



The Grayswood Runner



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Your invitation to The Light Fantastic!!

All Saints Church would like to invite the children of Grayswood to a LIGHT FANTASTIC party in

Grayswood Village Hall,
Saturday 27th October
from 3.30-5.30pm

Craft, Activities, Games and Tea, with lots of fun is included—but please don't wear your best clothes, they may get messy!

Tickets are absolutely free and all primary school aged children are very welcome - whichever school they go to!!

To book or for further details please call Jackie on 01428 653516 or email

barbarasteelerkins@tiscali.co.uk

Dear Friends

My passport's due for renewal before it expires. Apparently if my photo is still recognisably me, I just have to send two new photos. But my biggest problem is, that while I think the old photo, taken 10 years ago, is still recognisably me, the new one most certainly is not. They used to say the camera doesn't lie, but the person staring wide-eyed back at me has no glasses, no obvious teeth, no smile, no intelligence and no personality; she(?) also looks rather zombie-like. It's not a picture I'd choose for the family album or Facebook. I don't recognise me. More to the point, will the security guards recognise that this is supposed to be me?

When I've got over my irritation, I realise that the photo is lying; this is only a snapshot of a moment, when I was under instruction to look a certain way. I'd hate someone to look at it and make assumptions about me. And then I remember how often I do judge a book by its cover, how often I assume something about people by their appearance or their clothes, their accent, their hairdo or their tattoos.

I don't believe that captured micro-moment says the truest and best things about me. Perhaps then the snapshot I see of other people at one particular moment doesn't say the truest and best things about them either.

What is the truest and best thing about me? About you? About every human being? Surely that we carry within us the likeness of God; we are amazing beings, wonderfully creative, capable of achieving great and noble things and enjoying deep personal relationships. I'd rather carry that picture of me around, wouldn't you?

With my love
Barbara

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Please help
us make it
to our cen-
tenary in
style!!

Grayswood is a wonderful placed, steeped in history and tradition, however sadly, we could very soon loose one that has been at the very heart of village life for almost a century.

Grayswood has had its own Women's Institute since 1912.

Over the years this group of ladies, young and old, has supported so many activities in the village, both quietly when giving support to those in need or more publicly when providing cricket teas or organising events within the village.

Despite having a very loyal membership with a wide range of ages, the Grayswood WI faces closure in November unless new members can be found to help within the group and breathe new life into this fabulous mainstay of our community.

If you would like more information, or would like to come along to our next meeting, please call Heather on 605439

or email

mrslybourne@gmail.com

CONCERT BY CANDLELIGHT

Saturday 20th October, 8pm 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, and many popular shows

Why not book the ever popular pre concert supper, 6.30 pm at the Wheatsheaf Inn?

TICKETS: £25 meal and concert or £15 concert only

BOX OFFICE: 01428 644125 OR 01428 642917

Or Culhane@grayswood.co.uk or susie.spragg@btconnect.com



Strictly Grayswood

Did you know Grayswood has been home to its very own dance school for just over a year now?

Meeting on Monday nights in the Village Hall, many people, even a few professionals, enjoy learning to dance, glide gracefully, and strut their funky stuff just like the stars do on the JTV on a Saturday night!

All ages and abilities are welcome - there are many people who have never danced before! For more information, Please call Mandy Simpson on 07990 755199



Church Services in October

Sundays: 8am Holy Communion every week

**7th 10am HARVEST
THANKSGIVING**

**14th 10am BIBLE
SUNDAY -
Parish
Communion**



**21st 10am Parish
Communion**

**28th 10am All Age Worship -
with Song Squad
with the BAPTISM
of Maisie Laybourne**

Mondays at 9am A short (20 mins) meditative service

Thursdays 4th at 10.30am and 18th at 10.15am Holy Communion

Friday 5th at 9.30am School Harvest Service

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 4 pm 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. (The office is closed from 28th Sept.—14th Oct. inclusive).

tel: 656504 e-mail: allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com

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

Relegated to the back page...

As you will see, our village is coming alive over the next few months with activities for young and old alike, and to make sure you all know what's happening, for this month, my little note is hiding here for you to find.

It is really great to have so many activities to do very close to home, and I do hope that some of you will be inspired to try something new. Weekly carer and toddler groups, monthly 'adults only' coffee for those who wave their children goodbye at the gates each day, book club for those who indulge in a paperback or six, dancing for those who can (and for ladies who can do it backwards and in high heels!), gardening club for those with green fingers, bridge club, WI, fishing, cricket, church and not forgetting a great pub.... the list goes on and on!

So many things to join us together and enjoy, how very fortunate we are.

Editor

PS: If anything you see in this month's runner takes your fancy, or if we missed you out, please drop me a line at grayswoodrunner@googlemail.com and we'll put you in touch with the right people!



VILLAGE PRAYER

In October, our prayers are for those living in Lower Road, Park Close and Ash Tree Close

Useful Grayswood Numbers

Village Hall Bookings 664410
The Grayswood Club 07748 065 821
Grayswood School 642086
Grayswood Nursery School 658931
Wheatsheaf 644440



You and your friends are warmly invited to attend the

Annual Memorial Service

*at All Saints Church, Grayswood
on Friday 2nd November 2012 at 7.30 pm
Whether you are remembering someone who died recently, or many years ago,*

please join us in this

Service of Thanksgiving for their Life

If you would like us to read out the names of those you are remembering during a time of prayer in the service, please telephone the Church Office on 01428 656504, or email allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com by Friday 26th October

Events in October

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| Gardening Club | Thursday 3rd |
| Book Club | Tues 8th |
| WI | Weds 9th |
| Good News Van | Mon 28th |
| Toddler Group | Wednesdays in term time |

Save the date!

The Village Hall is holding a Freecycle event on

**Saturday 10th November,
9am –midday**

This involves you bringing along anything you no longer need, use or want, but someone else might.... clothes, furniture, white goods, electrical goods, baby goods, toys, garden items, plants, carpet off-cuts, 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 at www.grayswood.org.uk or from mark@stonefern.com