



The Grayswood Runner



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We are very fortunate to live in a beautiful place like Grayswood. We are surrounded by lovely buildings and stunning countryside. However, what makes Grayswood really special is the people who live here. As we enter into June, we have some really great events for villagers to come together and celebrate. We are very fortunate to have so many people who are prepared to 'muck in' and give their time, experience (and money). As a village we have a host of activities to look forward to. The 'open gardens' on 20th May. The Big Picnic Lunch on 3rd June followed by the BBQ and disco at The Wheatsheaf. Each of these events have been organized by people in the village, for the benefit of the village. I do hope that you are able to get involved in at least one of these, if not all! Each event will give everyone a chance to get to know one another a little better. It will also show our appreciation to those who put so much time and effort into organizing these events. So, go, enjoy. And let's pray the rain holds off!

Editor

CONGRATULATIONS, YOUR MAJESTY!

60 years - what an achievement!

In a job she did not choose, possibly did not even want, as her father certainly did not before her, Queen Elizabeth II has stayed loyally in the same job, working for the same people (us), with the same job description and no doubt with the same joys and frustrations all that time. For her it is a calling, a vocation, and we recognise that and gladly respond to it.

Grayswood is celebrating with various events
- see elsewhere in the Runner.

It's not too often these days that we talk about calling or vocation – except perhaps in the Church or in medicine, but each of us has one. Whether we respond to that inner calling is up to us; unlike the Queen, we have a choice. I know I closed my ears, mind and heart to my vocation for years until the prodding became too uncomfortable to ignore. Part of my discomfort was other people – who recognised my vocation before I did – and told me so!

And what a joy it is to be doing something that fits. It's something to do with an inner authority, a belonging, a feeling 'at home'. It doesn't mean everything's easy, but it does mean that however personally demanding it may get at times, I have that inner sense of doing what I'm meant to be doing – and perhaps more importantly, being who I am meant to be.

I pray for all of us that we know we are becoming who we are meant to be, and are doing what are meant to be doing. I pray particularly for our young people, as they think about their futures, that they will respond to that sense of call, of vocation, and become who they are meant to be too.

With my very best wishes for joyful celebrations

Barbara



SONG SQUAD

Once a month the Song Squad youngsters join the Junior Choristers of the choir for a fun session of songs, music and action games. Mainly for 5—7 year olds but older children and parents really welcome! Dates and times overleaf.



BIG LUNCH PICNIC SUNDAY 3RD JUNE 2012



Join the rest of the village for an informal and free "bring your own" picnic lunch on the Green on Sunday 3rd June from 1:00. We are hoping to make this a truly memorable occasion for all of us - a traditional community event with games, races and fun to celebrate the Queen's special year and our much-loved village life. Make your own Royal Hat for the 3:30 parade followed by the Jubilee Balloon Release. Hopefully this will be a day to enjoy and remember! We hope to see you all there.

Following the picnic, there will be a **Jubilee Barbecue** at the Wheatsheaf from **4 pm** followed by Golden Oldies Disco.... Sounds like quite a day!



Contacting the Runner : Telephone: 01 428 656504, editor@grayswoodparish.org

CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE

Sundays: 8am Holy Communion every week

3rd 10am Parish Communion
10th 10am **All Age** Morning Worship with the **Baptism** of Luke Reeby-Moore
17th 10am Parish Communion
24th 10am All Age Worship
 George Gwynn will be sharing his experiences of the slums of Nairobi

Mondays (not 4th) at 9am
 A short (20 mins) meditative morning service.
Thursdays 14th and 28th at 10.15am
 Holy Communion

ART CLASSES NOW AVAILABLE IN GRAYSWOOD

Pick up your brushes and join ANN CLEMENT in her studio
 01428 642704
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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.

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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 664410
- The Grayswood Club 07748 065 821
- Grayswood School 642086
- Grayswood Nursery School 658931
- Wheatsheaf 644440



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

VILLAGE PRAYER

In June we remember and think about all those who live beyond the parish boundary.

Publicising Grayswood events

If you have a village event you would like to publicise and see featured in the Runner, just call 01428 656504 or drop the editor an email: editor@grayswoodparish.org

Events in June

Gardening Club	Thurs 7th
Book Club	Tues 12th
WI	Weds 13th
Men's Breakfast	Sat 9th
Good News Van	Mon 25th
Toddler Group	Wednesdays Term
-Time	
Song Squad	Fri 22nd
	(7.25pm - 8.20)
	& Sun 23rd (for
	10am service)

Christian Aid Week 13th - 19th May

A red Christian Aid envelope is enclosed in the hope that you may be willing to contribute so that we can give to help with projects to alleviate poverty worldwide. For good. No matter how much you are able to give your contribution will make a big difference.

Please return your envelope to All Saints Church, or Church House, Church Lane, Grayswood, during the month of May.

For Gift Aid donations (from £2 upwards) please fill in your name and address on the envelope.

Thank you, Daphne Stephenson, Grayswood Rep for Christian Aid Committee