

## A REMARKABLE SCHOOL!

Grayswood School had its OFSTED inspection in early June and the report of the Inspector was quite excellent. The Inspector wrote, "The overwhelming majority of parents and pupils are right to be proud of the school because it is outstanding. Governors and many parents correctly believe that the exceptional leadership of the head teacher lies at the heart of its success... The school has a warm and welcoming atmosphere based on its strong Christian ethos...

Throughout the school teaching and learning are outstanding."

The Inspector simply could not have been more impressed and there were no major issues for improvement—itsself a rare result for an Ofsted inspection.

This is of course the same school that some 15 years ago was threatened with closure. Its survival then, and success today, very much relied upon the quality of the head teacher, the governors, the staff, parents and of course the support of the village community. All of these stakeholders should feel extremely proud of what they have achieved for your village school and its children.

So, a big thank you to Headteacher Anne Bristowe, her staff, governors and all those who have contributed to creating a school which is, in the opening words of the report "a remarkable school". A really great way to end the school year!

Editor

## EVER HEARD OF THEM?

Dear Friends

Everywhere I go these days, especially now in the warmer weather, I see people carrying water bottles, and every now and then they take a swig – or a sip!

I do too. I take a bottle of water with me, filled from our filter tap, and every now and then I take a drink. I especially need it when I'm teaching on a Monday night or all day on a Saturday; talking a lot makes my mouth very dry. And in church on Sunday there's always a glass of water by my seat.

Perversely, it's always when I've forgotten it that I need it most. But when I have it with me, it's cool and refreshing and I'm grateful for it.

It's a bit like the way I pray. My relationship with God is with me wherever I go, and I can say the odd prayer whenever I feel like it or when a need arises. It's not limited to a particular place or time. It relieves my thirst for God, keeps me going, keeps me refreshed.

God is always there, even if we forget him. So take a bottle of water with you for remembrance this summer.

Barbara Steele-Perkins

## GRAYSWOOD SCHOOL MUSIC CONCERT 15TH JULY AT 2.00 PM

All villagers and Runner readers are invited to come to a special music concert at Grayswood School given by the children. A rare chance to see the children at work before the parents concert—if you are interested please call the office so that a place can be reserved on 642086



## HOUSING NEEDS IN GRAYSWOOD



Many of us in Grayswood will have received a consultative document which seeks to determine whether or not there is a real housing need for lower income housing in Grayswood.

It will be very interesting to learn of the findings from this survey but the probability is that the village does need housing which is sensibly priced for people who have lower pay and those who have fallen on difficult times. Various planning rules make it very clear that only local people can be housed in any of these new properties. That could be you, your parents, your children, grandparents—anyone that is important in your life.

All those who received a survey are urged to complete it—further information is available from [www.haslemere.com](http://www.haslemere.com) or Michael Fosters on 01428 654305.

## MEETING WITH THE VILLAGE POLICEMAN

Our local policemen Ralph Swindell will be meeting villagers at the Village Hall on 13 August at 8.00 pm to hear concerns and issues on local crime, traffic and other relevant matters.



## CHRISTIAN AID

Villagers and friends collected £388 for Christian Aid during May and this money will be put to excellent use for the very poor around the world. Well done!

## 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](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).

### Things to do in July and August around and about Grayswood

**6th July**—Farmers Market, Haslemere High Street

**6th July**—Grayswood School Summer Fair 2- 4 pm

**19th July**—Evening of Hilarity at Fernhurst Village Hall with Martin Muncaster and William Godfree 651438

**26th July**—Summer Concert at St Barts featuring the Choir singing your favourite choral anthems

**2nd August**—Shottermill WI Summer Sale Haslewey Centre 10-12.00

**3rd August**—Farmers Market Haslemere High Street

**3rd August**—Town Walk from the museum at 2.30 pm 642379

**16th August**—Music for a Summer Night in aid of the Ben Williams Trust at Loseley Park - 651306

**31st August**—Alice In Wonderland Outdoor Theatre at the Lythe Hill Hotel—picnic and bbq in the grounds and watch the outdoor theatre.



### 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 Policeman** 0845 125222 ext 3593

**Grayswood Nursery** 658931

### VILLAGE PRAYER

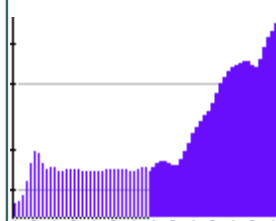
In July and August we remember those who live in Prestwick Lane, The Paddocks, Muddy Lane, and Clammer Hill Road

### THE OLYMPICS

Another four years has passed and the Olympics are upon us. Despite all the political machinations, the event offers the world to come together for a brief few weeks to celebrate a uniting theme—sporting excellence.

If we continue to have a rotten summer in July and August, watching the Olympics on TV could prove a rather enjoyable alternative.

### DIFFICULT TIMES



The first six months of 2008 have been worrying times for many of us. Whilst the Bank of England predicts the headline rate of inflation is set to hit 4% in 2008, to many of us folk out here in Grays-

wood it feels more like 40%!

Fuel costs, food costs, gas and electricity costs, mortgages all seem to be sky rocketing. Simply earning a living that keeps pace with the real rate of inflation is a challenge in itself. How hard for those on fixed incomes. Despite the genuine worries and concerns it is perhaps a time also to take stock and acknowledge that the era of low-priced food and energy is at an end—a new era of more careful and thoughtful consumption has begun. These worrying times may turn out to be the start of a very new approach to our lives and our environment.

Difficult times ahead for many of us but perhaps a start to our society accepting a more caring approach to our environment and its resources.

### Grayswood News Wanted!

The Editors of the Runner are always interested in newsworthy Grayswood stories—if you would like to help us by letting us know about the news down your way then please contact us via [editor@grayswoodparish.org](mailto:editor@grayswoodparish.org) or through the church office 656504.