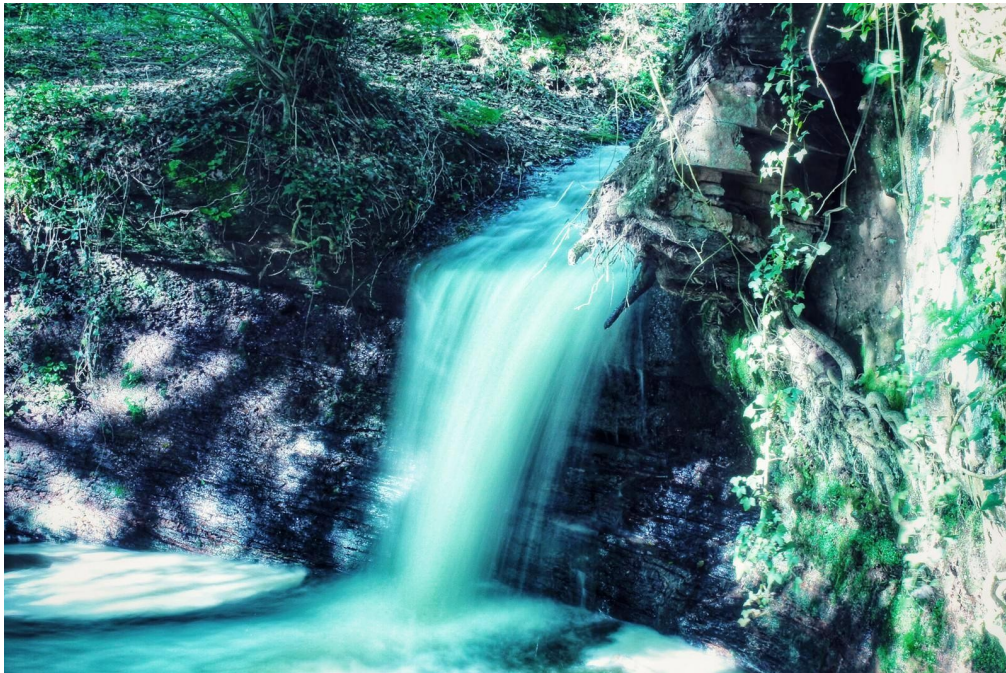


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Down Our Way

Parish News & Local Events



The Brockholes by Will Raybould

A Message from Laura

It is a pleasure to have arrived in Hargrave and Huxley. Thank you to all the people who have been so kind and friendly and offered lots of advice.



I have just finished my first assembly at Huxley School where we talked about being grateful and how this can help us to have more space to be generous to others, fitting in with their topic of generosity. I invited the children to imagine a nettle bed each night at bedtime and think of all the difficult things that have happened that day that they want to let go. Then I asked them to imagine a rose bed and think of all the things they are grateful for. At this time of Harvest, it is especially the time to give thanks for all that we have, for the gifts we are given and for the natural world around us. After the last eighteen months, with the long tail of covid, the climate crisis and shortages in shops, it may feel harder to be grateful at the moment. Trying to practice gratitude helps our wellbeing and may even help us live longer. Harvest brings together the themes of gratitude and generosity. At this time to be thankful, we can also join in the Harvest Festival Appeal for Save the Family. The Harvest Festival service will be on **Sunday 17th October at 11.00am** and you are invited to the Harvest meal afterwards as well.

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

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.**

03rd October No Sunday School

17th October Family Service in Church



Hargrave and Huxley Parish Council

Litter picking

We have organised another litter picking session and the Happy Days team are joining us too. There will be litter pickers and bags available, please bring gloves. Please come along and help us to keep our villages tidy. The dates are as follows:-

Saturday 9th October Hargrave and surrounding area meet at Church Hall 10am- contact Jane Windsor 781844

Saturday 16th October Huxley area meet at Village Hall 10am- contact Lorraine Sackett 781573

Speed monitoring

We have the speed indicator device available to us through Cheshire West and Chester Council for 2 weeks commencing **Monday 11th October**. If you are interested in helping us to monitor our roads and to remind road users of the speed limit, please contact Lorraine 781573. There will be training on how to use the device and this will take place on Monday 11th.

Date of next meeting

Sunday 7th November at 5pm, Huxley Village Hall

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Saturday 11 December 2021**

Raising funds for Huxley CE Primary School

12:00 - 3:00pm

**Various Stalls inc pre loved toys, cakes,
children's clothes, jewellery and much more**



Meet Father Christmas

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

Well, what a summer we have had at the school. It has had a lovely 'facelift' with new fencing all around, new signs and inside- fresh paint and new library and worship space.



We welcomed our new pupils back and there has been a wonderful atmosphere in school. We have started our whole school topic- 'Step Back in Time' where the children have been finding out all about the history of the school and Huxley itself. The children have been completely immersed in the source materials we have here, including old site plans, photographs and even a corporal punishment book!

We are interested in hearing from people from Huxley and Hargrave, who have links with the school and/or the area for example the Historical Group, so please do contact us if you feel you have something to share with us or would like to talk to the children about your time at Huxley CE Primary. We would love to hear from you.

I was also privileged to be invited to the Induction of Rev. Laura Rhodes last week and what a lovely service it was. It was also lovely to meet so many of you and put some faces to names too. I very much look forward to working with Laura and the church community moving forwards.

Rachel Gourley



An Evening with Bond Friday 12 November 2021 The Inn at Huxley

Raising funds for Huxley CE Primary School £45 per person including live band 'Off the Charts' and comedian as well as Charity Auction and Raffle.

Menu

12hr Shin of Beef | Roasted garlic mash, pickled walnut, glazed carrot, jus (GF)
Grilled Market Fish | Caper & lemon butter, pomme anna, seasonal greens (GF)
Autumnal Squash Risotto | Crispy Sage (V)

DESSERTS

Dark Chocolate Delice | Cherry gel, pistachio cremeaux (GF) (V)
Sticky Toffee Pudding | Medjool date, spiced tangerine sauce (V)
Cheeses, candied walnut, fig chutney (GF) (V)



Link to form to order food and tickets
<https://forms.gle/ZBkEDd3T9nwQ6Ls18>
Reserve your tickets and select your menu choice.
Contact ptahuxley@hotmail.com
or Jo 07789 401 777
or Sarah 07812 377 110 or Anne 07803 897 689.

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Huxley and Hargrave WI

At the September meeting 3 new members were welcomed and the speaker was extremely entertaining. Born into a theatrical family and attending acting school, his notable performances began by playing Noddy and continued with numerous boy parts on TV. His A-list of familiar filmstars, famous persons and musicians was endless and he ended up by founding a donkey sanctuary (he took 3 donkeys to meet the Queen). It is now located in Cornwall and has Judy Dench as the President. Disadvantaged children can stay in the home there and interact with the animals. With the help of many in the acting profession, he continues to raise funds for this charity.

The celebratory boat trip down the river (at last!) was very successful with fine weather, tasty buffet items and good company. Thanks go to Helen for her perseverance in organising it.

The next birthday event was to have been the tree-planting but, after advice from experts, it has now been postponed until a little later on the year. Fortunately the Gin-Tasting and Cake is still on for the next meeting on **Wednesday 13th October at 2pm at Huxley.**

Tickets @ £15pp are now available for the **Annual Supper Club Lunch on Weds 3rd November** at 12.00 for 12.30 at Hargrave Church Hall. This is a 3-course meal with a welcome drink (bring your own tippie to enjoy with lunch) with a speaker, Dave Walsh, who is an experienced mountaineer. Visitors welcomed.

A Coach Trip to Bents on Monday 22nd November, leaving Hargrave at 9am 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 – come along and see for yourself.



Details from Tricia on 01829 781255 or
Connie on 01829 781298

Ladies Who Lunch

Our lunch at The Grosvenor Arms was well attended and another £44 went to our charity. The next lunch is on Thursday **21st October** at The Plough, Christleton and I have the menu from which to choose if you would like to join us.



Diary Dates: Thurs 18th Nov @ Willington Hall / Weds 15th Dec @ The Inn @ Huxley (Christmas Special)

Chris Hunt 01829 781112

Hargrave & Huxley Historical Group

Following our first meeting, in September, after the long break, our next meeting will be held at 7.30pm in Hargrave Church Hall on

Monday, 11th October. Our speaker, Carolyn Hicks, will talk about Prehistoric Britain & the Beeston Roundhouse. Light

refreshments will be served following the meeting. Annual membership of HHHG is £12, all are welcome. £3 for non-members on the night. Future talks include Curious Origins of Christmas Traditions, Moving Mediaeval Buildings, The Liverpool Cow Keepers and Old Cheshire Pub Signs.



For further information please contact Susan –
smj2908@btinternet.com

Dirty Work at Runcorn

William Lowe of Clyfton, (Clifton, near Runcorn), about the Feast of St. James on 25th July, made a deep pit in his barn at Clyfton and in that put a certain man, clothed in black vestments in the likeness of a demon. Having called together many of his neighbours, he made incantations and caused the said man to come from the pit, and asked him whether John Lowe might be guilty of the felony [of taking away 47s 8d in coin, cloth worth 10s and four sheets worth 8s]. Springing up, he said that John was not guilty.

William's attempt to subvert justice failed, and he himself was indicted on this same 14th Century court roll!

Bob Burgess, with thanks to the Ranulf Higden Society.



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Pumpkin Festival

Get carving your creative spooky pumpkins. The Happy Days Team will be out to judge your creations on Halloween Sunday 31st October. Please let us know if you are entering the competition, there will be a prize for the scariest and most imaginative pumpkins.



Contact:

hargravehuxleyhappydays@gmail.com

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.

Glass of fizz and a mince pie £5.

Make a wreath or table arrangement, just an extra £10 (includes materials).

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

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Village Walk Friday 15th October

Our next walk with Jean Ankers leading will be a 3.5 mile walk through Little Budworth Country Park starting at the carpark on Coach Road CW6 9EJ – meeting at the carpark at 9.45pm. Following the walk we will stop for a coffee at Tarporley Garden Centre.

If you would like to join us, please, contact Jenny Hobbs for details.

Everyone is very welcome.

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Hargrave & Huxley Historical Group

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HARVEST GIFTS FOR SAVE THE FAMILY

Our villages have supported Save the Family since Rev Ken Harris was vicar. This local charity provides sheltered housing, training, mentoring and rehabilitation to families broken by domestic violence, substance abuse, debt, homelessness, relationship breakdown or mental health issues. By keeping the family group together, recovery is a joint achievement and chances of better futures are enhanced.

At Harvest time, please will you donate long-dated dry goods – especially :

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- Sugar
- Cordial
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fish
- Coffee
- UHT Milk
- Cooking Sauces
- Cereal
- Bottle Water

at St Peter's Harvest Service 11:00am 17th October. Your gift will really make a difference to a family turning their lives around, when they thought that things could not be worse.

If you'd like to see if there are other ways to help, please email **info@savethefamily.uk.com** for ways you can really help vulnerable families regain their place in the world.

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THE JOSHUA TREE
COFFEE MORNING
THE PLOUGH INN
FRIDAY OCTOBER 1ST AT 11A.M.



Octobers sign of the Zodiac is Libra – the sign of an amiable, creative, fair and generous person who can also be self righteous, insecure and diffident - they may in real life be a mean old curmudgeon. How can we group people together by when they were born. A summer born should love the sun, but if you were also born with very fair skin you could frizzle up in the heat! Spring babies should thrive in the rain!!! It is so easy to allot feelings or traits en masse, but definitely not accurate. 'The English are reserved, the Scots dour and all the Welsh can sing' we can all think of someone who would break that sweeping statement. One of the most sweeping is 'and they lived happily ever after..'

A very few are gifted the joy of life without complications. Some are able to weather them without mental and physical trauma, but for some the tragedy that life throws at them requires help from all those that are willing to give. To have your child so ill that you despair is one of life's greatest tests. You feel helpless, alone and although the diagnosis maybe hopeful you need help in keeping the rest of the family on an even keel, giving siblings all the attention they deserve, you can be stretched beyond limits. The work that the Joshua Tree does is to help to make those strains easier. Meeting with other families in the same circumstances, a quiet cup of coffee whilst someone else takes the strain, a trained advisor to talk to, fun for the other children... all this The Joshua Tree attempts to do, but as always it takes money to provide.

All we ask is that you come and drink coffee, eat cake and gossip for one hour once a month....whether you are a 'generous' Libra or one of lifes 'grumps' we look forward to seeing you.

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Just Saying

by Ol' Buzz

'If you weren't such a great man, you'd be a terrible bore.'

Mrs Gladstone to Mr. Gladstone

'The only thing he ever took up at university was space.'

Anon on D. Healey

'They are a short, blue vested people who carry their own onions when cycling abroad, and have a yard 3.37 inches longer than other people's.'

Alan Coren on the French

'Britain is the only country where being too clever by half is an insult.'

A.A.Gill

'Attila the Hen'

Clement Freud on Mrs. Thatcher

Convicted criminal : "As God is my judge, I am innocent."

He isn't, I am and you're not. - Lord Birkett

'Auditors are the troops who watch a battle from the safety of a hillside, and when the battle is over, come down, count the dead and bayonet the survivors.'

Anon

'Unspeakable, untalented and vulgar young entertainer.'

Bing Crosby on Elvis

'Tallulah Bankhead barged down the Nile last night as Cleopatra. And sank.'

J.M. Brown

'I wouldn't have that hanging in my home. It would be like living with a gas leak.'

Dame Edith Evans on modern art

'The attractive nephew who sings an Irish ballad for the company and winsomely disappears before the table clearing and dish washing begins.'

LBJ on JF Kennedy

THE RETURN OF HUXLEY FILM NIGHT

Friday 8th October

“ Dream Horse”

Thank you for your support to our first film night! Doors open at 7.30pm and drinks will be served. Please be seated for start of the film at 8pm.

Entry £5

There will be an interval for refreshments including Cheshire farm Ice cream. Beer/wine/tea/coffee/Ice cream on sale

Information Steve Hyden

07810216399 or Lorraine Sackett 01829 781573



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Oh WOW!! We've just finished counting your donations and it's a massive £740 with over £500 being GiftAided, so that makes it worth around another £150!!! Thanks so much to everyone who supported the event. A good breakfast was had by all. However it couldn't happen without our wonderful volunteers;

Julie, Betty, Olivia, Amelia and Sam;

Mary, William and Magnus

Mac and Barbara,

Colin and Tracey for all the eggs and Meg for the plants

Many thanks, everyone, and COME AGAIN NEXT YEAR!

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HARVEST FESTIVAL 11:00am OCTOBER 2021 AT ST PETER'S CHURCH FOLLOWED BY HARVEST LUNCH IN THE CHURCH HALL

This traditional event in our calendar is a family friendly service when we encourage the bringing of gifts which are presented at the service and subsequently donated to the local charity "Save the Family". More details about this are in the article on page 15.

There will be a simple Harvest lunch afterwards in the Church Hall to which all are welcome (voluntary donation to cover the cost). Bring your own tippie if you wish.



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Can all submissions for the November 2021 edition be in by **Thursday 21st October**. 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
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OCTOBER SERVICES AT ST PETERS

Sunday 3rd 09:45 Eucharist CW
18th Sunday J Burgess (R&S) B Burgess (S)
after Trinity Intercessions: B Burgess

Lane by Lane: Church Lane including the Nook,
Hargrave

Sunday 10th 09:45 Eucharist CW
19th Sunday M Whittingham (R) C Houlbrooke (S)
after Trinity Intercessions: I McDougall

Lane by Lane: Long Lane (Back Lane), Huxley

Sunday 10th PCC meeting at 11:00am

Sunday 17th 11:00 Family Eucharist CW **Harvest Festival**
20th Sunday M Smart (R&S) A Smart (S)
after Trinity Intercessions: Sunday School

Lane by Lane: Guy Lane, Hargrave

Sunday 24th 09:45 Eucharist CW
Bible Sunday A Roberts (R) D Roberts (S) J Ankers (S)
Intercessions: D Roberts

Lane by Lane: Mill Lane, Huxley

Sunday 31st 09:45 Eucharist CW
4th Sunday S Williams (R) E Thornton-Firkin (S)
before Intercessions: E Thornton-Firkin
Advent Lane by Lane: Leadgate Lane and Brereton Park

OCTOBER 2021 DATES FOR DIARY

1st Pg 17	11:00am Joshua Tree Coffee Morning	The Plough Christleton
8th Pg 20	19:30pm Huxley Film Night “Dream Horse”	Huxley Village Hall
9th Pg 2	10:00am Litter Picking	Hargrave Church Hall
10th Pg 23	11:00am PCC Meeting	Hargrave Church Hall
11th Pg 2	Speed Monitoring - 2 Weeks	
11th Pg 10	7:30pm Hargrave and Huxley Historical Group	Hargrave Church Hall
13th Pg 8	14:00pm WI	Huxley Village Hall
15th Pg 13	9:30am Village Walk - Little Budworth Country Park, CW6 9EJ	Car Park, Coach Road
16th Pg 2	10:00am Litter Picking	Huxley Village Hall
17th Pg 15&21	11:00am Harvest Gift Service and Harvest Lunch	St Peter’s Church
21st Pg 9	12:00 noon Ladies Who Lunch	The Plough, Waverton
21st	12:00 noon Men Who Munch	The Inn at Huxley
21st Pg 22	Parish News Deadline	
31st Pg 12	Pumpkin Festival Judging Day	
Advanced Notice	3rd November 12:00 for 12:30pm Supper Club Lunch 12th November Bond Evening at The Inn at Huxley	