



The Grayswood Runner



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Jubilee reflections ...

For many people outside of this country, it may have been tempting to look at the crowds in the rain, lining the banks of the Thames and the streets, madly waving their flags to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and ask, "What is all the fuss about?" I'll tell you what it is about. Tradition. Like so many things explained by tradition, they can hardly be explained at all — simply felt. So in a time when most of the world has to turn to history books and fairy tales to find the stories of kings and queens, we find ourselves enormously proud to share the joy of the Queen. I hope the Jubilee celebrations gave you all many happy and long lasting memories.

Editor

The Secret Gardens of Grayswood, organised by The Friends of All Saints

In spite of the cold, hundreds of visitors flocked to see the Grayswood Gardens which opened their gates for the first time on Sunday 20th May. The stunning displays stood out against the grey skies, and the village buzzed with visitors consulting their beautifully illustrated programmes, and moving between the nine gardens and allotments. The Old Vicarage showed off its pretty rhyll and browsing chickens; the organic garden at Clammer Hill House was a delight, and the \ allotments were bursting with fresh produce. The intimate garden at Clammer View, and the display of alpines at Merano, were an inspiring discovery. The rare Jeffrey's pine at Home Close and the sunken garden at Little Home Close were greatly admired, as was the creative planting at Findings Cottage, and the Cubist pool and pergola at the White House. At Grayswood House, visitors strolled round the landscaped grounds while they listened to the fairground organ. The Chiddingfold Flautists played in the tea garden while the homemade cake stall did a brisk trade, and the stall of plants, donated by villagers, was busy with visitors looking to fill their own gardens. Grayswood Nursery joined in the fun with a Forest School session in the woods above the village. The Wheatsheaf Inn had a special menu for visitors and also gave a generous donation, as did Coco Carmel, Haslemere Garden Centre, and Grayswood Cars. The event, held in aid of the Friends of All Saints raised over £3,000. The Friends would like to thank everyone who gave so generously of their time and skills, and all who came to this joyful event.

Dear Friends

How far do you see?

Most of us, I dare to say, live most of the time in a bubble. We get up, see to the family, go to work, come home, walk the dog, have supper, watch TV and go to bed. Life is simply like that and we often have no time to look beyond it. Sometimes the news might make us look outward, shocking news perhaps of the abuse of a child or young woman, or a gang assault on a youth in the street. Perhaps it's news of an international incident or a global disaster which commands our attention. And we take time to look – and look long and carefully.



Sometimes it's the good that persuades us out of our bubble – like the 60 year long dedication of a Queen on her Diamond Jubilee. Other times the apparently insignificant story catches our attention – the goodness of one human being towards another, the small kindness, the courage, yet again, of dedicated rescue teams.

How far do you see?

You have probably never heard of Peter and Jane Nott. They are a Christian couple who are working with the Church Mission Society, and returned to the UK early in June for a well-earned break from 6 months in Egypt, and before that in Nazareth, where they have been teaching English. They are visiting All Saints at the 10am Service on 22nd July. Bring your (metaphorical!) binoculars and join us as we look a bit further still from our bubble.

With my very best wishes

Barbara

A riddle for the summer:

Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday? (answer in the next edition)

ARE YOU A PIANIST? DO YOU HAVE GRADE FIVE or HIGHER? WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN TO PLAY THE ORGAN?

Jean White, organist at our lovely church, All Saints, is looking to "train up a pianist" so that we have someone who can help out in an emergency, and gradually play a part in helping to lead the worship with the choir. At the Young Voices Festival held here at All Saints recently, Jean was presented with The Royal School of Church Music's certificate for long service - but this by no means indicated her retirement! We all hope that Jean will continue to play the organ for many more years, but she suggests that it is sensible to explore what options for assistance are available. Particularly Jean is keen to find pianists who would like to learn to play the organ and assist her, and to source experienced organists who would be able to help when necessary.

We have a fine Norman and Beard two-manual organ, and Jean will be happy to guide and support you. As a church, we are members of the Royal School of Church Music which offers training days, courses and assistance. If you are interested and would like to talk about it further, please phone Shirley Richmond on 01428 653285, or email: shirley@srichmond2.orangehome.co.uk

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Church Services in July

Sundays: 8am Holy Communion every week
1st 10am Parish Communion
8th 10am Morning Worship
15th 10am Parish Communion
22nd 10am All Age Worship with Song Squad
Guest speakers:
Peter and Jane Nott
 from the Church Mission Society
29th 10am **Joint Benefice service at All Saints**

Mondays 9am - a short (20 mins) meditative service

Thursdays 5th and 19th at 10.15am Holy Communion
Thursday 19th at 9.30am School Leavers' Service

Church Services in August

Sundays 12th and 26th only - 8am Holy Communion
5th 10am All Age Parish Communion
12th 10am Morning Worship
19th 10am All Age Parish Communion
26th 10am All Age Morning Worship

No Monday or Thursday services in August

**ART CLASSES
 NOW AVAILABLE IN GRAYSWOOD**

Pick up your brushes
 and join ANN CLEMENT in her studio
 01428 642704
 email. annclement77@hotmail.co.uk

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.

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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.

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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.

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



SAVE THE DATE!

ANOTHER CAPTIVATING
 CONCERT BY CANDLELIGHT
 IN ALL SAINTS CHURCH,
 GRAYSWOOD

Saturday 20th October 8 pm

With pre concert supper
 at the Wheatsheaf 6.30 pm

Lorraine Marshall *soprano*

Kevin Jacot *tenor, organist, pianist, violinist*

Concert only £15

Concert and meal £25

To reserve your tickets for the very popular
 pre concert meal

please ring 01428 644125 or 01428 642917

VILLAGE PRAYER

In July our prayers are those living in Prestwick Lane, The Paddocks, Muddy Lane, Clammer Hill Road. In August our prayers are for those living in Holdfast Lane, Three Gates Lane and Highercombe Road



Christian Aid Week

The collection from those living in the Grayswood area, and congregation of All Saints Church, raised £294 for Christian Aid.

Grateful thanks to all those who contributed.

Events in July & August

Gardening Club	See below
Book Club	Tues 10th & 14th
WI	Weds 11th & 8th
Men's Breakfast	Sat 8th & 12th
Good News Van	Mon 23rd & 27th
Toddler Group	Wed 4th, 11th & 19th July
Song Squad	Fri 27th July (7.25-8.20 pm) & Sun 29th July (for 10am service)

GRAYSWOOD GARDENING CLUB: NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

We are a small friendly group of amateur gardeners who meet in Grayswood Village Club, Lower Road, Grayswood several times a year for garden related talks, visits or social events. Generally meetings are on 1st Thursday of the month at 8 pm, but not every month. Our next talk is on Thursday, September 6th at Grayswood Social Club starting at 7.45pm. John Baker will be talking on "Heavenly Hostas". Apart from an informative talk, he will also share his secret for deterring slugs from chomping through your Hostas!

On Thursday 4th October, again at Grayswood Social Club, John Wood, Head Gardener at the National Trust property, Hinton Ampner, will be talking about "The Restoration of the Walled Garden". New members are very welcome at both of these events. Entry £2.50.