



The Grayswood Runner



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October 2011

And so another 'Summer' is over ...

British Summer Time officially ends on Sunday 30 October 2011. I'm of the view it never actually started! Well, if it did, it ended in May!

Seriously, the evenings are already drawing in and will soon be cut short even further because the clocks will go back by one hour at 2.00am on Sunday 30 October. It looks unlikely that we will have an Indian summer and so we need to make the best of the darkening days.

I know many people dread the evenings getting darker earlier and earlier. It can be rather depressing going to work (or school) in the dark and coming home in the dark.

I try and embrace this time of year. I love admiring the beautiful and changing countryside that we are so fortunate to live in. I love being warm and cosy at home and settling down with a good book and not feeling the urge or desire to step outside.

It is also a good excuse to wrap myself in lots of layers and cover up the excesses of our summer holidays. As the clocks go back this year I hope you all manage to make the most of the longer evenings and spend time with loved ones or on favourite hobbies.

Editor

Dear friends

I'll be spending half term with my daughter in America again this year, and I expect we will be taking the two boys to visit a local farm again. The



farmer opens his fields in October to all sorts of fun – very long bumpy slides, goats to feed, hold-on-tight-scary hay rides through fields and ditches, apples to munch, cloudy apple juice to drink - and there'll be PILES and PILES and PILES of pumpkins of various sizes.

Yes, it's all part of the preparation for Hallowe'en, and they do go a bit extreme over there, but someone once said:

Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God lifts you up, takes you in, and washes all the dirt off you. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff - including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.

Then he carves you a new smiling face and puts his light inside you to shine for the world to see.



Isn't that a lovely definition of a Christian: someone in whom the light of Jesus shines and you just can't help seeing it.

With my very best wishes

Barbara

GRAYSWOOD SCHOOL AUCTION OF PROMISES SUPPER

Saturday 19th November 2011 at Grayswood Village hall 7.30- 10.30p.m.

The Governors of Grayswood School will be hosting an Auction of Promises Supper evening for parents, local residents and friends of the School. Offers of Promises are kindly donated before the event and are then auctioned during the evening. PROMISES can be big or small and can vary from ironing, airport runs, sports coaching to tea with the Queen!!

Even if you are unable to come on the 19th, PROMISES would still be very welcome.

Early offers of PROMISES can be given to Sarah Dorton Tel 01428 644803 or e-mail grayswoodauction@yahoo.co.uk (before the end of October)

Requests for **tickets** please to Pauline Lamb Tel : 01428 643798 (£8 per head)

Please DO come and enjoy a fun evening and support our local village school

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

CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Sundays: 8am Holy Communion every week

Every Sunday 10am

2nd HARVEST THANKSGIVING
Bring and share lunch in the Hall

9th Parish Communion
Speaker: Lucie Barnsdale -
Human Trafficking

16th St Luke's Day Parish Communion
with prayer for healing and wholeness

23rd BIBLE SUNDAY: All Age Worship

30th ALL SAINTS DAY – joint service
with St Bart's and St Christopher's
Preacher: Rev Mary Bowden
Coffee and cake in the Hall



30th at 5pm PIANO PARTY
(Tea at 4pm)

Come and celebrate our new piano

Mondays 10th, 17th & 31st
Informal Morning Prayer 9am

Thursdays 6th & 20th
Holy Communion 10.15

Annual Memorial Service
Wednesday 2nd November at 7.30pm

Contacting All Saints

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 confidences are ALWAYS respected.

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: barbarasteeleperkins@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@sky.com

VILLAGE PRAYER

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

BARN DANCE

All are welcome at a Barn Dance to be held on Friday 14th October 2011 at the Village Hall from 7.30 pm. A fish and chip supper will be served. Tickets are very reasonable: £10 each or £25 for a family of four. Tickets can be obtained from Jane (643891), Phil (681345) or Bridge (653482). Come along and have a fun evening!

Useful Grayswood Numbers



Village Hall Bookings 643859

The Grayswood Club

07748 065 821

Grayswood School 642086

Grayswood Nursery School
658931

Did you know ...

October is the tenth month in the Gregorian calendar. It received its name from the Latin numeral "octo" meaning "eight" because in the first Roman calendar it was the eighth month.

In merry old England, the month of October was once named "Winmonth" which meant wine month.

Folklore for October includes: "Rain in October means wind in December" "If the October moon comes without frost expect no frost till the moon of November"

Interesting!

Events in October: * Gardening Club 6th * Book Club 11th
* WI 12th * Good Book Morning 24th

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!! (contact details for each club will soon be available)

The Village Hall Management committee is seeking a new Secretary when the current person steps down. If you would like to apply, or require more information, please contact Jane White by email on jane-whitehome@yahoo.co.uk