



The Grayswood Runner



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Gilly Gilly Ossenfeffer Katzenellenbogen by the sea.....

Here I sit, trying to think of something inspirational, witty, funny, philosophical or even vaguely interesting and yet all that there is, is one line of one song going round and round and round in my head!

I'm sure I now need to apologise as I can imagine what's happening as we speak... the whole of Grayswood Village is this very minute singing...



There's a tiny house... by a tiny stream...

I suspect that this small easy tune will float around for a while until you start singing it out loud.

Someone will hear you, and the tune will get passed on. You will think to yourself that it's funny, you've not heard that tune in ages yet you've somehow not forgotten how it goes, or even the words... to both verses!!

Now if you don't know the song, and you don't know the words, I shouldn't worry too much, just listen to your friends and neighbours and you'll soon pick it up.

Maybe, Just Maybe, for one day, over 300 households will be singing the same tune, and won't it sound beautiful!!

Best Wishes, Editor

The Way of the Cross

Dear friends

Every year, thousands of Christian pilgrims from around the world converge on the Old City of Jerusalem to celebrate Holy Week and Easter at the traditional sites of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. We can follow him, even be with him, 2000 years later, in our minds and hearts even if not physically. Will you join me?

On Palm Sunday we walk with Jesus into Jerusalem, and as they did then, we wave palm branches to welcome him as the King we're longing for, in order to set us free.

We spend the night with a sorrowful Jesus on the Mount of Olives in the Garden of Gethsemane. Do we fall asleep, like his disciples did?

We're there as Judas betrays Jesus to the authorities. Are we disappointed in him, like Judas was?

We listen to the travesty of a trial, where Jesus is condemned to die a criminal's death. Do we condemn him too, like Pilate did, even though we know him to be innocent?

On Good Friday we walk with Jesus as he carries his cross along the streets of the city to the place of execution, where he is stripped and whipped and nailed to a rough wooden cross. Do we weep with his mother, hide with some of his friends, or remain at his feet?

How are we feeling on the Saturday? Alone? Angry? Let down? Fearful?

And then, and only then, when we've walked the whole way of the cross with Jesus, do we experience the utter joy of Easter. And we join with others worldwide to shout

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Join us too for the 10am service on Good Friday and/or Easter Sunday.

Barbara

And The Winner Is.....

Many thanks to all of you who sent in your votes and suggestions on how we can spend the environmental funds.

We are delighted to let you know that the Village voted for a 360 degree bench to go round the Oak Tree on the Village Green. We also hope to have an amount left over with which to replace the broken bench at the village pond!!

The bench will be fittingly made from oak and handmade by the suppliers of all National Trust carpentry. As soon as we have a completion date, we will be sure to let you know!!

All Saints Spring Fayre

Saturday 2 May

11.30am to 1.30pm

Grayswood Village Hall



At this year's annual Spring Fayre there will be fantastic selection of stalls and entertainment on offer for a fun day out for all the family, including:-

Bouncy Castle, Children's Toys & Games, Face painting, Bric a Brac, Gifts Stall, Plants,

Cakes & Produce, Books, CDs & Videos, Raffle, Phoenix Cards, Craft Stalls and lots more... Sandwiches, hotdogs and other refreshments served from 12pm - 1pm

To help make this day a success stall contributions are encouraged and much appreciated.

Please call Daphne (643140), Charlie (644495) or Susie (642917) for more information.

Outside stallholders (£10 per table + 10%)

Please come and support us and join in with the fun...



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** (barbarasteelerperkins@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).

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

The Rockery B&B 643178

www.therockerybedandbreakfast.com

Village Hall Payphone 658931

Events in April

Garden Club	2nd
Book Club	14th
WI - Magistrates in the Community	8th
Mens Breakfast	11th
Good News Van	27th

Community Police Liaison Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd April, 7.30pm, Grayswood Village Hall.

Bishop of Guildford's Foundation – Spring 2009

Bishop Christopher has agreed to undertake a sponsored abseil to raise funds and awareness of the work of the Foundation. If you would like to cheer the Bishop on he will be whizzing his way down the tower at **Denbies Vineyard, Dorking on June 6th**. He will be joined by several other high profile brave hearts, and we hope many people will come to cheer them on! If you would like more information about the work of the Foundation or would like to become involved we would love to hear from you, please do contact Jane Schofield on tel: 01483 790324

VILLAGE PRAYER

In April we remember and think about all those who live in

Grayswood Rd, Church Close,
Sandy Lane, Grayswood Common,
Grayswood Copse and Little Home Close



The North Hampshire Committee of Action Medical Research are holding their annual May Fair at Loseley Park near Guildford GU3 1HS on Wednesday 13th May from 10.00am until 4.00pm and Thursday 14th May from 9.30am until 3.30pm.

There will be over 70 stalls selling fabulous clothes and accessories, gorgeous jewellery, wonderful plants, great gifts, delicious food and much 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, a list of stalls and a map please visit www.action.org.uk/fairs.