



The Grayswood Runner



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The sights of summers gone.....

It seems that summer has barely begun when already signs of autumn are creeping in. In our hedgerows blackberries are ripening, ready to be turned into the Jams, Pies and crumbles that the Grayswood households make so beautifully.

The horse chestnuts are fattening up nicely ready for the inevitable plundering by the children to either begin another year of conker fights, or to just hoard them away and enjoy their beautiful rich colour and pattern (whilst hiding them from over eager siblings and friends less they get stolen for conker fights!) I remember quite clearly trying everything to make my conkers the hardest in the playground, baking them, doing strange things with vinegar, varnishing them... none of it helped of course, I was just rubbish at playing conkers and more often than not hit mine or my opponents knuckles!

More often than not though September brings lovely sunny evenings for those returning from work, lovely quiet days for parents with children returning to school and generally that pleasant sensation of time passing gently along in the inevitable way it does.

Time to open a nice bottle of wine I think.....

Editor

Dear friends



My uncle came home from a visit to his sister in New Zealand, puzzled that the sun appeared to rise in the west. He knew it couldn't but couldn't figure out why. It wasn't until I visited Australia myself that I even understood his problem.

During my first trip, I completely lost my sense of direction, and it took a while for it to dawn on me that in the southern hemisphere the sun is in the northern sky. It 'travels' from right to left, so if your mindset tells you sun is south, the sun does appear to rise in the west. Even now, after several visits, I still have to remind myself of that before I know which way I'm going! Mindsets are powerful; they lie deep within us, and can blind us to other ways of seeing, or lead us to falsely interpret or even dismiss them.

I met a man in my son-in-law's office in Sydney last week, who, hearing I was a 'vicar', immediately said 'I'm a history man myself'. He revealed a mindset which assumes that Christianity is in conflict with history and science. Sadly he's not alone; many have also been led to believe that all Christians understand every part of the Bible completely literally - a position which in fact has only been held at all since the mid 19th century and by relatively few. The vast majority of Christians - and Jews, whose Bible we share - agree that, although science and theology have indeed had their problems with each other over the centuries, they are not mutually exclusive. They do not address the same questions or use language in the same way.

A mindset which does not allow for another view or cannot broaden its vision surely needs challenging. Take Richard Dawkins, for example; he is so entrenched, that he does not see he dismisses a god whom Christians also dismiss and a Bible which he has misunderstood.

How do Christians read the Bible then? To be continued

.....With my very best wishes

Barbara

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Ladies of the Grayswood WI would like to invite you to join them in supporting the Worlds Biggest Coffee morning on

Saturday 26th September between 10.30 and 12.00 at the

Grayswood Club, Lower Road.

There will be a Raffle, Cake Stall, Produce, Bric-a-Brac and of course coffee!! Please do come along and bring a friend!!

WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

VILLAGE PRAYER

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

Seventies Night Fever!!



Following on from last year's successful 40s Night "Jig for Victory", the Ben Williams Trust is jumping forward 30 years to recreate "Seventies Night Fever" on Saturday 17 October at 7.30pm in Grayswood Village Hall.

This themed evening will include a three-course meal and dancing to the Ian James Band bringing you the sounds of the 70s, supported by the RG Roadshow Disco. For further information and tickets at £30, contact Phil and Gilly Williams by email at info@benwilliamstrust.org.uk or by phone on 01428 651306. All funds raised will go to the Ben Williams Trust, supporting children with arrhythmia and youth cricket initiatives."

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 with St Bart's or St Christopher's, 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 at 10.15 am

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).

USEFUL GRAYSWOOD PHONE NUMBERS

Church Office 656504

Village Hall Bookings 643859

Wheatshaf Pub 644440

The Grayswood Club 07748 065 821

Grayswood School 642086

Grayswood Cars (Garage) 642303

Grayswood Nursery School 658931

Barkers 642894

Haslemere Herald 651271

Haslemere Hall 642161

Hairdresser 642821

The Rockery B&B 643178

Village Hall Payphone 658931

Grayswood Taxi Service 644440

Mobile 078877 14799

Job well done for Help the Heros!

A special thanks this month to Nirvana Wright (Aged 15) who has done a great job and raised £461 for the Help the Heros fund!

Events in September

Garden Club	3rd
Book Club	8th
WI	9th
Mens Breakfast	12th

A reminder ! Renowned cellist to visit Grayswood

If you haven't bought your tickets yet to hear the internationally known cellist Orlando Jopling play Bach cello suites in All Saints Church, Grayswood on 12th September 2009 at 8 pm, ring Susie (642917) or Judy (644125) as soon as possible. Tickets are £12.50 and include a glass of wine.

'Mind blowing' 'A truly magical evening and we are still glowing with pleasure' 'A wonderful performance' 'Very moving' - are just some of the audience reactions from previous concerts.



!! Glorious Grayswood !!

The Grayswood Village Hall committee along with many of the regular village hall users are beginning to think about plans for a Glorious Grayswood weekend next summer. Provisionally this will take the form of an evening event on a Saturday and a traditional Fete on the Sunday, though of course at this stage it's totally changeable and nothing is certain!! The aim would be to bring the whole village together for a great weekend and raise a little money if possible!

An organising committee of willing volunteers will be set up but there will be many ways in which you could help and support if a committee is not your thing!! If you have any ideas, would like to help organise things, design a logo, have great sponsorship contacts, work in a printers, own a jukebox, sing in a band, bake great cakes etc etc.... then please in the first instance email us at Glorious.Grayswood@gmail.com We're just at the gathering information stage so whatever you have to share please let us know and we hope you'll be as excited as us about what could be a really great village event!