



# The Grayswood Runner



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## Timing is every-thing!!

I should have timed it better to get enough blackberries from our hedges for a pie, it seems everyone got there before me this year!

And does anyone else feel that they had to be in the right place at the right time this year to catch the summer?

The decidedly damp weather has done little to help the recent increases in the cost of living, as farmers again report poor harvests pushing the prices of locally produced fruit and vegetables even higher.

This in turn affects many of our friends and neighbours who either rely on their produce to provide an income or who have to make the most modest purses now stretch even further.

At this time of harvest it is good to try and remember all our gifts, as well as those of an edible kind, and give thanks for the riches we may have, health, family, friends or simply faith, rather than focus on what we have not.

And if you were one of the lucky ones to get some blackberries and are enjoying a pie or crumble.... Bon appétit!!

Editor

## Space to be

In Australia this August my daughter and I visited a Benedictine abbey for half a day. It had been the recent subject of a TV programme (like our 'Monastery' from Worth Abbey) where 5 women stayed for 33 days and shared the life of the nuns. These women were given a rare opportunity - to leave their normal routines of home, family and work temporarily and have space to be themselves and to explore what God could mean in their lives. They were admirably open and honest, as such a search requires.

Joy and I walked through the woods on a sunny winter afternoon, most of the time in a companionable silence, exchanging the odd thing here and there, especially when we saw our first echidna in the wild. The whole place was remarkably peaceful and invited contemplation. We joined the nuns in their Sunday evening worship in a beautiful chapel where the whole wall behind the altar was glass so we could look out on trees and sky.

The whole experience challenged me, because I have rarely gone away on a retreat - something I should do regularly, but I tell myself that life is too busy, there's so much to do, that I don't have the time. And that is exactly why I need it. Space to be myself and space for God. Perhaps you need something similar too.

If you want to make a virtual visit, *Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo* will find them, and if you would like to see a clip or two from the programmes, follow the link to ABC series.

Barbara



This annual project enables people like you and me to fill ordinary shoeboxes with small toys, school supplies, and other gifts that we take for granted, and give them to needy children all around the world. Thanks to people's generosity, last year Operation Christmas Child distributed over 1.3 million gift filled shoeboxes

from the UK to children in need across Central and Eastern Europe, Mozambique, Swaziland and Liberia.

If you would like to participate please collect a leaflet from the back of All Saints Church or visit the website [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk) The completed boxes should be returned to the back of the Church by Sunday 2nd November 2008.

Please contact Rebecca Willows on 609709 if you have any questions.

## Events in October

Garden Club	2nd
Book Club	14th
WI	8th
Mens Breakfast	11th
Good News Van	27th

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## 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).

## Grayswood Community Police Panel

The date for the next meeting will be DECEMBER 16TH AT 2000HRS, AT THE GRAYSWOOD VILLAGE HALL. Can residents please arrive between 1945hrs and 2000hrs to start promptly.

The last meeting was well attended and the residents asked if IPC Swindell could look into making Lower Street in Grayswood One Way. PC Swindell advises that he will be raising this with the Highways Agency.



### USEFUL GRAYSWOOD PHONE NUMBERS

**Church Office** 656504  
**Village Hall Bookings** 643859  
**Wheatsheaf Pub** 644440  
**The Grayswood Club** 644154  
**Grayswood School** 642086  
**Grayswood Cars** 642303  
**Grayswood Nursery School** 658931  
**Barkers** 642894  
**Haslemere Herald** 651271  
**Haslemere Hall** 642161  
**Hairdresser** 642821  
**Village Hall Payphone** 658931

### Fundraising through amazon.co.uk

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### VILLAGE PRAYER

In October we remember and think about all those who live in The Mount, Upper Mount and Williamson Close



## Grayswood WI

The Grayswood branch of the Women's Institute will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 12th November in Grayswood Village Hall at 7.45pm.

They would very much like to welcome any visitors for the evening who would like to find out a little more about the group and their plans for the coming year.

Alternatively for those who would like to get more involved there are opportunities to join the new committee and really make a difference!!

The ladies of all ages meet regularly on the second Wednesday of every month at 7.45pm in the Oonagh Jeffrey room of the Grayswood Village hall.

For any further information, please contact the Secretary, Heather Laybourne on 01428 605439 or email: [grayswoodwi@googlemail.com](mailto:grayswoodwi@googlemail.com)