



# The Grayswood Runner



Hannah Bleach, Gold Class 2002

Serving the Community in Grayswood

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## Editorial

It was with some surprise that many Grayswood residents read in the Herald that the speed limits in Lower Road, Holdfast Lane, and The Mount have been reduced from 60 mph to 30 mph. Most residents had no idea that cars were legally allowed to go that fast down such narrow roads. Will the change of limits affect driver behaviour? Maybe—but “rat runners” could simply realise that they are now entitled to drive down Lower Road at the same speed as they drive down the A286. Scary!

Editor

## SEEN IN ANOTHER PARISH MAGAZINE.....

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

## Some Village Events in May 2005

Spring Fayre	7th
Gardening Club Sale	7th
Informal Evening Service	8th
Womens Institute	11th
Mens Breakfast	14th
Monthly Bible Study	17th
Good News Van	23rd

## VILLAGE PRAYERS

Friends of ours in Devon have a profoundly deaf son. When we lived there, Jeremy was a teenager, highly intelligent and creative, but he had never heard speech, and he learnt to speak without knowing what it should - or could - sound like.

He lip-read embarrassingly well however, and perseverance in listening to him paid off; he could be witty and highly entertaining. His younger sister and our youngest, both called Mary communicated with him far more easily than most adults could. It did become slightly easier with practice, although it always demanded concentration.

That's a bit like the communication we call prayer. Like communication between two people, it can sometimes be easy and sometimes take great concentration and perseverance. We keep at it, not because there's any thought of changing God's mind or being reluctantly persuaded - what sort of a God is that?

It's more because we want to build a relationship with God, understand a bit more about cooperating with God in God's world. It's about wanting God's best in any situation.

God's best for every one of us is Life - with a capital 'L'. One of the wise men of the early church said, "The glory of God is a human being fully alive." So we like to pray a 'fully-aliveness' - God's blessing of goodness, peace, contentment - for all our friends and neighbours.

In All Saints we're restarting the custom of praying for particular areas of Grayswood in turn - find out elsewhere in the Runner which area we're praying for this month. And join in with us if you wish: wherever you are on Sunday mornings round about 10.40am, send your mind and heart winging to God for goodness peace and contentment for your neighbours and friends - and for our world.



Barbara Steele-Perkins

## All Saints Spring Fayre 7th May at 11.30am in the Village Hall



Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, Balloon Race, Toys and Games, Bric a Brac, Unwanted Gifts, Books, CDs, Videos, Cakes and Produce, Plants, Greetings Cards, Raffle, and lots more

Hotdogs, sandwiches and other refreshments served between 12pm - 1.30pm

Outside stallholders (£10 +10%) and stall contributions welcome.

Call Daphne (643140), Gill (644295) or Charlie (644495)

**Have you any spare Bibles?** If you have any spare bibles in your home then please give them to Book Aid which sends bibles to third world countries. There is a collection box at the back of All Saints Church which will be available until the middle of May. All translations accepted and are very gratefully received by Christians abroad who regard owning a bible as a real privilege.

**Plant Sale**—The Gardening Club will be having a plant sale on the village green at the same time as the Spring Fayre—locally grown shrubs, perennials and annuals to stock your garden at great prices!

**Garage Sale**—A garage sale of household goods will be taking place on Tuesday 3rd May at 75 Lower Rd—10 am until dusk.

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# All Saints Matters

## Sunday Services

Services take place at All Saints every Sunday, usually a Holy Communion at 8.00 am and a further service at 10.00.

Our 10.00 services are very accommodating for families with young children—we have crèche facilities, fun for older children at Sunday School, and really don't mind if children make a bit of noise in church either! In fact we particularly encourage children to enjoy our church and join in with the first part of our service. We work on a rotation basis during each calendar month as follows:

1st Sunday: Parish Communion

2nd Sunday: Morning Worship

3rd Sunday: Parish Communion

4th Sunday: All age Morning Worship

On the fifth Sunday of the month, which happens a few times a year, we share our worship with St Bartholomew's and St Christopher's in Haslemere

## Thursday Services

Every first and third Thursday of each month at 10.15 am we hold a Holy Communion and Healing Service too. All are very welcome!

## Contacting All Saints

Your vicar Barbara Steele-Perkins is usually on duty on Monday, Thursday and Sunday and is available on 656504. The answerphone is regularly monitored. Jenny Wardill (644443) is the Pastoral Assistant.

## Help in the Village

We are very fortunate to have a team of people in the village who volunteer to come to you to help—whether it is something spiritual like coming to terms with illness or bereavement, or something practical like finding a good plumber.

Doreen Hutton (644178)

Pauline Lamb (643798)  
Peter Rix (644295)  
Jean White (643338)

If you need a vicar urgently then please contact Rev Norman Jones on 658107. The Church Administrator is Janet Fry and she is available Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

## VILLAGE PRAYER

In May we pray for Lower and Upper Birtley, Witley Farm, Shoelands, South Park, Stroud, Hurt Hill, and High Button.

Our charity this calendar quarter is Grayswood Village School. Gifts can be placed on the plate at the back of All Saints during services and the white envelope system can be used to get some tax back too. Please support your village school!

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

On 15th May 2005 Christian Aid Week starts and during this week the real opportunity exists to help fight poverty. For example, £112 buys a water tank for a Peruvian village—a huge improvement to the quality of life and hygiene of a whole village like Grayswood. The charity helps people of all religions, races and creeds. You don't have to go to church to be a "Christian" - please put some money in the red envelope with this newsletter and hand it in to Church House or at a Church Service in May. Thank you.



## USEFUL GRAYSWOOD PHONE NUMBERS

- Church Office 656504**
- Village Hall Bookings 643859**
- Wheatshaf Pub 644440**
- The Grayswood Club 644154**
- Grayswood School 642086**
- Rover Garage 642303**
- Barkers 642894**
- Haslemere Herald 651271**
- Haslemere Hall 642161**
- Hairdresser 642821**
- and any other suggestions?**

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

If the ladies are allowed the WI, then why can't the men of Grayswood get together once a month for a breakfast with good company and a great opportunity to meet local villagers in a really informal manner. After a breakfast there is usually a short talk on varied subjects such as



Antarctica, Astronomy, Evolution, and even outdoor breakfasts in our lovely countryside. So for a great start to the second Saturday in every month call Paul for more info on 648573.

## GOLF DAY IN AID OF THE BISHOP OF GUILDFORDS FOUNDATION

If you have ever played golf and looked heavenward for some divine inspiration then this Golf Day may be for you!



Held at Dorking Golf Club on Thursday 9th June it looks likely to be a great day out. In aid of a great cause—01483 304000.

## Grayswood Cricket Club

As another cricket season starts it is hard to believe that only 16 years ago there was no cricket in Grayswood. Today the club boasts a Saturday side, a Sunday side and no fewer than four youth teams. The youth section has 100 members from 7 to 15, many of whom can be seen playing and practising each Friday evening during the season. The whole village wishes you well this season!

## Grayswood Gardening Club

This very active fun club is a great way to learn more about gardening in general, and learn from enthusiasts in Grayswood on just how to cope with the famous Grayswood clay! Just £10 a year entitles members to attend all the talks, make lots of friends, and take advantage of very favourable discounts at local garden centres. Usually meets on 1st Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm.

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