



The Grayswood Runner



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April and May 2012

Things to look forward to in the next few months ...

The flowers have begun to bloom, the days are getting longer and warmer ... I feel there is much to look forward to! This includes a few things that are happening locally.

First, everyone is welcome to attend **Grayswood's Open Gardens** which is happening on Sunday 20th May between 11.30am and 5.30pm. Amateur gardeners have bravely agreed to throw open their garden gates and allow us to meander through their gardens. I'm reliably informed that the gardens will come in all shapes and sizes and will surely be a joy to view. They will hopefully offer some of us inspiration and, if I'm honest, a chance for some of us noseys to have a chance to have a peak at bits of Grayswood we may not have seen before! Further details are overleaf.

The following week sees the **Young Voices Music Festival Service** which is being held in the Church on **Saturday 26th May at 4pm**. The festival is a RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) Guildford event and we are fortunate enough to be hosting it here in Grayswood. There will be over 100 young people attending for a morning workshop and two rehearsals before a service starts at 4pm. Again, everyone is welcome (helpers are also needed so please contact the Editor). The theme of the festival is Water of Life. It sounds like it will be a wonderful service!

Finally, although not as local, is the **Fernhurst Choral Society's** performance of Brahms's German Requiem, further details overleaf.

So plenty of things to look forward to as well as Spring! Enjoy. Editor

Dear Friends

Community is an incredibly wonderful thing when it works as it does in Grayswood. In times of need as well as times of joy, people pull together and show their feelings, respect and love by doing something, however seemingly small, which adds to the whole. This is how communities should be.

I have tried twice in church to voice my thanks, and both times I have failed to get out more than half a sentence. The sheer goodness of many people has been extraordinary. So I beg your indulgence as I use this letter to say a far from adequate thank you to all the Grayswood community as well as the church community.

I have been so conscious of and grateful for the prayers, cards, letters, cakes and flowers which express your love for me and my family as we have mourned – and continue to mourn – Richard's sudden death. At times of particular need it has been almost tangible and we have felt held and supported – and totally loved.

Spring brings (for us in this hemisphere at least) newness of life, with green buds everywhere – don't you love the willow tree on the Green? Alongside those signs of hope comes Easter with its reminder of the resurrection life which is promised in Christ, following the pain, anguish and apparent finality of death on Good Friday.

With my love and very best wishes

Barbara

All Saints Spring Fayre: Saturday 5th May 2012

11.30am—1.30pm

Grayswood Village Hall

At this year's annual Spring Fayre there

will be a fantastic selection of stalls and entertainment on offer, including bouncy castle, children's toys and games, bric-a-brac, gifts, plants, cakes & produce, books, CDs, videos, raffle, craft stalls and lots more ...

Hotdogs, sandwiches and other refreshments served 12-1pm

To help make this day a success, stall contributions are encouraged and much appreciated. Please call Heather(605439) or Susie (642917) for more information

Outside stallholders (£10 per table + 10%)

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

Church Services in April and May

Sundays: 8am Holy Communion every week

Sundays at 10am

April 1st Palm Sunday All Age Communion

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Mon 2nd, Tues 3rd, & Wed 4th at 9pm

Night Prayer (or Compline)

5th Maundy Thursday Passover Meal 7.45 Oonagh Jeffry Room

(to book, phone Judy on 644125)

6th Good Friday All Age service, coffee & Hot X Buns

Gather on the Green if fine

12-2 church open for prayer

2-3pm A Meditation for the third hour

8th Festival Communion for Easter Sunday
with the Renewal of Baptism Vows

15th All Age Parish Communion

22nd All Age Worship

followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

29th 9.45am JOINT SERVICE AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S

May 6th Parish Communion

13th Morning Worship

20th Parish Communion

27th Parish Communion for Pentecost – wear something red

Thursdays at 10.15am

19th April; 3rd & 31st May Holy Communion

Thursday 17th May 8pm

Ascension Day Joint Communion Service (venue tbc)

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.

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: gwynnfamilysky.com

Useful Grayswood Numbers

Village Hall Bookings villagehall@stonefern.com

The Grayswood Club 07748 065 821

Grayswood School 642086

Grayswood Nursery School 658931



Fernhurst Choral Society

Will be performing Brahms's German Requiem on Saturday 26th May in St Mary's Church Petworth under the baton of Timothy Ravalde. The choir consists of approximately 80 singers and will be accompanied by Julia Kennard and Terence Albright—a regular performer on BBC radio. This very popular work was Brahms's first major success towards the end of the 19th century and features strongly among concert goers' favourites.

Tickets are £15 and are available from 01428 644125, 01730 816542 or on the door. If you would like more information on the choir please contact Tina Litchfield (Secretary) on 01730 816542

VILLAGE PRAYER

In April and May we remember and think about all those who live in Grayswood Road, Church Close, Sandy Lane, Grayswood Common, Grayswood Copse, Little Home Close, Lower and Upper Birtley, Witley Farm, Shoelands, South Park, Stroud, Hurt Hill and High Button

Events in April and May

Gardening Club	5th and 3rd
Book Club	10th and 8th
WI	11th and 9th
Men's Breakfast	14th and 12th
Good News Van	23rd and 28th
Song Squad	27th and 25th
Toddler Group	Wednesdays Term-Time

Police meeting Wed 25th April

Grayswood Village Hall at 7pm.

All welcome!

GRAYSWOOD'S OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 20th May 2012

From 11.30am to 5.30pm

£5 entry to all gardens and car parking

Follow the trail around 9 gardens and the village allotments, all created by enthusiastic amateur gardeners. Admire stunning displays in intimate cottage gardens and larger formal settings. Visit the church and see the lovely floral displays. There will be delectable homemade teas, entertaining music and unusual plants for sale. Light lunches available at The Wheatsheaf.

For more information please visit us at www.opengardens.co.uk or you can email grayswoodopengardens@gmail.com or call 01428 642917