



# The Grayswood Runner



Hannah Bleach, Gold Class 2002

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Serving the Community in Grayswood

## Editorial

It was difficult to believe that the picture we had been shown was The Mount, Grayswood—except for the telltale hill curving and descending towards the village green, there was nothing else similar to today's view. No houses, no cars, just a small country lane, with the label "The Mount, Grayswood".

There are other better known photographs of old Grayswood, Edwardian children outside the school, the Wheatsheaf Inn, the recently built All Saints Church. But this one had not been seen before and was truly special.

Many agree that Grayswood today is a fine place to live, but yesterday also has its fascination for many of us.

So through this magazine we are asking all our readers to help us put together and build an archive of this village's photographic history. Any old photographs would be very welcome and we can scan them into digital format and let you have them back very quickly. We will then with your permission put them on our village website for current and future residents to enjoy for posterity.

Drop them into church house or e-mail them to the editor so that we can get the ball rolling!

EDITOR

## Remember, remember - do you remember how the rhyme goes?

November is quite a month for remembering - apart from Guy Fawkes night! 1st November is All Saints' Day, and it's a great excuse for us at All Saints Church to have a party (Sunday 30th October, 10am followed by coffee and cake! Do join us.) We remember with some trepidation that we are saints too (the word originally meant 'Christian'), those alive now as well as those long past. What a high calling - and we fail most of the time to live up to it. I like the story about the little boy who visited a church building and was told about the stained glass windows. When he got home he told his mother he'd learnt a bit about saints. "What did you learn?" she asked. And he replied, "Saints are people that the light shines through". Telling, isn't it.

The following day, 2nd November, is All Souls' Day, when we remember "those we've loved and see no longer": people who have meant a lot to us, people to whom we're grateful for giving us life, nurturing us, being a friend to us, and so on. Perhaps even a child or young person whose life was tragically cut short. Keeping treasured memories alive - remembering - is important.

What we now call Remembrance Sunday has, as we all know, a special focus on those to whom we owe our liberty. Whatever we think of the ills and terrors of war - and it is truly terrible, it is nevertheless also true that the ultimate sacrifice on the part of so many means we can live in freedom. We also celebrate peace where it is a reality, and pray for places where peace is but a dream.

And then there's every Sunday. Every Sunday of every month is a Remembrance Sunday for Christians. We gather round the Lord's table to share the symbols of a meal that has great significance for us - and for the world.

We remember Jesus, who died for our freedom too, setting us free from self-absorption and self-centredness, and offering us an intimate relationship with God, who loves us. We celebrate the inner peace he gives, which can never be taken away from us, as it doesn't depend on outward circumstances.

My prayer for us all this month is that we continue to remember and give thanks for these important events in our calendar, that we may know peace from strife (in the nation, in our community, and in our families) and that we may experience the peace of God which passes all understanding.

Barbara Steele-Perkins



## All Saints Christmas Fayre

3rd December at 11.30am

in the Village Hall

Children's Entertainment,  
Lucky Dip, Face Painting,  
Toys and Games, Raffle, Bric a  
Brac, Books,  
CDs and Videos, Plants, Cakes  
and Produce,  
Christmas Gifts, Greetings  
Cards, and lots more  
Hotdogs, Soup, Mince Pies and  
other  
refreshments served between  
12pm - 1.30pm

Outside stallholders and stall  
contributions welcome - call  
Daphne (643140),  
Gill (644295)  
or Charlie (644495)



## Some Village Events in November 2005

Gardening Club	3rd
WI	9th
Mens Breakfast	12th
Village Party— Children in Need	12th
Good News Van	28th



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ON 13TH NOVEMBER -10.50 am

High Streets everywhere will blossom with red poppies this month: everyone from toddlers in prams to grannies will be wearing one. By Remembrance Day more than 33 million are expected to be sold around the county by an army of many thousands of volunteers. The money raised will help our ex-Service people and their dependants. To achieve all that takes more than flower power—so give generously this year and join your village at All Saints on 13th November remembering with thanks those from your village and beyond who gave their lives in war.

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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 30th October we share our worship with St Bartholomew's and St Christopher's from Haslemere, and welcome a visiting preacher, Dr Colin Brown.

### 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 Mondays (am), Thursday (all day), Friday (am) 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 prac-

tical like finding a good plumber.

Doreen Hutton (644178)  
Pauline Lamb (643798)  
Graham Wardill (644443)  
Jean White (643338)

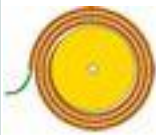
If you need a vicar urgently then please contact Rev Norman Jones on 658107. The Church Administrator is Janet Fry and she is available Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

### VILLAGE PRAYER

In November we pray for those who live on the Grayswood Rd, Church Close, behind or by the Wheatsheaf, and Hasledene Road.

Our charity this calendar quarter is Through Faith Missions, well known for spreading the gospel through the "Walk of 1000 men" in churches, schools, pubs, clubs and doorsteps throughout the UK.

### HAVE FUN ON BONFIRE NIGHT!



Fun and safety is of course the name of the game on Bonfire night—but ever thought of how the Catherine wheel got its name? Catherine of Alexandria was a brilliant lady who lived over 1700 years ago. She had a very strong Christian faith and refused to marry the wicked Emperor Maxentius who persecuted her fellow Christians.

She was tortured on a large cart-wheel which actually broke under her and then she was finally beheaded, still refusing to renounce her faith. Catherine became the patron saint of young girls, students, philosophers, nurses and craftsmen such as wheelwrights, spinners and millers. In England 62 churches were dedicated to her, and 170 medieval bells still bear her name. Poems, miracle plays, stained-glass windows, panels and paintings have all been dedicated to Catherine's honour.

Celebrate her special day on the 25th November, and when that wheel starts spinning, spare a thought on the 5th November for a truly amazing lady.



### USEFUL GRAYSWOOD PHONE NUMBERS

**Church Office 656504**  
**Village Hall Bookings 643859**  
**Wheatsheaf Pub 644440**  
**The Grayswood Club 644154**  
**Grayswood School 642086**  
**Grayswood Cars 642303**  
**Barkers 642894**  
**Haslemere Herald 651271**  
**Haslemere Hall 642161**  
**Hairdresser 642821**  
**Village Hall Payphone 658931**

### TRAIN HORNS UPDATE

Eager Grayswood villagers have been anxiously awaiting for the sound of silence. As of publication date, the horns continue to sound. We have to wait as the work is scheduled by Network Rail—probably in mid-November the Runner hears from a railway source with an ear close to the track.

The railway commuters fold their arms, nod their heads patiently, and wisely understand that these sorts of things do not happen overnight on the railway. In the meantime we must be patient.....

### AMAZING CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Short of ideas for that special Christmas gift this year. Well there is an amazing catalogue of alternative Christmas presents from World Vision—such as a goat (£13), a vulnerable child care kit (£29), a bog (£33), blankets for a family (£35), fix a well (£67), cleft lip surgery (£100)...the list goes on! The great thing is that there are two definite recipients—first, your friend or loved one, and second somebody, somewhere else in real need at Christmas whose life you can really help.

It may also give you a warm feeling too!

So why not call 01908 841010 for a catalogue and find out more!

### WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S HAMLET ON ADVENT, WHICH STARTS ON 27TH NOVEMBER

Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes  
Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated  
The bird of dawning singeth all night long,  
And then, they say, no spirit dare stir abroad,  
The nights are wholesome; then no planets strike,  
No fairy tales, nor witch hath power to charm,  
So hallowed and so gracious is the time.

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