



The Grayswood Runner



Hannah Bleach, Gold Class 2002

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Serving the Community in Grayswood

Defending the Indefensible

George Orwell once wrote: "In our time political speech and writing are largely the defense of the indefensible." It seems that 1984 has come to Surrey. So many of our political masters are defending their recommendations in a way which so many of us really don't understand. We have been told that the closure of the Royal Surrey could considerably improve the service which we receive from our NHS. We are told we will benefit from new and wonderful centres of medical excellence and so improve the quality of the services supplied to us by the NHS. A similar case has been put for emptying the bins fortnightly. We are told that reducing the number of collections is better for us because will pollute the planet less and reduce global warming. We are told that the closure of Haslemere Hospital would also have been better for us because the money saved would have been ploughed into different, better services elsewhere. If only the arguments put forward were more honest: is it not all really about saving money and nothing to do with improving service? We all understand and sympathise that books have to be balanced; but do we really believe that services are going to be improved as a result of these sorts of changes? I don't think so.

Editor

Some Village Events in November 2006

Gardening Club	2nd
WI	8th
Trumpet Concert	10th
Mens Breakfast	11th
Dinner Dance	18th
Good News Van	27rd

WHAT AN EXPERIENCE!

It was quite an experience. If you were awake and listening to the Radio 4's morning service (8.10am) on 15th October, you would have heard my voice coming to you over the airwaves from Wesley's Chapel in the heart of the city (worth a visit). I was invited to be part of an interdenominational celebration of different styles of preaching; we were Methodist, Baptist, Roman Catholic and Anglican.



Saturday 1pm Enter the chapel as the 50-strong choir (*Adoramus*) was rehearsing and hear great music, both traditional and modern.
1.30 Speech rehearsal: remember to smile (voice sounds more friendly), don't make long pauses - people are listening, not watching.
2pm Complete run through. Pulpit is very high and steps narrow and steep; I chicken out and use lectern.
3pm . Timing is 6 minutes over - discuss speeding up and how and what to cut. Assistant director's copy of script has perfect timing for each sentence.

4pm All done for the day; until tomorrow - early!
Visit Covent Garden - haven't been there for years. Buzzing with people; great atmosphere.
9.30pm Fall exhausted into bed - too many underground tunnels and stairs - one station closed. Set alarm for 5am

Sunday 6am Taxi to chapel
6.45 Arrive and grab a coffee, nerves getting worse by the minute - this is going out LIVE! Apart from the choir, we can't see the congregation, but director tells us there are 1.6 million of them! They might be just waking up, cleaning their teeth, in the shower, on the way home from night duty - you name it. Listen to the choir's voice warming up exercises. Chat to the other preachers and leaders a bit and get to know them; we are all strangers to one another. Appreciate our unity in Christ - and appreciate our differences.
7am A 'topping and tailing' rehearsal - beginning and ending of each little bit.
8am Everyone in place.
8.10 Red light goes on - on air

Red light goes off - Phew!

Thank God every Sunday is not like that; but also thank God for the experience - and the privilege.

Barbara Steele-Perkins

TRUMPET CONCERT

Tickets are still available at the time of publication for this amazing concert (10th Nov) let by Crispian Steele Perkins to be held at All Saints. Please contact Judy Culhane on 644125 to find out if any more and purchase tickets, subject to availability.

CHILDREN IN NEED BALL

A glamorous fun event which has now become an important part of the Grayswood calendar (18th Nov). Tickets still available at the time of publication—look out for the posters for more information on price and availability.

All Saints Christmas Fayre



Saturday 2nd December
11.30am in the Village Hall

Toys and Games, Books, CDs and Videos, Plants, Cakes and Produce, Bric a Brac, Christmas Gifts, Greetings Cards, Face Painting, Raffle, Children's Entertainment and lots more

Hotdogs, Soup, Mince Pies and other refreshments served between 12pm - 1pm

Outside stallholders (£10 + 10%) and stall

contributions welcome

Call Gill (644295)

Charlie (644495)

or Daphne (643140)

Please come and support this occasion and join the fun...

Contacting the Runner : Telephone: 01428 656504, editor@grayswoodparish.org

All Saints Matters

Sunday Services

8.00 am Holy Communion every week

10.00 am 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.

1st Sunday: Parish Communion

2nd Sunday: Morning Worship

3rd Sunday: Parish Communion

4th Sunday: All age Morning Worship

5th Sunday we usually join in with St Barts or St Christophers, either in Grayswood or Haslemere—see notices on the Church Door!

Evening Services are occasional but are advertised in the village.

Mondays at 9 am (not Bank Holidays) - a short meditative service which follows the pattern of the Church since its early days

Thursdays

1st and 3rd Thursday Holy Communion using the BCP (old prayer book)

5th Thursday—Modern Iona style Communion Service

At all services we pray for people in any sort of need. If you would like us to pray for someone in particular - or be prayed for yourself (we need only a first name and you don't have to give a reason), either pop a note into Church House, leave a message on the answerphone, write in the book at the back of church, or ask someone to pass the message on.

Sacred space

The church building is open every day from about 9am until dusk in winter, about 6pm in summer. It's a peaceful place to think, meditate, dream, pray.

Contacting All Saints

Our vicar **Barbara Steele-Perkins** (barbarasteeleperkins@tiscali.co.uk) is officially on duty all day Sunday and Thursday, and Monday and Friday mornings; she also works part-time for the diocese, but both jobs allow for some flexibility. She responds to answerphone messages left on 656504 every day except Tuesday and will get back to you as soon as possible. **Janet Fry**, our church administrator, works in **Church Office** 656504 (in Church House) which is open Wed, Thurs and Fri mornings from 9am-12 noon. **Doreen Hutton** 644178 is the coordinator of pastoral care in the parish. Please contact her if you would like someone to visit you - for whatever reason. You are promised complete confidentiality. If you would like to donate flowers at any time - in memory of someone or at a special anniversary. **Jaquie Lisle** 661091 is our flower coordinator. If you need a vicar urgently and can't get through to Barbara, phone **Norman Jones**, Rector of Haslemere (644578).

The Poppy Poem

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' Fields.

John McCrae



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

VILLAGE PRAYER

In November we particularly pray for those who live in the Grayswood Road and the Haslemere Road.

HEDGEHOGS SAFER NOW

It has been a long hard battle, but the British Hedgehog Preservation Society is celebrating the news that McDonald's have changed the lid on their McFlurry dessert. From the 1st September 2006 every McDonald's restaurant in the UK has been using the new hedgehog friendly lids on their McFlurry cups, and by doing so many hedgehog lives will be saved.



Women's Institute

Grayswood WI

Grayswood WI are still looking for new members of all ages to come and join them for their monthly events which really are most imaginative and far removed from the days of learning how to make jam and knit jumpers!

Evenings full of fun, laughter and education on all sorts of topics make this a valued part of village life for all those who attend.

Without support of village women this organisation will be no more. Please consider leaving home for the evening and come and experience our very own WI. Bring a friend if you are shy—you will be made to feel very welcome.!

Without your immediate support, the opportunity may no longer be available next year.

FARMING TODAY....

Reporter: What do you think is the trouble with farming these days?

Old farmer: Well – in my day when we talked about what we could raise on 60 acres, we meant maize, not bank loans.

If you would like to contact The Runner please phone 01428 656504 or e-mail: editor@grayswoodparish.org

Grayswood School—Pride of Place

Join Grayswood School on 11th November at 9.30. The plan is to create a meadow area, mini beast habitats, information plaques, have tree and plant name plaques. Please come and join the staff and current parents on the day or phone 642086 for more information. It should be a fun morning!