



# The Grayswood Runner



Hannah Bleach, Gold Class 2002

Serving the Community in Grayswood



## A SUPERMARKET-FREE LENT IN 2007

It seemed a great idea when I heard it on the radio—give up going to the supermarket for Lent! Not only would we as a family be giving up the convenience of the supermarket shop (with free parking at Tesco), but we would no longer be tempted by all those things you didn't mean to buy in the first place. This sacrifice is also one in the eye for the supermarkets, who seem to have employed half of Grayswood at some time or other, sell absolutely everything you could possibly want, and generally dominate the world. A moment's thought—would we survive? Where would we buy things like toilet paper, bin liners, fish fingers? It is great that we have so many opticians, estate agents, coffee shops, pizza restaurants—but what about buying food for the larder and things for under the sink. What seemed a good idea initially now looks rather awkward and inconvenient. I shall again give up chocolate, much easier, mindful of my own weakness and lack of resolution when compared to the ultimate sacrifice the Church celebrates at Easter.

Editor

### Events in March

Gardening Club	1st
Mens Breakfast	3rd
HHH Concert	13th
Good New Van	26th

## HOW WELL DO YOU SPELL?

D y d nythng spcl fr Lnt? Mny ppl, whthr chrchgrs r nt, still lk t gv p smthng – chclt hs th mjrty vt I wld thnk..

No, I haven't gone mad; I wanted to see what it was like to go without – in this case vowels (all except one - 3<sup>rd</sup> word from the end).

Does going without make a difference? I suspect most of you read it easily. Some may have skipped that bit entirely; you couldn't be bothered. I don't think it was much of a challenge. For many people giving up things for Lent can be similar. We either skip it because we can't be bothered, or we give up the chocolate without a thought – it's easy. Few of us find it a real challenge. In the early centuries of the Church, Lent was a time of preparation for Baptism at Easter, a time of learning what it meant to be a follower of Jesus Christ. All Christians joined in the preparation for Easter by reviewing their spiritual lives - their attitudes more than their beliefs. So I'm not giving up anything this year; to be honest, it hasn't meant that much in the past. I intend to read a book I bought several years ago. It's by Sheila Cassidy, a palliative care physician, who was arrested and tortured in Chile in 1975 for treating a revolutionary. Her book is called GOOD FRIDAY PEOPLE. She invites us, through the pain of some people who know what suffering is about, either as victims of violence or through terminal illness, to share more deeply in the story of Jesus. I'll let you know how I get on.

In addition I'm joining others from the church in cultivating an attitude of thankfulness by thanking God for something different in my life each day (and giving to a charity at the same time). I invite you to take part if you wish. There is a leaflet just inside the church to help – but you could equally do your own thing. Please let me know how you get on. I wish you a fruitful Lent.

Barbara Steele-Perkins

## Watch out for Mr Toad!



Big rubber tyres squash small squidgy amphibians. It is a sad fact of life that thousands of common toads, known as Bufo bufo, are going to face death on our roads in the next few weeks. The poor toad can't win. For centuries seen as something evil, now they simply aren't seen fast enough.... not on roads in the dark and the rain – which is when they most like to cross them.

Toads may not be beautiful, but they have had their fans. Watching as one toad emerged from its mud-encased winter sleep, George Orwell also observed: "... after his long fast the toad has a very spiritual look, like a strict Anglo-Catholic towards the end of Lent." Ouch!!



## LENT LUNCHES

Come and share a simple, friendly and relaxed lunch in homes around the village during Lent. These will be free and an opportunity to meet new people in an informal atmosphere. The lunches will be between 12 noon and 2 pm and all are most welcome. We are very happy to arrange transport for you. The dates and venues are:

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
Little Home Close  
Judy Culhane 644125

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March**  
Church House  
Barbara Steele-Perkins 656504

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March**  
Wyck House, Holdfast Lane  
Daphne Bleach 643140

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
Little Stroud, Grayswood Road  
Pauline Lamb 643798

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**  
Wren Cottage, Lower Road – Doreen Hutton 644178

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
Little Home Close  
Judy Culhane 644125

Please ring Judy on 644125 if you would like a lift, or for more information

Contacting the Runner : Telephone: 01428 656504, [editor@grayswoodparish.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 Monday, Wed, 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).



**TEAM FROM GRAYSWOOD JUMPS FOR NCH!**

Five daring Grayswood residents will be testing their head for heights on April 29<sup>th</sup>, when they freefall from 10,000ft in a tandem skydive over Maidstone, Kent. Mandy Hall, Jo McIntosh, Vincent van Walt, Fob and Andrew Welch; all of Muddy Lane Grayswood; aim to raise £2,000 for the National Children's Homes 'NCH' charity.

"We would like to raise as much money as we possibly can to help these children".

Donations would be gratefully received and can be made by calling Mandy on 01428 661244 or Jo on 01428 643608.



### 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

We remember those in Lower Road, Park Close and Ash Tree Close

### A Change in the Year

It is the first mild day of March; Each minute sweeter than before, The redbreast sings from the tall larch That stands beside our door.

There is a blessing in the air, Which seems a sense of joy to yield To the bare trees, and mountains bare;

And grass in the green field.

**William Wordsworth**

**Justin Futers** is running the Paris Marathon for Chase Hospice—to support please call **648411**

### Grayswood School Association

#### Wine Tasting Evening—21 April



Confused by all the different grapes and where they are grown? Don't know a Beune from a Beaujolais? Come to a fun wine tasting evening and dinner in support of the School Association. You will enjoy tasting lots of different wines, probably drink a bit more than you should, and all for a great cause—so no reason to feel guilty! Tickets are £20 per head from Jane White 643891 or Kate Dean 651302.

### OLD MOBILE PHONES ARE WORTH SOMETHING TO OTHERS!



"Hands of Compassion" is in Zambia and is a Christian charity run by an English lady. It funds a school for 500 children orphaned by AIDS. No government assistance. They are asking for unwanted mobile phones (they receive £3 for each mobile) - if you have any needing a good home then contact Doreen on 644178



Recycle your old phone now

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