



The Grayswood Runner



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SPEED MONITORING IN GRAYSWOOD

The jury it seems is still out about the two new "Speed Monitoring Devices" situated in the village. Contrary to rumours they do not record number plates or take photographs, so there is no need to panic. Yet!

Most people seem to welcome the "yet to be connected" speed monitor coming from the Haslemere direction. Once wired up it will be fascinating to see the effect on motorists coming down the hill.

The solar-powered sign in the centre of the village does seem to have some effect on some motorists coming up the hill — which is a good thing. However, some villagers are not happy about the visual appearance of this device or its location. The point has been made that it is an ugly object, the position of which spoils the view of the church, the village green, and the general aspect of the village. A view may seem a petty issue to some but to others it remains important to the quality of Grayswood life.

Whatever your views, and if they are felt strongly enough, it is worth contacting your local council representative or Surrey Highways itself and let them know. The probability is that this matter will run for a while yet.

Editor

Events in May

Gardening Club	1st
Men's Breakfast	10th
Book Group	13th
WI	14th
Good News Van (tbc)	26th

WALKING ARM IN ARM

How do you conduct yourself when you violently disagree with a member of your wider family?

Some options might be: avoid the person completely; nod a greeting and move on quickly if you bump into each other unexpectedly; sit down and talk it through, but maintain your position at all costs, because you know you're right; continue meeting as usual for family dos and agree to differ. We all know what the mature individual ought to do, but when it actually comes to a fondly held view of our own, I suspect it's much more difficult to do it! Christians included.

At All Saints we are – consciously – an inclusive church. On the basis that Jesus would turn no one away, for whatever reason, neither do we (although it would be justified if vulnerable people, especially children, were at risk). The Church of England is an inclusive - and broad - church, holding together different ways of believing and different ways of worshipping under one umbrella. How is it then, that some church leaders within the worldwide Anglican Communion, are refusing to come to the Lambeth Conference in July this year? Because they disagree with others who will be there on some (to them fundamental) issues of church practice.

You may disagree with me, but I believe this flies in the face of the unity which is given to his church by Christ himself. We may have to work hard at it, we may disagree on many things, but if we cannot sit down at table with other family members, then we are at odds with Jesus Christ. A wise person once said: 'Christians may not see eye to eye but they can walk arm in arm.'

Amen to that!

Barbara Steele-Perkins



All Saints Spring Fayre

The annual Spring Fayre is due to be held on Saturday 3 May from 11.30am to 1.30pm in the Grayswood Village Hall.

There will be a great variety of stalls and entertainment for all the family, including:-

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

Sandwiches, hotdogs and other refreshments served from 12pm - 1pm

Outside stallholders (£10 + 10%) and stall contributions welcome – call Daphne (643140), Gill (644295) or Charlie (644495)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

This year, 2008, marks the 60th Anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights and the charity Christian Aid believes that everyone is created equal with inherent dignity and basic rights. When people are dehumanised—denied food, water, dignity, justice, education, healthcare, and the chance to earn a living—Christian Aid stands with them in the struggle to realise their civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights.



Please give generously using the red Christian Aid envelope delivered with the Runner and pop it in the letter box at Church House in Grayswood or leave it at the back of the church after any service during the month of May. This charity supports all people irrespective of their race, religion or creed, so please do give whatever you feel able to give!

The annual Christian Aid service will be held at the United Reform Church, Beacon Hill on Sunday 11th May at 6.00 pm.

Grayswood Book Club



The Grayswood Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Grayswood Club at 7.30 pm. In

the coming months the books for discussion are:

- 13 May - Miracles Of Life by J.G.Ballard
- 13 June - The House of Spirits by Isabel Allende
- 8 July - The Search for Meaning by Victor Falke
- 12 August - Just bring a book for the 'pile'.

For further information please contact Paul or Janice on 643377

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 usually 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).

Some Things to do in May around and about Grayswood

1st to 3rd May— Haslemere's Famous Residents exhibition at the Museum

4th May- Farmers Market

4th May- Town Walk—learn about Haslemere's history, 2.30 pm Tel: 642112

4th May— Haslemere Rugby Club Charity Day at Woolmer Hill Sports Ground

5th May— Bank Holiday

5th May—Haslemere Charter Fair

15th to 16th May—A3 guided site visit on a minibus, 10-12, contact sales@alanbakerflooring.co.uk

16 to 17th May—Beacon Hill Beer Festival—visit www.bhbf.co.uk

17th May—Dinner Dance at the Museum, live band/licensed bar. Tel 642112

20th May- Lecture: Arts and Crafts of Mexico, Haslemere Hall, 2.00 Tel: 641243

26th May—Bank Holiday

28th May—Haslemere Flower Club, Haslemere Hall, 1.45 Tel: 654810



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

In May we remember those who live beyond the church, north to the parish boundary including Lower and Upper Birtley, Witley Farm, Shoelands, South Park, Stroud, Hurt Hill and High Button

FERNHURST CHORAL SOCIETY SING THE MESSIAH

Fernhurst Choral Society sing this wonderful music on 10th May to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Giles White as their Musical Director. This event takes place at St Mary's Church, Petworth on the 24th May at 7.30 pm. Tickets £10 available from Judy Culhane tel.(01428) 644125



ACTION MEDICAL RESEARCH MAY FAIR

The North Hampshire Committee of Action Medical Research invite you to their annual May Fair at Loseley Park near Guildford GU3 1HS on Wednesday 14th May from 10.00am until 4.00pm and Thursday 15th May from 9.30am until 3.30pm.

There will be 75 stalls selling fabulous clothes and accessories, gorgeous jewellery, wonderful plants, great gifts, delicious food and much more. Ten per cent of all you spend with the stalls goes to Action Medical Research, so do come, bring your friends and have a great day out. Tea., coffee and light lunches with wine will be available. Entrance is £5 and there is ample parking. For further information and a list of stalls, please visit www.action.org.uk/mayfair

The Runner in Black and White

This month the Runner is printed in black and white because the volunteer who spends hours over the colour printer each month is away on a well deserved holiday. The well-oiled machine only needs one bolt to come undone and things are not quite what they should be. A reminder to thank everyone who contributes to the Runner so generously with their time effort and energy.

We shall be back in June in full colour—the colour version of this is however available online at www.grayswoodparish.org so please do visit the website!