



The Grayswood Runner



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Starting Over...

For many, September heralds the start of times anew.... new schools, children off to uni, setting off to new (off-peak, lucky you!) holiday destinations. For the rest of us, well, each new day is the first day of the rest of our lives, so equally worth a mention!

Similarly, it's a time for things returning to 'normal'. Returning to work after holidays, back to school (giving parents a much longed for rest), with new terms at classes and other lessons.

Grayswood School manages both—new Reception class, and returning Silver and Gold class—all under a shiny new roof!

I hope that all your new starts will be commenced with enthusiasm and confidence, and that all your returns be undertaken with happy, not heavy, hearts.

Editor

Dear Friends

From Down Under

An alien ship visited earth to study religion and worship. The delegate sent to England looked carefully around. Seeing people come out of a somewhat dreary building looking equally dreary themselves and hardly looking at each other, let alone talking, he dismissed that immediately and went on his way. Then he saw a crowd of people on and around a patch of green, where there was fun and laughter as well as moments of awe and quiet, where some took a more active part, and others watched and shouted encouragement. This is it, he thought; they obviously love their god with great enthusiasm and wonder. I've found it. And he settled down to study more about English religion. (Cricket, football or rugby fans: please – no offence is intended!)



It was quite an experience watching some of the Olympics and the reporting from a foreign perspective – and from a country which is VERY sporty and likes to win! I also (to the surprise of some, no doubt!) watched a game of Aussie Rules football (on TV while staying with friends in Melbourne) and noticed how involved and excited people can get, even from the sofa, shouting encouragement to their team and bouncing up and down on the edge of their seats. Even we Brits get excited supporting our team - and incidentally, didn't we do well!

My favourite was the team cycling. It was like a ballet to watch; the precision and sheer beauty of it was breathtaking, as well as the speed. And the team work! Each took their turn to lead; each took their turn in the rear. Remarkable.

Does all this have anything to say about what sort of place the Church should or could be? People who are involved and excited about God and about coming together to worship? People who encourage each other, where teamwork is not about position or being in competition with each other, and where sometimes one team member is even prepared to sacrifice their own position in order to maintain the team effort?

May it be so, in the local, nationwide and worldwide Church. And perhaps we'll feel more like getting excited about not only supporting, but being part of a splendid team.

With my love, *Barbara*

BEATING THE BOUNDS



To help mark the Diamond Jubilee Year and London 2012, why not join us to beat the bounds of Grayswood Parish?

On Saturday 29th September at 9.30 am, on the Village Green

Bring stout walking shoes and rainwear for a 13 mile plus walk. Option to leave, or join, at Brook, where it will possible to have a picnic lunch or visit the Dog & Pheasant (lunch not included!)

Register via email: drdianecook@hotmail.co.uk with names of participants and ages (if under 18), or, after 20th September, telephone 01428 654303. Under 16's must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

EVERYONE WELCOME



TIME TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS FOR ANOTHER CAPTIVATING CONCERT BY CANDLELIGHT

SATURDAY 20TH OCTOBER AT 8 PM at ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GRAYSWOOD

LORRAINE MARSHALL - *soprano* KEVIN JACOT - *tenor*

This highly talented duo will perform a glorious mixture of classical and popular music, from Handel, Mozart and Puccini to Gershwin, Lerner and Loewe, and many popular shows

"There has been nothing but praise for your wonderful music".

WHY NOT BOOK IN FOR OUR VERY POPULAR PRE-CONCERT SUPPER , 6.30 PM @ THE WHEATSHEAF

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

CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

Sundays: 8am Holy Communion every week, **EXCEPT on 2nd**
2nd 10am Parish Communion
9th 10am Morning Worship
16th 10am Parish Communion
23rd 10am All Age Worship with Song Squad, and the **Baptism** of Eric Tough
30th **10.30am Joint Benefice Service at St Bart's**

Mondays at 9am (EXCEPT on 3rd) a short (20 mins) meditative service

Thursdays 6th and 20th at 10.15am Holy Communion

Advance notice:

Our **HARVEST** Celebration is at 10am on Sunday 7th October

Useful Grayswood Numbers

Village Hall Bookings 664410

The Grayswood Club 07748 065 821

Grayswood School 642086

Grayswood Nursery School 658931

Wheatsheaf 644440



HHH CONCERTS
World class chamber music in Haslemere

October sees the start of HHH Concerts new season, and once again HHH will

bring some world class artists to Haslemere. The young, highly acclaimed Piatti Quartet will give the opening concert at St Christopher's Church, Wey Hill, Haslemere, on Saturday 6th October at 7.30 pm. They will play String Quartets by Mozart and Bartók, and Schubert's popular Quartet known as 'Death and the Maiden'.

There are five concerts in all, with two further concerts in the Autumn and two in the Spring

A Season Ticket for all five concerts is just £52, or a joint one just £93. Tickets for single concerts are £16.

Tickets are available from HHH Concerts, Rosewood, Park Road, Haslemere, GU27 2NJ, Email: vartans@haslemere.com, tel: 01428 652448; Online from www.haslemere.com/hhh or from Chamberlain Music, Wey Hill, Haslemere 4 weeks before each concert, and also at the door.

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: gwynnfamily@sky.com

Last Edition's Riddle...

Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday or Sunday?

Answer:

Either yesterday, today & tomorrow, or Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & Boxing Day

Perhaps if you came up with a different answer, you could let the Church Office know, on 01428 656504

Events in September

Gardening Club	Thurs 6th
Book Club	Tues 11th
WI	Weds 12th
Good News Van	Mon 24th
Toddler Group	Wednesdays in term-time, from 12th

VILLAGE PRAYER

In September, our prayers are those living in Holdfast Lane, Three Gates Lane and Highercombe Road

Village Hall News

The Village Hall now has a great new website

www.grayswood.org.uk

Please do take a look and check back regularly for new and up-and-coming events, and special dates!!

The Village Hall Committee is organising a local 'freecycling' event on Saturday 24th November.

This involves you bringing along anything you no longer need, use or want but that someone else might.... Clothes, Furniture, White Goods, Electrical Goods, Baby Goods, Toys, Garden Items, Plants, Off-Cuts of Carpet, Plant Pots, Bricks, Books, Pet Items, Building Materials.... you get the idea!

Essentially, if it might be useful to someone then they'd love to have it!

Further details in next month's Runner or from mark@stonefern.com