pretended to eat our lunch on our knees in the cloakroom just like Mike and Basil told us they did whilst at Huxley. We finished our term off with a Harvest celebration with Rev. Laura Rhodes, where we retold the story of the Little Red Hen, read poetry, sang songs and read out prayers that the children had written. We followed this by sharing the lovely Harvest loaf given to us by Lock Bakery. It has been a lovely term in school and although we will be glad of the half term break to recharge our batteries, we are all raring to go with our next topic 'Wonderful World'.





Christmas Drinks and Floral Workshop Saturday 27th November

Join us for a social occasion and enjoy a drink in the lead up to Christmas, and let's get into the festive spirit.

Hargrave Village Hall from 4pm. Everyone welcome!

Adults, glass of fizz and a mince pie £5.

Young people, non alcoholic drink and snack £3.

Make a wreath and table arrangement with an expert florist, just an extra £10 (includes materials).

Bar will be available to buy drinks including teas and coffees.

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Dan Shears 07811443097, danshears@hotmail.com and Kay Martin 07941326256, kaymartin@orwell-engineering.co.uk

Hargrave & Huxley 2022 Calendar

Back by popular demand, we will be producing another calendar for the new year. Please send in your photos of the area, and we will endeavour include as many as we can in our 2022 calendar.

All you budding photographers out there, please send your photos to: hargravehuxleyhappydays@gmail.com

You can also pre-order a calendar by emailing hargravehuxleyhappydays@gmail.com

Calendars £10.

Huxley and Hargrave WI

At the October meeting we welcomed the new members and celebrated our 101 years by tasting various Gins (& tonics) which Mary Strefford had provided, making notes on each one. This was followed by a slice of very special birthday cake made by Helen – needless to say, this proved a very popular afternoon!

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 10th November** at Huxley at 2pm which will be our AGM, followed by the speaker with "The Reluctant Shepherdess".

A few Tickets at £15pp are still available for the **Annual Supper Club Lunch** on **Weds 3**rd **November** at 12.00 for 12.30 at Hargrave Church Hall. This is a 3-course meal with a welcome drink (bring your own tipple to enjoy with lunch) with a speaker, Dave Walsh, who is an experienced mountaineer. Visitors welcomed. Contact Trish without delay if you wish to be included.

A Coach Trip to Bents on Monday 22nd November -

leaving Hargrave at 9-30am and away from Bents again at 3.30 to be home about 5.00pm. This promises to be an enjoyable day out with something for everyone in the numerous departments there. The cost of the coach will be shared by those going.

We have plenty more interesting speakers and outings planned, including a visit to the new RHS gardens at Salford and the Halen Mon Sea Salt factory and Pringle outlets on Anglese – come along and see for yourself. Details from Tricia on 01829 781255 or Connie on 01829 781298.

'Men Who Munch'



The next 'Men who Munch' date will be on the 18th November at the Inn at Huxley at our usual time of 12noon. A note for your diaries is that we have also arranged our Christmas Lunch for

the 16th of December. As the numbers have to be confirmed in advance please give me a response at least a week in advance for November and by the beginning of December for the Christmas Lunch.

I look forward to seeing as many as possible at both events. Tom Hobbs

01829 781250 Email: Thomas.hobbs1973@gmail.com

Ladies Who Lunch

Our lunch at The Ring 'O Bells was very well attended and

another £50 went to our charity. The next lunch on

Thursday 18th November is at Willington Hall and I have the set menu for you to look at and book your place. Payment is in advance by 4th November LATEST.



Diary Dates: / Wednesday 15th December at The Inn @ Huxley (Christmas Special with Secret Santa up to £5 and a super raffle). You will still be very welcome if you just want to make this a 'one-off' – all proceeds will be the final donation to Endometriosis. Menu available and payment in advance.

Chris Hunt 01829 781112

Hargrave & Huxley Historical Group

Come along to our next meeting at Hargrave Church Hall on Monday, 8th November at 7.30pm. Well known local historian Ken Pye will give an illustrated talk on The Curious Origins of Christmas, followed by light refreshments. Membership of the group is £12 for the year (September to May) or £3 on the door for non members. If wining & dining is more in your line, join us for Christmas Dinner at Hargrave on the evening of **Saturday**, **4**th **December**. A glass of mulled wine on arrival will be followed by a variety of main courses including Persian Lamb Tagine, Fish Pie, Curry Club or White Pesto Spinach Lasagne, finishing with a choice of desserts. Our guest speaker on this occasion will be Carol Greenwood, who will give a light hearted Appreciation of Shakespeare. NON MEMBERS WELCOMETickets are available at a cost of £12 to HHHG members and £15 to non members. For further details please speak to Bob Burgess, Malcolm Smart or contact Susan at - smj2908@btinternet.com



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Living Advent December 2021

After the huge success last year, let's have some fun and create another living advent. Please let us know if you would like to be involved. We need 24 fantastic entries, which can be displayed in a window, driveway or garden, anything goes! Email: hargravehuxleyhappydays@gmail.com if you would like to be involved in the fun.



Barns Night Saturday 22nd January 2022

Join us for an evening of Burns Night festivities

Huxley Village Hall, 22nd January, 7pm

£15 ticket, includes:

Traditional Burns Supper, soup, haggis neeps and tatties, cranachan, with a wee dram of whisky. (Vegetarian option available, or cottage pie for the less adventurous of

you! Please request in advance). There will be a bar available to buy beer, wine and soft drinks.

Email to reserve your ticket: hargravehuxleyhappydays@gmail.com

Happy Helpers

The Happy Days team are always looking for helpers, please get in touch if you would like to become involved, and maybe help out at one of our events. 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!

Festive Lunch

Monday 13th December 2021

2 delicious courses

£12 per head

12:30pm

Hargrave Church Hall

Everyone welcome

Raffle IAO The Brain Tumour Charity
Bring your own tipple & glass!

Tickets available from: Mary 07884 312949





We provide safe and supported accommodation for vulnerable families in our community.

Keeping Families Together

We would like to say thank you to the residents of Hargrave and Huxley who have continued to support our families who live with us in Cheshire. The donations received from the October Harvest collection will ensure no-one goes hungry this winter.



Can you help us?

We currently have an urgent need for a volunteer minibus driver, one morning per week so that we can provide a shopping trip for residents. Person must be under 65 and have a licence category D1 and will be required to have a DBS completed.

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An Evening with Bond Friday 12 November 2021

Raising funds for Huxley CE Primary School



Venue: The Inn at Huxley £45 per person

Live Music - Off The Charts Variety of Breads followed by a 2 Course Dinner Comedian TBA

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You may have noticed that we've been doing a little project over harvest time,

toilet twinning.org

Twinning our Hall Toilets!

What does that mean??

Well, we're helping 2 billion families worldwide who don't have a clean private place to go to the loo. Yes, there are millions in every continent! So we thought that we could do something about that at harvest time.

A charity called 'Tearfund' has set up a universal idea called 'Toilet Twinning'. What this does is enable people like you and me to raise funds to show villages all over the world how to build a new loo. For many communities, hearing about the link between sanitation and health is a revelation: a light bulb moment. Many have never known why diarrhoea is so common, and why their children have fallen ill or died. Suddenly, they understand, and then they want a latrine – that they build themselves - because a family who have built their own latrine is much more likely to use it and look after it. In some places, of course, this approach isn't possible. So in conflict areas or places hit by a natural disaster (such as an earthquake or typhoon), Tearfund do send in people with water and sanitation expertise to dig wells and build latrines.

WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

- 1.7 billion people don't have somewhere safe and hygienic to go to the toilet. (WHO/Unicef)
- Every day, over 700 children under fives die from diarrhoea linked to unsafe water, sanitation and poor hygiene.
- Today, 1 in 4 people around the world lack safe drinking water. (WHO/UNICEF 2021)

- Children worldwide miss 443 million school days each year because of dirty water and poor sanitation. (UN)
- Every year, women and girls spend 97 billion hours finding a place to go. (World Bank)

It costs just £60 to build a new toilet, and soon everyone in the village wants to build one too!

At the harvest lunch we collected money for the lunch and that came to £240. There we are - 4 new toilets for people who will really appreciate it. To show you the toilets we'll be sent a certificate and that will be displayed in our own hall toilets. Have a look and see what we have done together. You should feel flushed!!

St Peter's Hargrave PCC

Village Walk Friday 19th November

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.

Everyone is very welcome.

In Little Budworth Country Park

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HARGRAVE AND HUXLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Hargrave and Huxley Parish Council will be on Sunday **7th November at 5.00pm** in Huxley Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Hargrave and Huxley Parish Council would like to thank all who came along and helped on the litter picking events which took place on Saturday 9th October in Hargrave and Saturday 16th October in Huxley. Ridding our lanes of litter does make our villages more pleasurable to walk, drive and ride around. We hope to carry out the next community litter picking event in the Spring.

The following was received from the Chairman of Tarporley Memorial Hospital and in view of the support our community has given to the hospital over the years, it was thought appropriate to share this.

Message from Tarporley Cottage Hospital

We would like to thank you for all the support that you have given Tarporley Hospital over the years.

It is with a heavy heart, the Trustees of the Tarporley War Memorial Hospital (TWMH) are writing to inform you that they have spoken with all employees to inform them that they are entering into a period of redundancy consultation.

Throughout 2021, TWMH has been attempting to secure a strategic partnership with a partner or partners within the NHS to protect the future of our community hospital. It remains our view that such a partnership is the only realistic solution to the long-term financial and operational challenges faced.

TWMH benefits from some NHS funding, but significantly it relies on donations, fund-raising and legacy contributions to provide for its running costs. Although some donations have continued to come in and these have helped the Hospital continue to support the community, the pandemic has impacted the hospital's ability to fundraise, and many revenue-generating healthcare services have been paused.

The redundancy proposals follow extensive discussions with local commissioning bodies, healthcare providers, and vested political parties in which the Trustees sought financial and operational

guarantees to continue viable operations at the hospital. During these discussions, the Trustees stressed that the end of September was the point at which a decision needed to be made and guarantees given, for operations to be continued.

The Trustees remain eager to seek a longer-term solution for the facility to continue to be used for the provision of healthcare services to the community, ideally with a continued connection to the charity sector. Progress continues to be made to secure this outcome. However, in light of the expected change in the service model, the high likelihood of new job roles being significantly different to the current roles, and the lack of opportunity to retain staff indefinitely whilst these decisions are made, the decision has been taken to commence redundancy discussions.

The Tarporley facility is a much loved and treasured charity-funded hospital that has provided more than 100 years of care for the village and surrounding region. We are all devastated by this news, and we will naturally be supporting staff as they seek alternative employment opportunities.

On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to personally thank you for your generous support of our hospital and hope that a realistic longterm financial and operational solution can be achieved

Chairman

Tarporley War Memorial Hospital

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28 [™] Ann Roberts	26 TH

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THE JOSHUA TREE COFFEE MORNING THE PLOUGH INN FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5th AT 11A.M.

Now the weather is changing, do you look forward to a winter avoiding Covid? Or are you of the 'it can't catch me school! Then



there is 'flu'; what variety will plague us this time? Or again, we might starve because the shops cannot be supplied. How about no petrol or snow so deep we cannot leave our homes. Great moments of near tragedy have always been with us; there never was a time of utter contentment for all. So what do we do......, as we always have, get through it as best we can. Lockdown last year, brought out in many, the 'best'. People helped and worked their hardest to see that the old and the vulnerable didn't suffer. Some could not cope as life was so very 'different', but they received friendship and help if they asked for it. Strangers helped strangers and we came through.

Many venues have re-opened and programmes planned, just read through the magazine! If entertaining ourselves is our main problem, life can not be so very bad. Look forward to what we may achieve, not what we have missed coffee at the Plough being one of them! A chat, a laugh and a piece of Pauline's cake, life is not so bad after all and we are still here to get things rolling again. Others need our input, this time our money, to help provide a respite and help to those who really are suffering. Think of your 'coffee' time as your contribution to lightening someone's load. Thank you for keeping your faith in The Joshua Tree's work over the years.

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Having a Bad Day

by Ol' Buzz

Well you can be sure someone somewhere is having a worse one.

A paint scraper, costing pennies, dropped in US nuclear submarine Swordfish jammed the torpedo loading piston in its cylinder. Divers tried in vain for days to remove the item and free the piston. Finally she had to go into a drydock, where the repairs cost over £80,000.

Nor is the Royal Navy immune from "one of those days". In 1966, in the Tamar estuary near Plymouth, HM frigate HMS Ulster's starboard engine control got stuck in Half Astern position. Attempts to free it then jammed it at Full Astern, and the ship accelerated backwards towards a stone jetty. The engine room telephone rang unanswered, so the captain ordered both anchors dropped, and sent an officer to the engine room to take charge. This officer was unable to get more than halfway because he met the ship's company going the other way to emergency stations. The ship hit the jetty at an estimated 8 knots, becoming 7 feet shorter in the process. This compressed the air within the ship, causing the only casualty — a sailor who was halfway through a hatch when he was shot 15 feet into the air, to land neatly on the jetty.

It seems that Jack Tar has form for having a bad day. HM destroyer, HMS Saintes (named after Admiral Rodney's victory over the French at the Battle of the Saintes), in 1947 was having gunnery practice off Portsmouth. Tug Buccaneer towed a target for the practice. Saintes fired one shell, missed the target and sank the tug.

A British submarine, believing that a large ship was hiding against the dark Italian shore, fired two torpedoes. And hit the beachfront Casino.

Hargrave & Huxley Historical Group

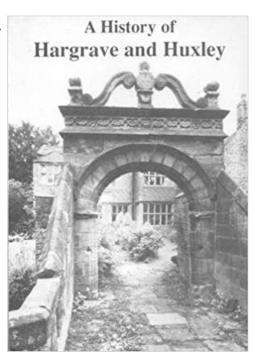
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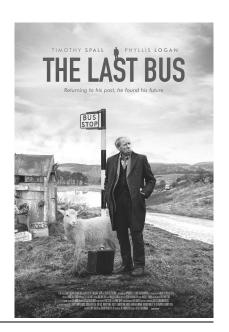
HUXLEY VILLAGE HALL FILM NIGHT

Friday 19th November "The Last Bus"

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



Huxley Village Hall



The Village Hall finally has some new comfortable chairs which we used at the last film night. Thank you to the Happy Days committee who kindly donated funds towards this. We will be holding a film night

The Hall also has new LED lights and has been freshly decorated throughout. There is also a new water boiler in the kitchen.

Thank you to our new caretaker, Alan.



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NOVEMBER SERVICES AT ST PETERS

Sunday 7th 3rd Sunday Before Advent 09:45 Eucharist CW

B Burgess (R&S) J Burgess (S)

Intercessions: J Burgess

Lane by Lane: Brassey Green

Sunday 14th Remembrance Sunday 09:45 Eucharist CW

B McDougall (R) Mike Whittingham (S)

C Houlbrooke (S)

Intercessions: H Johnson

Lane by Lane: Newton-by-Tattenhall

Sunday 21st Christ the King

09:45 Family Eucharist CW

T Onslow-Macauley (R&S) E Thornton-Firkin (S)

Intercessions: Sunday School

Lane by Lane: Those who live outside the Parish

Sunday 28th 1st Sunday of Advent 09:45 Eucharist CW

D Roberts (R&S) J Ankers (S)

Intercessions: A Roberts

Lane by Lane: Huxley Lane, Huxley - including

Village Hall

NOVEMBER 2021 DATES FOR DIARY		
3rd Pg 8	12:00 for 12:30pm Supper Club Lunch	Hargrave Church Hall
5th Pg 21	11:00am Joshua Tree Coffee Morning	The Plough Christleton
7th Pg 18	5:00pm Hargrave and Huxley Parish Council	Huxley Village Hall
8th Pg 10	7:30pm Hargrave and Huxley Historical Group	Hargrave Church Hall
10th Pg 8	2:00pm WI	Huxley Village Hall
12th Pg 15	6:30pm An Evening with Bond	The Inn at Huxley
14th Pg 2	Remembrance Sunday	St Peter's Church
18th Pg 17	9:30am Village Walk	TBA
18th Pg 9	12:00 noon Ladies Who Lunch	Willington Hall
18th Pg 9	12:00 noon Men Who Munch	The Inn at Huxley
18th Pg 26	Parish News Deadline	·
19th Pg 25	7:30pm Huxley Film Night "The Last Bus"	Huxley Village Hall
22nd Pg 8	9:30 WI Coach Trip - Bents	Hargrave
27th Pg 7	4:00pm Christmas Drinks and Floral Workshop	Hargrave Church Hall
31st Pg 12	Pumpkin Festival Judging Day	
December Advanced Notices	11th School Christmas Fayre 13th Festive Lunch	