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Down Our Way

Parish News & Local Events



Edward Timpson, MP opening School Fete

Wardens' Corner

For the last 7 months your two churchwardens have shared the writing of these "Wardens' Corners". We are pleased to say that this is the last Wardens' Corner of the current vacancy!

Our new vicar, Laura, her husband Mark and their three children will be moving into the vicarage shortly in readiness for Laura's commissioning by the Bishop of Chester and her induction by the Archdeacon on Monday 13th September in a service commencing at 7.00 pm. You are all very welcome to attend this service, and to refreshments afterwards, to help support and personally welcome Laura as she takes over the Christian leadership of this Parish. There will be many formal invitees so we are sure of a full church for this service and for the refreshments in the church hall afterwards.

We are very fortunate to be able to continue once again as an independent parish in the diocese of Chester with our own incumbent. Having met Laura several times we know she will quickly put her "stamp" on the spiritual life of the parish and she, Mark and their three children will become an integral part of our community. We look forward to the start of this new episode in the long history of Christian life in Hargrave and Huxley. So, it's now over to Laura who will be writing the Vicar's letter in the October issue!

Mike Whittingham, Church Warden:- 01829 770842

Malcolm Smart, Church Warden :- 01829 781563 – 07538 440694

A Message from Laura

I just wanted to introduce myself before I begin as the new vicar of Hargrave and Huxley in mid-September. I am Laura Rhodes. For the last four years I have been Chaplain at the University of Chester which I have found a fun and exciting job (when there isn't a global pandemic on). I get to meet lots of interesting people and work with staff and students. I can be doing anything from baking and craftivism sessions, to bereavement support to attending graduation



ceremonies in the Cathedral. There is also a lot of chatting and washing up – many students have not yet mastered this art. In these days of pandemic, I have got into video editing and dreaming up new community projects. I was also the assistant priest at St Mary’s in Handbridge, Chester with responsibility for children's work, where we had a Storytelling Service, Messy Church, and we had just set up a youth group for children with and without disabilities.

I come from Chester originally, but lived and taught RE in the North East before stints in Oxford and Wilmslow as I trained to be a priest. I have a husband, Mark, who is a computer programmer, and three children – Annabelle, who is at Christleton High School and Rowan and Francis who attend Waverton, where we have moved from. In our free time we like to escape to the country and go walking, preferably in the Lake District. We enjoy all sorts of outdoor activities and are happiest when on water or climbing something. I remember in a hazy, distant past that I used to love going to art galleries and the cinema as well.

Come and say hello when we move in and look out for me as I plan to come and knock on some doors to introduce myself. Looking forward to getting started and to meeting you all.

Laura Rhodes, Vicar

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.**

05th September No Sunday School
19th September Family Service in Church



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Womble Walk Saturday 18th September



Kicking off 10am, at Huxley Village Hall. Bin bags and litter pickers will be supplied.

We will gather back at Huxley Village Hall at 12noon for bacon buttes. Let's make Hargrave and Huxley look Spick and Span!

If you would like to take part, please email:
hargravehuxleyhappydays@gmail.com

Christmas Drinks and Floral Workshop Saturday 27th November

Join us for a drink on the lead up to Christmas, and get into the festive spirit. Watch demonstrations on how to make a table centre and wreath, and even have a go at making your own.

Tickets will be available soon.



Future Happy Days Events to look out for in 2022

- Soiree 2022
- Happy Days Weekend 24th – 26th June 2022
- Watch this space for other events!

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!

Huxley C.E. Primary School

This was no ordinary annual school fete: Huxley CE Primary School was celebrating its rebirth. It was welcoming its new Board of Governors, its new teaching staff and its new Headteacher, starting 1st September 2021, Mrs Rachel Gourley. And above all its new pupils.



Edward Timpson, local MP for the constituency, came to open the Fete, attended by 255 people. Having closely followed and supported the progress of the rebuilding of the school, he underlined the innovative approach the school has taken. Huxley CE Primary School has adopted a new hybrid model of education: the school is offering places to full time pupils but has introduced flexi schooling as an alternative model. It is a very exciting time for the school and a very big thank you to everyone who has supported the school. Today the picture is very different.

The Acting Head (Head in Sept), Rachel Gourley says:

"We are happy to announce that the school is nearly at full capacity. We already have 40 pupils enrolled for September and requests and visits by families are continuing. We will be starting a waiting list. The school is buzzing and work is underway to prepare for a wonderful new school year".

Litter Picking

Hargrave and Huxley Parish Council is again organising litter picking on two days. Hargrave is Saturday 9th October and Huxley is Saturday 16th October. If you can help out, please contact Jane Windsor on 07721 599036 for Hargrave and Lorraine Sackett on 01829 781573 for Huxley. We will be able to provide litter picking equipment . Thank you in advance.



PTA Huxley CE Primary School

- **Tarporley Big Weekend**

The PTA are attending Tarporley Big Weekend 10th-12th SEPTEMBER 2021. Come and see us, we would love to say hello.



- **Christmas Fayre - Date To Be Confirmed**

If you would like a stall at our Christmas Fayre please do get in touch.



The PTA would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who help with our **Recycle 4 Clothes Collection**. We have raised **£129.85**. Thank you for your support.

Email: ptahuxley@hotmail.com

Jo 07789 401 777 or Sarah 07812 377 110
or Anne 07803 897 689

Huxley and Hargrave WI

At the meeting in August we were pleased to welcome some new members who joined us in looking at holiday slides of Kerala in Southern India with Mr Dawson, who was dressed in a typical dhoti. The video of the Tuk Tuk ride was not for the faint-hearted as we overtook everything regardless of road conditions, rode on the wrong side of the road, the whole time with the horn sounding and loud music playing and it was interesting to see how many yards of material go into making up the sari which is all one piece wound round the body in a certain way.

To continue coming out of lockdown, our WI has planned several events to put in the (empty) diary.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 8th September** at Huxley Village Hall at 2.00pm when the speaker will talk on "From Toytown to Buckingham Palace" and a competition for a Child's Toy.

The Celebratory Boat Trip is at last going ahead on Tuesday 14th September, leaving from The Groves, Chester at 2pm for approx. 2 ½ hours with a buffet on board. Members go free with guests £25pp.

The planned tree-planting is scheduled for Tuesday 21st September starting at 2.30pm, with one to go in Briscoe's field at the top of Huxley Lane, followed by one in the Dave Wikeley garden at Hargrave church.

The Annual Supper Club is hosting a lunch this year on Wednesday 3rd November at Hargrave Church Hall at 12.00 for 12.30pm. A 3-course meal with a welcome drink (bring your own tippie to enjoy with lunch) and the speaker, Mr Walsh, is an experienced mountaineer. This promises to be a super event and visitors will be welcomed. Tickets can be ordered now @ £15 per head and will be issued at September's meeting.

A Coach Trip to Bents is planned for Monday 22nd November, something for everyone in their numerous departments and an award-winning cafeteria for those who want a cuppa plus! Cost of coach to be shared by those going.

The **October** meeting on Wednesday 13th is at Huxley at 2.00pm when we will have a gin-tasting and celebratory cake to mark our 100th birthday. The **November** meeting on Wednesday 10th at Huxley is our **AGM** and will be followed by "The Reluctant Shepherdess" with a competition for a walking stick.

The Christmas Party will be in the afternoon of Wednesday 8th, but at Hargrave as the entertainers need more space for their presentation.

So, plenty of bookings made, good speakers coming, and always a warm welcome for any newcomer who would like to join us.

Details from Tricia on 01829 781255 Or Connie on 01829 781298

Ladies Who Lunch

Following successful socially-distanced lunches at the Inn @ Huxley, The Fox and Barrel and Pesto, we have raised so far a total of £126 for our charity, Endometriosis.

The next lunch is on **Thursday 16th September** at the Grosvenor Arms, Aldford – numbers may be limited, so names asap please - choose your food on the day.

For more details contact Chris Hunt on 01829 781112



School Summer Fete Thank You

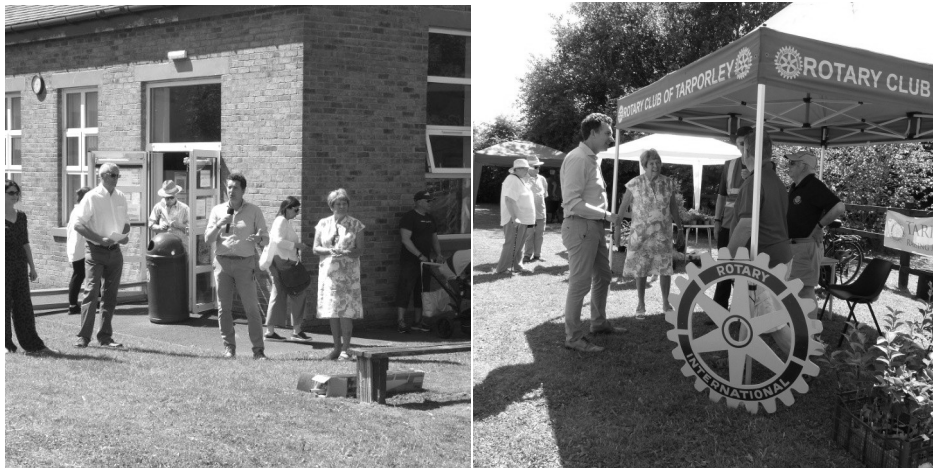
A very big thank you to everyone that attended the School Summer Fete. We had a glorious afternoon, and it was wonderful to see so many people. Edward Timpson, MP opened the fete and said a few words along with the new Headteacher, Mrs Rachel Gourley. If you didn't get a chance to meet her there will be plenty of opportunities coming up. Just over £1,000 was raised for the school which is wonderful.



Special thanks to all our volunteers who worked tirelessly on the day especially those in the refreshments with electrics not working correctly. They rose to the challenge – thank you. Thank you to the Inn at Huxley, Danny, and his daughter Hayley, for providing all the BBQ and then doing it for us and also donating delicious cakes made by Sarah! Nick, Agro Forestry, also gave us all those wonderful Heritage apple trees for free to sell and six trees were given to the school to plant in the Autumn. The children are very much looking forward to planting them.

To be announced soon - the date of our School Christmas Fayre.
Thanks again

From Everyone on the PTA Huxley CE Primary School Committee





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An Evening with Bond Friday 12 November 2021

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CHURCH BELL and CLOCK

As you pass by St Peter's or arrive there for a service, you can tell what time it is again. The clock has been restarted with a new digital mechanism in place and all corroded parts that operate the bell clappers have been replaced. Thank you once more to all 36 local families and organisations that gave such generous donations that enabled this to happen. It means that our new vicar-to-be, Reverend Laura Rhodes, will be able to ring the bell (as well as tell the time!) as part of her induction service on 13th September. For details of this service, please see elsewhere in this edition of Down Our Way.

Edward Thornton-Firkin for Hargrave Parochial Church Council

HISTORY DAY 2021

Cheshire Local History Association History Day looks at Cheshire Pioneers, including 'Cheshire's Oliver Cromwell', John Speed mapmaker, Women pioneers of the Chemical Information world, Thomas Brassey, greatest railway builder in the world, and Edith Smith, England's first warranted policewoman. As well as eminent speakers, there are bookstalls offering bargain prices, and the new CHESHIRE HISTORY annual with a new, up to date reappraisal of our local, decisive, Battle of Rowton Moor 1645.

Date: 30 October,

Place: The Grange Theatre,

Bradburns Lane, Hartford CW8 3LU

9.15 am – 4.30 pm Free Parking for the event.

Tickets: cheshirelha.committee@gmail.com
or by 'phone 01606 539040 : £12

Village Walk

**Friday 17th
September**

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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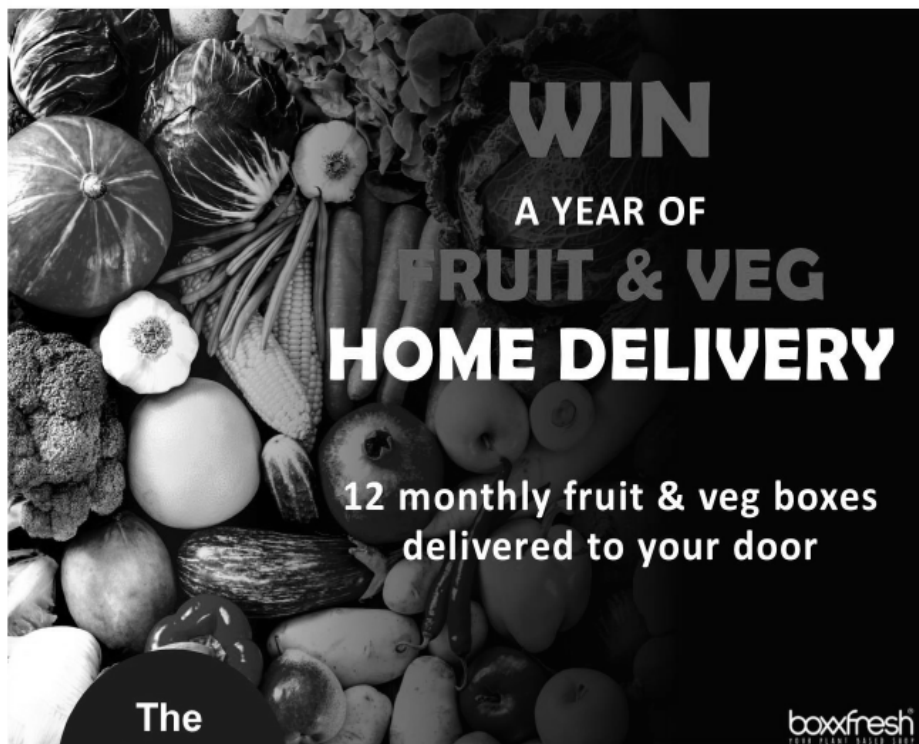


SIR THOMAS MOULSON TRUST

The Moulson Trust holds its next meeting this month on the 16th when applications from young people will be considered and awards made for assistance towards education. Because of the endowment left to our community by Sir Thomas Moulson, it has been possible to distribute some £50,000 to applicants in the last 10 years. The Charity is also able to support the Church and Vicar which benefits us all in Hargrave and Huxley by permitting us to remain as an independent parish. The Church Hall which the Trust owns and lets to the Parochial Church Council remains available for hire in these challenging Covid 19 times but with strict rules applying to ensure the safety of all. Please do consider the Hall for your next planned event – the rates are very competitive and the facilities there first class including a modern fully equipped kitchen and excellent wifi.

If you would like to know more about the Trust or would be willing to take a role in running the Hall as Bookings Secretary, please do contact Edward (781423) or Trisha (781255). Dear reader – is this something you could help out with now because “***Moulson Trust Matters***” to us all?

Edward Thornton-Firkin
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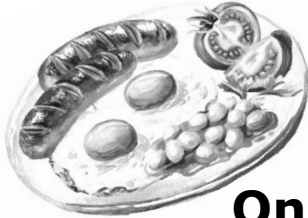
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Hargrave and Huxley Big Breakfast

On Sunday 26th September

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Hargrave and Huxley Parish Council

Hargrave and Huxley Parish Council meet the first Sunday every other month. The next meeting will take place on **Sunday 5th September 2021 at 17.00 at Hargrave Village Hall**. The agenda is available on the website for anyone interested in attending this meeting on www.hargravehuxleypc.co.uk

If you are interested in attending this meeting which is held in public please contact the clerk to register your interest clerk.huxleyhargravepc@gmail.com



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Millennium Bug

by Ol' Buzz

Dublin decided that they would mark the millennium with a specially commissioned spire, vertiginously high, and on the site where Nelson's column had stood until dynamited by the IRA. (Heaven only knows what he had done to offend them, as he was long dead before they got started !)

The spire was so big that it needed the biggest crane in Ireland to erect it, and lots of shuttering around the worksite, blocking the roadway and obscuring Clerys department store – the Irish Harrods. The job did not go smoothly, taking far longer than planned, and attracting lots of public criticism.

Eventually, the job was completed; the shuttering removed and the mighty crane lumbered off to the next job. The local radio station invited listeners to call the station with their impressions of the new millennium monument. Among them was a gentleman who sang down the telephone, " I can see Clerys now the crane has gone. "



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THE RETURN OF HUXLEY FILM NIGHT

Friday 10th September

Doors open 7.30pm

“ Nomadland”

(2021 Oscar winner)

Entry £5

Beer/wine/tea/coffee/Ice cream on sale

Information Steve Hyden 07810216399

or Lorraine Sackett 01829 781573



DEVELOPMENTS AT HUXLEY HALL

Thanks to a government grant we have been able to make some improvements:

New lighting throughout

New fridge freezer and water urn in the recently painted kitchen

Painting of gents' toilets

New comfortable chairs

Renovation of front gate and noticeboard

Outside maintenance of building

We are also planning to improve the outside lighting in time for the darker evenings.

The Hall is available to rent at £10 per hour and we are keen to increase the use of this valuable asset to the village.

Hope to see you all soon

Huxley Village Hall Committee



A huge 'Thank You' to all who have been so generous this year. The collection boxes keep being filled and their contents go straight to the poorest people in our community. There are no 'costs'

because all foodbank workers are volunteers.

What can we give?..... anything from the group of items below would be very welcome, but please make sure it is 'in date'. Your donation goes to a warehouse where it is sorted and then delivered to the various distribution centres in the area. Sadly, we cannot deal with 'fresh' food.

More information on <http://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/>

Who would like you to help the foodbank? Well, lots of people - The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Chester, Marcus Rashford, the local Council and endless media and charity personalities. You are in good company! Well, why are so many people helping? – It's probably because we all know that some people have had hard times in their lives. Maybe some of us have experienced that - or know someone who has. In these strange times, it's even more likely that people, and especially families, have come across times when it's hard to put enough food on the table. These people are not likely to tell you – they have pride. It's not easy to admit that you can't manage.

So please help those who are not so fortunate as yourself. Have a look in your kitchen cupboard and see if there is something that you would not miss. Drop it off in Church – or else give it to a member of the Church to take in for you.

Let's help keep Hargrave and Huxley generous villages

What are we most short of at the moment? It's true we seem to continually get short of certain items..... These items are often seasonal – but at the moment we re really short of:

- Jam
- Peanut Butter
- UHT Milk
- Tinned Fruit
- Rice Pudding
- Tea
- Coffee
- Tinned Fish
- Corned Beef
- Biscuits

A little help done by lots of people really can change some lives forever. Thank You from Foodbank



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Can all submissions for the October 2021 edition be in by **Thursday 23rd September**. 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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SEPTEMBER SERVICES AT ST PETERS

Sunday 5th 09:45 Eucharist CW
14th Sunday I Mcdougall (R) M Smart (S) A Smart (S)
after Trinity Intercessions: H Johnson

Lane by Lane: Martins Lane, Greenlooms

Sunday 12th 09:45 Eucharist CW
15th Sunday D Roberts (R&S) J Ankers (S)
after Trinity Intercessions: A Roberts

Lane by Lane: Hoofield Lane, Huxley

Monday 19:00 Commissioning by The Bishop of Chester
13th and Induction by The Archdeacon of Chester of the
Reverend Laura Rhodes

Sunday 19th 09:45 Family Eucharist CW
16th Sunday B Burgess (R&S) J Burgess (S)
after Trinity Intercessions: Sunday School

Lane by Lane: Old Hall Lane, Cinder Lane,
Cow Lane, Hargrave

Sunday 26th 09:45 Eucharist CW
17th Sunday M Whittingham (R&S) C Houlbrooke (S)
after Trinity Intercessions: J Wilson

Lane by Lane: Red Lane, Huxley including
Crow's Nest

SEPTEMBER 2021 DATES FOR DIARY

3rd	11:00am Joshua Tree Coffee Morning	The Plough Christleton
5th Pg 17	17:00pm Hargrave and Huxley Parish Council Meeting	Hargrave Village Hall
8th Pg 20	14:00pm WI	Huxley Village Hall
10th Pg 20	19:30pm Huxley Film Night "Nomadland"	Huxley Village Hall
13th Pg 2 & 23	19:00pm Commissioning and Induction Service of Reverend Laura Rhodes	St Peter's Hargrave
14th Pg 8	14:00pm WI Boat Trip	The Groves, Chester
16th Pg 9	12:00 noon Ladies Who Lunch	Grosvenor Arms, Alford
16th	12:00 noon Men Who Munch	The Inn at Huxley
16th Pg 15	19:30pm Moulson Trust Meeting	Hargrave Church Hall
17th Pg 13	9:30am Village Walk	Huxley School
18th Pg 17	11:00am PCC Meeting	Hargrave Church Hall
21st Pg 8	14:30pm WI Tree Planting	Huxley then Hargrave
23rd Pg 22	Parish News Deadline	
26th Pg 17	9:00am-11:30am Hargrave and Huxley Big Breakfast	Hargrave Church Hall