



The Grayswood Runner



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Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday is always the fourth Sunday of Lent and this year falls on 14th March 2010. Mothers' Day (which is different) is celebrated all over the world, although usually on different dates. Whilst we cannot be absolutely sure where Mothering Sunday originates from, we do know that about four hundred years ago people in England would make a point of attending the largest of their local churches, the "mother church". People who had visited the "mother church" were said to have attended a "Mothering". Mothering Sunday was the only day young boys and girls who were in service were allowed to visit their families and they would often take a cake with flowers as gifts. For many, Mothering Sunday has become a cynical attempt by commercial organisations to sell cards, flowers and chocolates. Whilst that may be true, let us all take time this Mothering Sunday to give thanks for all mothers and those who may have cared for us when we were small.

Editor

Wow! or Cultivate a sense of wonder

Dear friends

A group of geography students studied the Seven Wonders of the World, and wondered at the skills of man.



They were then asked what *they* would choose today. They all had trouble limiting it to seven, but the following got the most votes: Egypt's Great Pyramids, the Taj Mahal, the Grand Canyon, the Panama Canal, the Empire State Building, St. Peter's Basilica and the Great Wall of China. All but one the work of man.



One girl however, chose completely differently. Before reading on, pause to think what *you* would choose.

As you'd expect perhaps, I'd put the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in my list. For me that's a definite 'Wow!' and a special cause for wonder. Even if you don't call yourself a Christian, and perhaps find the resurrection hard to swallow, Jesus Christ is still a person worth wondering at. He lived a well-documented life, died a terrible death and still inspires followers today, some of whom are good ambassadors for Christ, some, sadly, not.

If that's not on your list, perhaps you'd like to compare yours with the girl who chose differently: she listed: *to touch, to taste, to see, to hear, to run, to laugh and to love.*

Cultivate a sense of wonder – I hope you all have a Wonderful Lent and Easter!

Barbara

YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!



Speeding motorists through the village continue to be a problem. During some carefully observed two-hour periods late last year, it was noted that around 30% of all vehicles were exceeding the speed limit. Some of our villagers are working hard to try and make Grayswood safer and the village needs YOU to help! We need to gather data from you so that we can lobby Waverley Borough Council and Surrey County Council using accurate information. Please email the Editor or drop details off at Church House of any incidents / accidents you know about on the A286 between Grayswood and Brook in the last 10 years or so. Please include as much information as possible to include dates, whether anyone was hurt and whether vehicles were damaged. We are still trying to establish a community speed watch. CSW will be run by volunteers with training from Surrey Police. A minimum of 6 volunteers contributing a minimum of 1 hour per week are required. Come along to the Neighbourhood Police Team meeting on 19 March at 8pm (further details overleaf) to hear about this and related safety initiatives. Together we can make Grayswood safer.

FUNDRAISING BALL

The Governors of Grayswood School warmly invite you to celebrate the Chinese New Year at their fundraising Ball on Saturday 6th March 2010 at the Grayswood Village Hall from 7.30pm—11.30pm. You will be served a 3-course dinner and can dance the Night away! Please come and support our village school and enjoy an evening of fun. Dress to impress!

Tickets £25 per head. Telephone Penny Glaser on 01428 652147



Contacting the Runner : Telephone: 01428 656504, editor@grayswoodparish.org

All Saints Matters

Church Services in March and April

Every Sunday: 8am Holy Communion
 Every Sunday the main service is at 10am
 March 7th Parish Communion
 14th Mothering Sunday
 21st Parish Communion
 28th All Age Worship with the Baptism of Arthur Tough

Holy Week and Easter

Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th, Wednesday 31st at 9pm:
 Night Prayer (or Compline)
 Maundy Thursday 7.45pm Meal and Communion
 (booking required)
 Good Friday 10am Worship for all, coffee & Hot X Bun
 12-2 church open for prayer
 2-3pm A Meditation on the Cross
 Easter Sunday 8am Holy Communion
 10am Festival Holy Communion



April 11th Morning Worship
 18th All Age Parish Communion
 25th All Age Morning Worship *followed by APCM*
 Thursdays 4th and 18th March at 10.15am Holy Communion
 NO Thursday service in April

Do contact us if you would like us to pray for you. Phone any number below, send an e-mail, write the name in the book at the back of church, pop a note into Church House, or ask someone to pass a message on. A first name is all we need and anything shared in confidence to anyone is ALWAYS honoured.

Sacred space

The church building is 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

Barbara Steele-Perkins 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 answer-phone messages every day except Tuesday and will get back to you as soon as possible.

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Janet Fry, our church administrator, works in Church Office (in Church House) which is open Mon, Thurs and Fri mornings from 9am-12 noon. At other times you can still leave a message.

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Doreen Hutton 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.

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Fiona Gwynn is our flower coordinator. Contact her if you would like to help with an arrangement for a special festival or donate flowers at any time - in memory of someone or at a special anniversary, etc.

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USEFUL GRAYSWOOD PHONE NUMBERS

Church Office 656504
 Village Hall Bookings 643859
 Wheatsheaf 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
 John Simpson Associates (Architect) 651982

Annual Service Women's World Day of Prayer

The Annual Service Women's World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 5th March at 10.30am at St Bartholomew's Church, Haslemere. A crèche will be available and refreshments will be provided afterwards. Men, women and young people welcome.



Events in March / April

Gardening Club	4th / 1st
Book Club	9th / 13th
WI	10th / 14th
Men's Breakfast	13th / 11th
Good News Van	22nd / 26th

The Neighbourhood Police Team Meeting will take place on 19th March in the village hall (Oonagh Jeffrey room) at 8pm please come along to learn about the Community Speed Watch.

Save the Date! The Spring Fayre will take place on Saturday 8th May—details to follow!

SITUATION VACANT

Are you a Grayswood resident who would like to get a little more involved in what's going on in the village? Grayswood Village Hall are looking for a new bookings secretary to join the team. It's a voluntary position and requires a few hours of your time per month and a willingness to roll up your sleeves when needed! It's a great way to join in with the community and join an already great team! For further information please contact by email on: glaybourne.com

VILLAGE PRAYER

In March and April we remember and think about all those who live in Lower Road, Park Close, Ash Tree Close, Grayswood Road, Church Close, Sandy Lane, Grayswood Common, Grayswood Copse, Little Home Close