

It's not all so bad....

So often we have cause to grumble at 'the terrible state of things', specifically in respect of our country and how things are run. Politics aside, this last four days I have been at liberty to watch the wonders of the NHS in full swing.

Though not without flaws, this wonderful, wonderful resource we are actually so fortunate to have, is, among many others, caring for some special people whom I love dearly, and whom, without it, could be looking at life changing outcomes.

England is still a really great place to live, and our little corner of it is indeed a special one too. We are able to enjoy a myriad of freedoms and benefits that so many would give anything for.

So right now, despite the grinding to a halt in an inch of snow, I'm so very glad to live where I live, and for your own reasons, I hope you are too.

Editor

Dear Friends

My two Australian grandchildren (aged 9 & 6) have just gone home after 5½ weeks, sacrificing their long, hot, beachy summer holiday (and escaping the extreme heat this year) for a freezing cold winter wrapped up in borrowed warm coats, scarves, hats, gloves and wellie boots. Olivia's one wish was for snow – and goodness, did she get her wish! She and Simeon have experienced snow and cold, icicles, cold bedrooms – and electric blankets. They got used to walking in the snow, how to make a snowman, to whizzing down the long hill on a borrowed sledge – and to trudging up again dragging it behind them. They also experienced the taste of it and the feel of it – particularly in the form of a snowball down their necks! Their excitement was palpable.



It made me ask myself: When did I last get really visibly excited about anything, let alone a new experience? Adults perhaps get blasé about things and look what we miss! Revelling in something, perhaps not by jumping up and down, but relishing new experiences and simply enjoying having fun.

Sometimes Christians are guilty of giving a wrong impression of a God who is always stern and serious – like a Victorian father figure. But I'm sure, amidst all the seriousness of life, and of his life in particular, that Jesus had some fun. A three-day wedding celebration, when I'm sure he danced with the rest and had a glass or two; a barbecued fish breakfast on the beach, which he cooked himself; and imagine the joy he experienced in helping people – a leper or 10, a paralysed man, a blind man, a woman 'no better than she should be', to name but a few.

A challenge for 2013 then: have some simple fun and enjoy a new experience, whatever your age.

With my love
Barbara



Classical Concerts

Continue!

The Friends of All Saints Grayswood are delighted to announce that The Milan Trio will give a sparkling evening of music **on Saturday 9th March 2013**, in All Saints Church at 8.00pm.

We welcome again the acclaimed flautist Susan Milan, with international cellist Sebastian Combetti and pianist Andrew Ball, who is Professor of Piano at the Royal College of Music.

Their concert will include works by Haydn, Schumann, Martinu, Weber, Blake and Boehm.

Tickets £15 each for concert only, and £25 each to include a two-course meal at The Wheatsheaf.

Contact Pauline on 643798 or lamb@haslemere.com



Comedy Night!

The Governors of Grayswood Infant school will be hosting a Comedy night at the Village Hall on Saturday 2nd March 2013 from 7-11pm. We hope you can join us for a fun evening of live stand up Comedy acts and magic!

The bar will be open from 7pm and there will be a buffet supper to enjoy before the entertainment begins. We will also have two amazing items up for auction during the evening- a week in a Greek villa on the Peloponnese and a week in an Apartment in the French Alps.

Please do come along and help support Grayswood School.

It promises to be a fantastic night and we look forward to seeing you there!

Tickets @£20 each are on sale now.

For more information and ticket reservation/purchase, please contact Nick Page on 01428 653900 or email grayswoodcomedy@gmail.com



CHURCH SERVICES IN February**Every Sunday:** 8am Holy Communion**Every Sunday**the main service is at **10am**

3 rd	Parish Communion
10 th	Morning Worship
17 th	Parish Communion
24 th	All Age Morning Worship with the Baptism of Bella Kahrl

ASH WEDNESDAY—13th February

There will be a Joint Benefice Holy Communion Service with Ashing, at All Saints at 8 pm. All welcome.

Thursdays 7th & 21st :

Holy Communion at 10.15am

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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Pastoral Care—please contact Barbara or Janet 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**A chance to volunteer**

Last year's Olympics raised the profile of volunteers across the country. The Games Makers featured in the closing ceremonies and in various parades since. They worked very hard, but they all claim it was an experience of a lifetime and are keen to carry on volunteering in some capacity.

In our area, volunteering opportunities a-plenty are available. Care in Haslemere always needs helpers—drivers to take people to medical appointments etc., for whom a taxi or bus is not appropriate, and/or Duty Officers with cool heads, to man the Care Office on weekdays, co-ordinating the various needs of clients with drivers available that day.

Drivers can claim 45p a mile and clients are asked to make a donation to help fund the service.

For more information ring the Care Office 01428 652505; Open: Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am – 4 pm, & Tues and Thurs 10 am – 1 pm (leaflets about Care are available at the back of church)

VILLAGE PRAYER

In February we think of and pray for all of those who live in The Mount, Upper Mount and Williamson Close

Useful Grayswood Numbers

Village Hall Bookings 664410

The Grayswood Club 07748 065 821

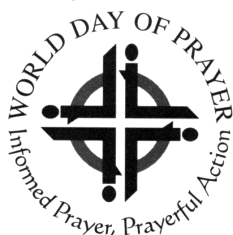
Grayswood School 642086

Grayswood Nursery School 658931

Wheatsheaf 644440



The Annual Service for the Women's World Day Of Prayer will be held at Our Lady Of Lourdes, Haslemere, on Friday, 1st March at 2.00 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Gillie Nicholls.



Refreshments afterwards. Parking available. Everybody welcome.

Events in February

Book Club	Tuesday 12th
WI	Wednesday 13th
Good News Van	Mon 4th, & last Monday in Feb
Toddler Group	each Wednesday in February (except 20th)

Gardening Club (held at the Social Club):**Thursday 7th February 7.45pm:**

Mr Paul Patton will be speaking on 'Composts, Growing Media and Mulches'. Come along and found out how you can get the best out of your garden. New members welcome.

Thursday 7th March 7.45pm:

Mr Peter Herring will be talking about 'Winkworth Aboretum', a local National Trust property. Come armed with 'tree questions' or just to enjoy an informative evening. New members welcome.

Grayswood WI

is welcoming Tessa Masterton as the speaker to their meeting on Wednesday 13th February at 7.30 pm, in Grayswood Village Hall. Tessa is a homeopathic practitioner with a speciality in women's health.

Everyone welcome—

members free, non-members £4