



The Grayswood Runner



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May

THE OLYMPICS, THE ROYAL SURREY, AND GRAYSWOOD

Many people in Grayswood are clearly very upset by the potential closure of the Royal Surrey, due to a cumulated deficit of around £60 million. That is a lot of money, but it surely pales into insignificance when compared to the cost of the Olympics in 2012.

In March 2007 the Government announced that the costs of the Olympics had soared from £2.4 bn to over £9 bn and yet somehow the extra money has been found from the Government coffers. And some of this came from the village of Grayswood taxpayer!

I wonder if the residents of Surrey and Grayswood had been polled how many of them would have elected to keep the Royal Surrey open and ditch the Olympics?

Despite huge public protest the survival of the Royal Surrey remains precarious. With apparently little public support, the future of the Olympics seems guaranteed whatever the price.

I know that the two situations are not really connected and life is not that simple. But it just emphasizes the importance of voting when you can, making your thoughts known to the powers that be and not letting our political masters get away with things without a good fight.

Editor

Events in May

Gardening Club	3rd
Men's Breakfast	5th
Spring Fayre	5th
WI	9th
Good News Van	21st

LET'S CELEBRATE!

In the few weeks before and after Easter this year, our family has all been together. Joy, our daughter who lives in Australia, was here with her husband and children; Mary, who lives in America was here at the same time just for a few days with her husband and two boys, and of course Patrick, who lives in Dorset, came up as often as he could with his wife and sons. And of course my mother came up from Devon. It was a very special occasion. Six children in the house (eldest 6, youngest 10 months) made for some interesting moments!

Special occasions are great aren't they? Hard work, but great. It's worth it to see our children relating as adults and parents, and their children getting to know one another as cousins. And all in the company of grandparents and a great grandmother. In the midst of all that we had a 4th birthday party. Our neighbours must have been startled by the unfamiliar joyful screeches (and the occasional not-so-happy noises!) coming from Church House garden. The Christian family is perhaps not famed for the way we celebrate special occasions. As a very young clergy wife in a new parish I was actually reprimanded by a churchwarden for returning from the communion rail, smiling at people! In the next church we had an organist who played everything slowly, but if he thought anything was specially 'holy', he played it more slowly still. Neither of these stories has anything whatever to do with the God who throws a lavish party for someone who has wandered off from the 'flock', even gone off the rails, but has now been found. (Read Luke 15 and get a sense of God's delight.) One special occasion for the Christian family, apart from the usual ones of Christmas and Easter, is Confirmation. It's a time when people take on for themselves the promises made for them at their Baptism - or for the first time, if they've not already been baptized. Coming to faith, or returning to faith is like a re-birth: a time of newness, joy, togetherness and sheer delight, deserving of a party and a celebration. I'm delighted to say that 6 people from Grayswood Church are being confirmed by Bishop Ian on 5th May. They've decided they want to become responsible for their own faith and have been looking over the past few weeks at something more about what that means. It's not about dreary duty, but loving and joyful exuberance. It's an exciting life, and I hope I've imparted something of that excitement to them. I for one am looking forward to the party.

Barbara Steele Perkins



GRAYSWOOD SCHOOL GOVERNORS BALL SATURDAY 16 JUNE

The Governors of Grayswood School are holding a "Mexican Fiesta" evening on the 16th June from 7.30 to 12.00 at the Grayswood Village Hall. Fantastic Mexican food, amazing decorations, and lively music are all expected. Please come and support your village school—tickets £20, from Penny Glaser 652147



Christian Aid is an agency of the churches in the UK and Ireland. It works wherever the need is greatest – irrespective of religion or race.

Christian Aid believes in strengthening people to find their own solutions to the problems they face. The charity supports local organisations, which are best placed to understand local needs. It strives for a new world transformed by an end to poverty and it campaigns to change the rules that keep people poor.

Please note the Christian Aid envelopes distributed with the Runner—to be left at Church House at any time in May or at any Church Service at all Saints if you feel able to give.

FERNHURST CHORAL SOCIETY

Fernhurst Choral Society will sing the Requiem Mass composed by Maurice Durufle on Saturday, 19th May at 7.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church, Petworth. Tickets at £10 may be bought from local choir member, Judy Culhane: 644125, or on the door.

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 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).

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HYMNS?

Dentist's Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Weatherman's Hymn: There Shall Be Showers of Blessings

Contractor's Hymn: The Church is One Foundation

The Tailor's Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

The Golfer's Hymn: There's a Green Hill Far Away

The Politician's Hymn: Standing on the Promises

Optician's Hymn: Open My Eyes That I Might See

The Inland Revenue : I Surrender All

The Gossip's Hymn: Pass It On

The Electrician's Hymn: Send The Light

The Shopper's Hymn: Sweet Bye and Bye

The Estate Agent's Hymn: I've Got a Mansion, just over the hilltop...

The Physiotherapist's : He Touched Me

The Doctor's Hymn: The Great Physician

AND for those who speed on the M25:

45 mph.: God Will Take Care of You

65 mph: Nearer My God To Thee

85 mph: This World Is Not My Home

95 mph: Lord, I'm Coming Home

100 mph: Precious Memories



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 Birtley, Witley Farm, Shoelands, South Park, Stroud, Hurt Hill, and High Button.



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MAY FAIR, LOSELEY, 9TH MAY

Action Medical Research invite you to their annual May Fair at Loseley Park near Guildford GU3 1HS on Wednesday 9th May from 10.00am until 5.00pm and Thursday 10th May from 9.30am until 4.00pm.



LAWNMOWER STEVE PULLS UP STUMPS

For the last 18 years, Steve Frye has spent much of his summer cutting the grass on the Village Green and organising the children's cricket in the village, which he started some 17 years ago. This is his final year as Chairman of the Cricket Club and a number of people from the village have decided to mark the 18th Birthday of the club and Steve's retirement with a Village Ball

The Ball will be held on the 7th of July in aid of the Ben Williams Trust—a wonderful cause supporting research into heart disease and young people's cricket. All members of the village and beyond are invited to this very special event for a very village cause. An amazing grand draw and Auction of Promises will be held on the night.

For further information please contact Steve

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