



The Grayswood Runner

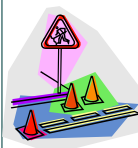


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Fast or slow?

I do hope this edition finds you all well and settling nicely into the new year. One of the plusses of a new year is saying goodbye to the troubles of last year, and I for one



am not at all sad to see the back of the roadworks on the Grayswood Road! I seem to spend most of my day going to or from somewhere and though the hold up may only have been a few minutes, it always felt like hours at school drop off—when I'm naturally late already—and thus just seemed to add to the stresses of the day.

The opposite of course to things taking forever is those things that happen all too quickly, like the daffodils brightly yellow and trumpeting loudly on the banks by the Ladymead estate—it only just January when I spotted them!

So it seems some things take time, others race along with no real logic in between, oh well—if I ever work it out I'll let you know. In the meantime I shall enjoy the yellow of the daffs instead of the yellow of the lights and carry on getting to where I'm going.

Editor



Dear Friends

'What's it like?' we ask. 'It' could be anything - a new house or car, a club, a magazine, a website, a holiday resort - anything. Describing 'it' could be straightforward, but it could be a bit tricky. How do you describe a new baby, for example, or a beautiful piece of art?

Come and see is the easiest and best answer.

Which is exactly what Jesus says to a couple of John (the Baptist's) disciples who are curious: *Come and see* (John 1) He doesn't bend their minds with arguments and good reasons, but he invites them to see for themselves. And they do; they see and want to stay and get to know him more.

It's also what a Samaritan woman says to the people of her town when she has met Jesus at the well (John 4). *Come and see*. And they do; they see for themselves and want to get to know him more too.

And the invitation is there for us too: Jesus says to us, *come and see*. Plenty of people scoff at the idea, but plenty of others have come and seen for themselves. We can believe either side if we wish without seeing for ourselves, but the invitation remains: *Come and see*. It's quite risky though and potentially radically life-changing.

If you want to know what God is like, *come and see* Jesus. If you want to know what love is like, *come and see* Jesus. If you want to know what God's quality of life (eternal life) is like, *come and see* Jesus.

What's Jesus like?

Come and see!

With my very best wishes

Barbara

So tell us: What do you know?

Do you have any information on Grayswood history? Grayswood Fundraising (by a resident of Grayswood or for a Grayswood project) Local news affecting Grayswood, an event you want to draw attention to, something fabulous you or one of your family have achieved? The Runner is a great way to share things with the village as it goes to each and every house in the Parish and a fair few beyond. If you ever have anything you'd like us to include, please contact us using the methods below and we'll see what we can do!!

Grayswood goes to Nairobi!

In April 2012, Pete Gwynn together with some staff from The Angmering School & Shoreham Academy will taking a group of 16 year 11 to year 13 sports leaders to the second largest slum area in the world, in Kibera, Nairobi in Kenya. His son George will be among them.

The trip aims to try and empower teachers to provide safe and positive play experiences for the children, which they cannot currently access and to attempt to put some joy back into the lives of the children by allowing them to play together, whilst also allowing the opportunity to learn via the power of London's 2012 Games

Pete & George are required to raise a minimum amount finance themselves, and also are attempting to raise extra funds to take equipment in their luggage to the schools and football teams they will be working with. The conditions, facilities and resources at the schools are far different to those that we are so fortunate to have, with local youth football teams being lucky to have a proper ball, yet alone a strip to play in.

If you are interested in donating to this rewarding and humbling trip or would like more information, please visit Pete & George's just giving page at: <http://www.justgiving.com/Gwynnboys> or call Pete on 01903 778328

Apologies to all who read this:

That we initially had some problems with transferring the February and March editions of the Runner onto the website. —hence the delay.

Thank you for bearing with us, and we trust that all future editions will appear on time.

Jubilee Sailing Trust

On Wednesday 28th March at midday, at The Cavalry and Guards Club in London, Michael Nicholson OBE will be giving a talk, 'Back to Front', on some amusing moments between wars. Please see the poster on the notice-board for details. (Tickets, including lunch, cost £25).

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.

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.

tel: 644178

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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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The Governors of Grayswood School were delighted with the success of their hugely enjoyable Auction of Promises Evening, held in Grayswood Village Hall on 19th November. Many of the promises were donated by Grayswood School parents and other residents and businesses from the village. Promises ranged from a pony ride, babysitting, lifts to the airport up to salmon and trout fishing, cricket coaching with Darren Gough and the use of houses in France and Greece. Hammer prices varied from £20 to £580. There were also unusual "money can't buy" promises: a tour of HMS Liverpool, just back from the coast of Libya, attracted much interest and went for £155. Some of the fiercest bidding amongst the parents was for the privilege for their child to be "Head Teacher" of the school for half a day; after a rapid rise in the price, it was knocked down for £135. The total for the 43 lots auctioned was £4779; adding in donations, ticket sales and bar profits, the overall total for the evening was £6200. This was far beyond the Governors' expectations and they would like to thank all donors of promises, helpers and everyone who attended and bid so enthusiastically.

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The Mayor of Waverley's Charity Concert in aid of Hydon Hill Cheshire Home will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Bramley, at 6 pm on 26th February. The main performers will be the Goudalming Community Gospel Choir. All welcome

Events in February

Gardening Club	Thursday 2nd
Book Club	Tuesday 7th
WI	Wednesday 8th
Good News Van	Monday 27th
Grayswood Toddlers — Each Term Time	
Wednesday 9.15	

Please contact: us using details overleaf for further information on any of these activities

VILLAGE PRAYER

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

Useful Grayswood**Numbers**

Village Hall Bookings	643859
The Grayswood Club	07748 065 821
Grayswood School	642086
Grayswood Nursery School	658931