

You're only as old as you feel!

Whilst in the bank yesterday I watched a mother setting her teenage son up with his monthly allowance, his rent payments and a little fund 'just for emergencies'. Presumably he was just off on his first year at university. It struck me that though some time has passed since that was me, with my father, I still feel inside exactly the same age as I was then!

As a youngster in primary school, someone at 'big school' was positively ancient, then in secondary school the sixth formers were so old!! At university the age gap seemed so close, it was only a few years after all. However my first day in the real world of work only set me straight back to the bottom of the heap again!

I watch things change, children grow, friends move away. Life ambles along in it's own way taking me along with it but every now and again something happens, that fills me with that same terrified excitement that you have on your first day at school and makes you feel alive.

So I will think of all our children who are starting their first day somewhere new this month and wish them all the luck in the world.

Events in September

Garden Club	4th
Book Club	7th
WI	10th
Mens Breakfast	13th
Good News Van	22nd

Alive and Kicking

On reading his own obituary in a newspaper the novelist, Mark Twain, wrote a letter to the editor in which he said, "News of my decease has been greatly exaggerated." Similar newspaper reports on the Lambeth Conference would lead us to believe that the Church of England as we know it is all but dead and buried!

If the Church of England is a worldwide family then we should surely expect it to behave a bit like our own families. In my experience family members can hold radically different points of view about a great number of subjects and yet still be friends. Family life teaches us to say what we think and at the same time respect the opinions of those with whom we disagree. We can still sit around the same dinner table and share a meal even though we may not be "... singing from the same hymn sheet."

The point about a national church is that it is inclusive rather than exclusive. We should be able to disagree about the consecration of female Bishops and the nature of human sexuality without walking out in a huff. In some other Christian churches people simply leave and set up their own congregation elsewhere when they disagree. Historically the Church of England is not like that. When there are disagreements its leaders try hard to find common ground. Its not that we haven't a firm doctrinal beliefs, it's simply that being Anglican means placing a high value on unity but not necessarily on uniformity. The Church of England is not a dictatorship rather it allows its members to discover for themselves how they can hold and orthodox faith in Jesus Christ with integrity.

Richard Steele-Perkins

(pp Barbara Steele-Perkins who is on Holiday)

Went Fishing, Caught £150



As promoted in The Runner, on 15th June Grayshott Angling Club held an Open Day to which almost 70 people attended with 35 of them fishing. A barbeque and drinks were provided and all had a great day. The support

from the village far exceeded the clubs expectation and donations to The Ben Williams Trust totalled £150. Membership to the angling club is still open to residents of Grayswood and the committee wishes to thank everybody who supported the event. For photos of the day visit the club website at home.btconnect.com/grayshottanglingclub All the fish were returned safe & well (fed).

Have you ever had a question but didn't know whom to ask?

'Journeys' is a new (and free of charge) course beginning on October 7th for anyone and everyone who is interested in, or has any questions about Christianity. For 5 weeks there will be a meal, short video or presentation followed by informal discussion and questions. If you would like further information please contact David or Judy Culhane on 644125



Grayswood Book Group

The Grayswood Book Group

starts meeting again on Tuesday September 9th at 8.00. Books planned this year are listed below, we try and cater for all tastes and look to welcome new people to the group. Please feel free to come and join us.

September: Masquerade by Terry Pratchett
October: An Evil Cradling by Brian Keenan
November: Visible World by Mark Slovka
December: An Uncommon Reader by Alan Bennett

If you would like to know more please call Paul or Janis on 643377

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 Friday 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).



Traditional Teas at the Haslemere Food Festival

Join us for a traditional cricket tea in the beautiful surroundings of Haslemere museum and gardens.

Saturday 6th September 2.00—4.30pm

Ticket £5 available from Haslemere Museum, Marley Flowers and The Ben Williams Trust

www.benwilliamstrust.org.uk

01428 651306



Grow your own in Grayswood



With food prices rocketing and a growing consciousness about our carbon footprint, we're all being encouraged to grow our own but what happens when our garden vegetable plot is bursting at the seams and your better half is resisting giving over all the flower beds to potatoes and sweetcorn? Well, in Haslemere we have a problem, with a population of 17000 and only 57 allotment plots provided by the Town Council. It is no surprise that the current allotment waiting list is running at over 50 people and growing every week. There is however a solution—the Town Council was bequeathed a statutory parcel of land in 1974 to administer as allotment plots. Many people don't know it, but this piece of land is in our village and some feel it would be fantastic to see it up and running as allotments once again, not only that but they think with a waiting list of 50+ the Town Council should be providing more allotments when they already have land designated for this purpose.

There is currently a group of supporters lobbying the Town Council to reinstate the Grayswood Allotments who would welcome your support and would willingly reply to any further requests for information by email to Grayswoodallotments@hotmail.co.uk

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

Going for Gold!!

Many of us are watching with interest the endeavours of Britain's Athletes in the current Olympics and upcoming Para Olympics in Beijing. We would like to wish ALL of our competitors and their supporters the very best of luck as they pursue their Olympic Dreams.

VILLAGE PRAYER

In September we remember and think about all those who live in Holdfast Lane, Three Gates Lane and Highercombe Road.