



The Grayswood Runner



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Lots to say!!

September comes around so very quickly, and it seems the residents of Grayswood have been very busy organising activities for the coming month, which this month means due to space you are spared one of my missives (I can hear the sighs of relief from here) However September always brings changes, endings and beginnings for many so I just want to acknowledge those who are starting nursery or school, changing schools, off to university, finished education and starting a job, returning to work after a break and those finishing work to enjoy retirement, even those who have sadly had to leave work as a result of the current climate. Good luck to you all, find the good things to enjoy, meet the rest with courage, you'll be fabulous!!

Editor

Retirement – Six years on....

Six years ago I wrote a short piece for the Grayswood Runner in which I shared some of my thoughts about retirement. I remember writing about the need to plan ahead so that retirement does not come as a shock but rather as something to be embraced. I wrote of the sadness I felt for clergy who cannot adapt to their new situation and hang on desperately to what they had. Now as I look back over the last six years I realise that coming to terms with all that retirement offers can be difficult even if one has done one's best to plan carefully for the years ahead.

For myself I have found in retirement that my Christian Faith has had to be reassessed and adapted to my new situation. It's all very well when one's faith is constantly reinforced by sermon preparation and pastoral involvement but when one is not doing these things regularly any more one is challenged to examine the integrity of one's faith. Then I had no time to question but now I have plenty of time to do so. I can honestly say that my faith has grown more since I retired than it did during the best part of forty years of ministry and part of that growth has meant coming to terms with my doubts. The impression given in so much Christian writing is that it is wrong to entertain doubt because doubt demonstrates a lack of faith. Nothing could be further from the truth because there is plenty of evidence in the Bible that doubt is very much a part of faith and not the antithesis of it.

As time has passed I have discovered this to be true and more than that I have discovered that doubt is a healthy thing because with its resolution faith becomes more certain and the years that lie ahead more inviting.

Richard Steele-Perkins

Confirmed: Great news for toddlers!!



Parent/ Grandparent and Toddler Group will now be meeting on

Wednesday mornings during term time from 9.15 - 10.45 in the Oonagh Jeffrey Room. Just £2 per adult to cover costs.

For more info contact Fiona Gwynn 654728 or Janet Fry 01483 527390



Congratulations

Grayswood Nursery!!



Well done to Kate and all her team for achieving an

“Outstanding” rating in their latest Ofsted report.

Grayswood Book Club

The Grayswood Book Club next meets again in the Village Club on Tuesday 14th September at 8.00 p.m. If you fancy chatting about a wide variety of books over the next few months why not come along and join us. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month over a glass of wine, a pint of beer or a soft drink. It's all very convivial and a friendly way to spend an evening.

Books for the first three months are: **September 14th:** The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary-Ann Shaffer. **October 12th:** The Bookseller of Kabul by Asne Seiartad. **November 9th:** The Bottle Factory Outing by Beryl Bainbridge. If you would like to know more please call Paul or Janis on 643377 or drop in to one of the meetings. Hope to see you there.

Do your children like to sing?

Since April we have been running a new initiative. Once a month the Song Squad youngsters join the Junior Choristers of the choir for a fun session of songs, music and action games, and then the whole choir joins together to practise the hymns and prepare for the All Age morning service, our 'family service' on the following Sunday, when the Song Squad children wear their red Song Squad sashes. Older children are welcome, already we have an eight and a ten year old. The aim is not only to give the children an opportunity to make music, but to enable them and their parents to participate in church music, particularly those families who may not feel able to come to church on a weekly basis.

Everyone Welcome!

We meet every fourth Friday in the month, 7.25 for 7.30-8.20 in church (entry though the choir vestry, not the main church door)

Interested? Contact Shirley on 653285 or Jean on 643338 or just turn up.

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

Church Services in September

Every Sunday: 8am Holy Communion

Every Sunday the main service is at 10am:

- Sept 5th Parish Communion
- 12th Morning Worship
- 19th Parish Communion (*Visiting Preacher from Open Doors*)
- 26th All Age Worship (with Baptism of Joseph & Sam Wagstaff)

Sunday School meets during term time (starts in church at 10am)

A **Crèche** is provided in the Oonagh Jeffrey Room from 9.50

Coffee is served after the service in the Village Hall.

Thursday 16th 10.15am Holy Communion

All Saints Matters

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.

tel: 656504 e-mail: barbarasteelerkins@tiscali.co.uk

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.

tel: 656504 e-mail: office@grayswoodparish.org

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.

tel: 644178 e-mail: david@dhutton.mail1.co.uk

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.

tel: 654728 e-mail: gwynnfamily@btinternet.com

If you need a vicar urgently and can't get through to Barbara, **Norman Jones** is the Rector of Haslemere: tel: 658107 e-mail: RevNJones@aol.com

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)

**CONCERT BY CANDLELIGHT
SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
at 8 PM**

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH,
GRAYSWOOD**

**Emma Alexandra — Clarinet
& Steven Pedlar — Piano**

**“A HEART-STOPPING PROGRAMME OF ITALIAN MUSIC,
Including Donizetti, Albinoni and Puccini”**

**As part of the Haslemere Food Festival we are also offering a delicious two course Italian supper ,
6.30 pm in the Wheatsheaf**

Tickets: £20 for meal and concert (limited numbers) or £12.50 concert only

Boxoffice: 01428 644125 OR 642917

Events in September

- Gardening Club 2nd
- Book Club 14th
- WI 8th
- Men's Breakfast 11th
- Good News Van 27th

Please contact:

editor@grayswoodparish.org for further information on any of these activities or to add your details if you hold a regular club or event!!

VILLAGE PRAYER

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

Classified: Grayswood Village Hall seeks a paid Caretaker/Maintenance Officer. For a job description write to/e-mail:

grayswoodnursery@hotmail.co.uk
Grayswood Village Hall, Grayswood Road, Haslemere GU27 2AX

Grayswood on the web: www.grayswoodparish.org (All Saints site) and www.grayswood.org.uk (current Village Hall site) are two sites which are currently in the process of being updated. If your club or organisation is represented on here, please make sure we have your up to date info!! Email us on grayswoodrunner@gmail.com and we'll pass it on!