



The Grayswood Runner



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YOU HAVE TO SMILE

It doesn't seem like 20 years ago when I was woken up in the early hours of the morning with the sound of a terrible wind, trees cracking, and the cat flap doing its own thing in the door as the ferocious storm of 1987 hit Grayswood. The next day was one of those days you remember—no power, no cars on the road, no trains on the line, no telephone, no post. Life as we know it had changed as nature took its revenge on 20th century man and won.

Walking into Haslemere that morning was impossible as massive trees were strewn across the road—the shops had no staff, food, power, nothing.

The lasting effect of course was on the landscape and our trees were selectively torn out by the roots—some of our largest and finest trees as well as massive selection of smaller ones too.

As we look at our Grayswood today, 20 years on, it seems that nature actually did us a good turn that night. What an amazing piece of pruning and thinning took place and how little we realized it then. **Editor**

Events in November

Gardening Club	1st
Mens Breakfast	10th
Book Group	13th
WI	14th
Good News Van	26th

POSDA

MAKING ROOM FOR JESUS THIS CHRISTMAS

Posada early for Christmas!

Although it's far too early to be thinking about some aspects of Christmas, it's not for this one as it would be good to be well organized. Would you like to be part of a special 23 day long procession as part of your preparation for Christmas?

Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib.

Modern day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. Last year the 'Mary and Joseph' which are part of our simple wooden nativity set in Grayswood did this journey for the first time, and we'd like to repeat it this year, but involving more people, if possible. Will you be a host to Mary and Joseph for a night - sometime between 2nd and 23rd December? All you need to do is give your name and phone number to Janet in the Church Office (Mon, Wed, Fri, 9-12: 656504) by November 26th and offer a night that is convenient (and perhaps an alternative too). The person before you on the list will make arrangements with you to bring the figures to you, and in turn you will be responsible for taking Mary and Joseph to the next person on the list.

As Posada is an expression of hospitality and love, you might like to do something special – host a coffee morning for your friends, invite friends and family for a drink and sing a carol or two, have a dinner party – whatever. You can put Mary and Joseph in a window visible from the street with a lighted candle or in a prominent place in your home where they will be seen. You could even take them with you to the gym or the dentist, a restaurant or coffee shop. You might also want to put some money in a pot to give to a local project we are supporting this year. (We're not sure which yet, but there's no pressure to join in with this.)

If you'd like to join us for the beginning of the journey, do come to the Advent Communion service on 2nd December at 10am. Details of the (several!) endings of the journey will be in next month's Runner.

With all best wishes

Barbara Steele-Perkins



All Saints Christmas Fayre

Saturday 1 December
11.30am

Grayswood Village Hall

Father Christmas, Face Painting,
Children's Toys and Games, Bric
a Brac,

Christmas Gifts, Cakes and Pro-
duce,

Books, CDs and Videos, Raffle,
Greetings Cards and lots
more...

Soup, Hotdogs and Mince Pies
will be served from 12pm - 1pm
Outside stallholders (£10 + 10%)
and stall

contributions welcome – call

Daphne (643140),

Gill (644295) or Charlie

(644495)

Please come and support us...

Grayswood Cricket

Hiding their light under a bushel, the Grayswood Cricket 1st XI had a fantastic year and were just pipped at the post on the very last match of the season. But there is always next season—so let's all look forward to 2008 and the start of a new season when we really do have a chance!

Go for it, Grayswood!

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).

Things to do in November

1-30th Nov—Cards for Good Causes at Haslemere Museum

3 Nov—1 Dec—Exhibitor: Slavery Exposed at Haslemere Museum

4th Nov—Haslemere Farmers Market 10 -1.30

5th Nov —Guy Fawkes Night!



9th Nov—Haslemere Society AGM at the Museum 7.30

10th Nov Haslemere Charities Fair at Haslemere Hall 9 -1

17th Nov—Sounding Brass with Haslemere Town Band at St Christophers Church Haslemere 7.30

17th Nov—RNLI Jive Evening at Grayswood Village Hall (645199), 7.30—11.00

24th Nov—Linden Trio (Violin, Cello Piano) at St Christophers, 7.30

24th Nov—Strangeface Theatre Company, cheer the hero and hiss the villain at Haslewey Centre, Lion Green 648716 (no under 7's)



USEFUL GRAYSWOOD PHONE NUMBERS

- Church Office** 656504
- Village Hall Bookings** 643859
- Wheatshaf 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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS

CHILD is a shoebox campaign to send Christmas presents to children who are the victims of war, poverty, famine, disease and natural disaster. If you'd like to participate you will need to a leaflet which contains all the information you should need. The leaflets are available from the back of the Church. Please could you return the completed boxes to the back of Church by **SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2007**. If you have any questions please contact Rebecca Willows (01428 609709).



NOW THAT IS COOL!

Following the Harvest Festival service a collection was held at All Saints. We gave all donations to a charity called Harvest Help. This is an organization which works in Africa with poor and isolated rural communities to become more self reliant and to give them a new hope and a more secure future. Through our Harvest gifts we have managed to support 3 African families for one year and help them to become self reliant, to pay for the construction of 4 loos and training in hygiene and so improving sanitation, and to buy 2 chickens for one family which could provide a whole village with eggs and chicks! A big thank you to everyone who contributed.



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