



# The Grayswood Runner



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You will see from this month's Runner



that we are supporting Grayswood School as it embarks on its consultation, and we support the School in its endeavour to become a full Infants' School.

Grayswood has had a village school since 1905. Many families will attest to the first rate education they, or perhaps their children, their grandchildren, or other family members have benefited from with in a safe and enriching environment.

The school has evolved over the years, and the children are now able to benefit from a variety of activities including Forest School, languages, swimming, after school clubs, choir, visits, and various speakers. As an active Church of England school, the children and school itself are vital to the heartbeat of the village, and it is important that the school remains at the heart of the village.

Please, please participate in the various public consultation processes... the children really are our future and it is vital that we come together and fight to ensure that the school continues to influence our residents of the future.

Editor

Dear Friends

A long time ago in a far-off land there was a ruler who was a dictator and a bully, and who ruled with a rod of iron. He had everything under his control except for one thing. No matter how hard he tried, he could not get rid of people's belief in God. He summoned his counsellors and asked, 'Where can I hide God so that the people will end up forgetting him?' They thought for a long time.

Then one man said, 'What about the dark side of the moon?' They talked for a long time, but in the end they said it wouldn't work, because one day scientists might find a way to travel in space, and people would be able to find God again. Another adviser suggested, 'What if we bury God under the depths of the ocean floor?' They rejected that for the same reason.



In the end, the oldest and wisest of the counsellors had a brilliant idea. 'I know a place', he said, 'where no one will ever think of finding God. Why don't we hide God in the ordinary events of people's everyday lives? They'll never think of looking there.' 'Terrific idea', they all said, and so that's what they did – and they say that people are still looking for God - even today.

God in ordinary; well hidden in places we never dream of looking. Think for a moment of something you do every day - go to school, play with a friend, wash the car, load or unload the dishwasher, work in the office, sit in a traffic jam, do the weekly shop, change a dirty nappy - all those ordinary things, some of which we may love, others we may do just because we have to.

That's exactly where we can find God.



I shall be more aware and looking more carefully; I hope you will too.

With my very best wishes  
Barbara

## GLORIOUS GRAYSWOOD

The Friends of All Saints Grayswood organised an action-packed three days which involved the whole community from 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June. The splendid flower festival, co-ordinated by Claire Wright, represented every aspect of village life, & the flower team, including Jane Thorne, Jackie Coghlan, Rachel Hall & Joanne Thomson, excelled themselves with displays which included delphiniums, foxgloves & hostas.

The art exhibition, held with the kind hospitality of the Grayswood Club, was directed by Ann Clement & Susie Spragg who are grateful to their many helpers including the artists & their friends.

Many loyal supporters in the village baked delicious cakes, & teas were served in the Village Hall, organised by Trish Bell & her team of energetic helpers. Outside the Hall the plant stall did a roaring trade, selling flowers, shrubs, herbs & vegetables, all home grown in & around the village.

This weekend's celebration of our village life culminated in a memorable Evensong Service, which included an Anthem beautifully sung by the choir.

The Friends of All Saints would like to express their gratitude for the generosity & hard work of all concerned in creating a most enjoyable event which saw some 350 visitors. Around £3000 was raised, which will help fund repairs & maintenance of our beautiful Grade II Listed church.

## CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF GRAYSWOOD SCHOOL

Excerpt from recent Newsletter: 'The increasing pressure on Reception places has meant that locally two Primary Schools have been asked to take "bulge" classes. This in turn has meant that in 2015, as far as Surrey County Council are concerned, there will be no Key Stage 2 Year 3 places for our children.

A possible solution is to expand Grayswood School to become a through Village Primary, however it is not the only solution and it will not come without its challenges.

I am well aware that there are concerns about traffic and parking but these issues are a problem at all of our local schools. However, by expanding our school we will not be doubling families; it is often the same families with more than one child in school, so in theory this should reduce the number of traffic movements. I can assure you that we will be actively working on positive solutions to manage the many challenges that we do, and will, face but I know from personal experience that where there is a will, there is always a way. Our expansion, if it happens, will be managed over three to four years. Expanding our infant school to a Village Primary school will secure and sustain our Church and our village. Recently, on leaving All Saints on a Sunday morning, the village green was thrumming with a marquee from a wedding the previous day being dismantled and cricket practice for every age group being carried out on the village green. Together the Church and our School form the heart of our village. With a new Government funding formula our school at its current size will not be sustainable and it will close. Expanding our infant school to a Village Primary school will secure and sustain not only our Church and our village but it will also secure outstanding long term local education for all of our children.'

Thank you so much for your support. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindest regards, Sally Bloomfield, Head Teacher

Please email your views to: [office@grayswood.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@grayswood.surrey.sch.uk)  
Consultation ends at 12 pm, 19th July

Contacting the Runner : Telephone: 01428 656504, [editor@grayswoodparish.org](mailto:editor@grayswoodparish.org)

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

- 7<sup>th</sup> Parish Communion  
 14<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship  
 21<sup>st</sup> Parish Communion  
 28<sup>th</sup> All Age Morning Worship

**Thursdays 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion at  
 10.15am

**CHURCH SERVICES in AUGUST****8am Holy Communion 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> only****Every Sunday** the main service is at **10am**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Parish Communion (including all ages)  
 11<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship (including all ages)  
 18<sup>th</sup> Parish Communion (including all ages)  
 25<sup>th</sup> All Age Morning Worship

**No Thursday services, nor Morning Prayer on  
 Mondays, during August**

**Police Meeting**

Drop in and meet your local policing team  
 Wednesday 24th July, 2-3 pm at The Wheatsheaf

**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: [allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com)

**Pastoral Care:** if you would like someone to visit you - for whatever reason— please contact Barbara or Janet (details above). You are promised complete confidentiality

**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](mailto:gwynnfamilysky.com)

**VILLAGE PRAYER**

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

The Christian Aid collection in Grayswood amounted to £298.49 plus extra Gift Aid. A big 'Thank You' to all who contributed to The Bite Back At Hunger campaign which Christian Aid launched this year. The total collected by all the Churches in the area will be published in the Haslemere Herald in due course.  
*Daphne Stephenson, CA Rep for All Saints*

**Useful Grayswood Numbers**

Village Hall Bookings  
[mark@stonefern.com](mailto:mark@stonefern.com)

Grayswood Club 07748 065 821

Grayswood School 642086

Grayswood Nursery School 658931

Wheatsheaf 644440

**YOUR RUNNER NEEDS YOU!**

We are always looking for contributions to our newsletter. Feel free to contact the Editor with details you would like included next month by **16th August**

**Events in July**

**Book Club:** Tuesday 9th July

**WI:** Wednesday 10th July

**Good News Van:** Monday 22nd July

**Toddler Group:** 9.15-10.45 am each Wednesday in Term Time (finishing 17th July)

**Grayswood Village Club**

Support your local non-profit making club which is run by volunteers.

Pop in for a chat and drink, or both - all ages welcome.

Available for functions.

We are open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 - 11 pm, most Saturdays during the cricket season, [some Tuesdays and Thursdays - depending if the club is being used for meetings such as Book Club,

Gardening Club, Angling Club etc].

Quiz night is always on the last Thursday of the month.

For further information email  
 Mark Fisher:  
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**Charity Sky Dive**

Local resident Ali Bishop and two family members are doing a sky dive for the Alzheimer's Society on 20th July 2013 and are hoping to raise £1600 for the charity.

If you would like to support them please donate through [www.justgiving.com/teamdelightfuldivers](http://www.justgiving.com/teamdelightfuldivers), or contact Ali on 01428 656634.

**'LIFE ON OUR EARTH'**

**An Exhibition at Haslemere Museum 6<sup>th</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013**

Sculptor Andy Hill's magnificent works of art will be part of an Exhibition 'Life on our Earth' in July & August, together with paintings & illustrations by local, & extremely talented, Leon Hill, together with items from the Museum's own collections.

Andy has a knack of breathing life into steel structures in a way that has to be seen to be fully appreciated, & as well as making anatomically correct dinosaur skeletons he creates more whimsical characters, like the gladiator standing guard at the entrance to the Craft Rooms!

Leon will be showing a large selection of his wildlife paintings— so highly detailed that they are often mistaken for photographs. Along with bird, butterfly & animal subjects, Leon has a fascination with more unusual, often overlooked, creatures. He will set-up an area within the museum, in which to paint throughout the exhibition, & is happy to chat about his work & techniques he uses. His original artwork for a recently published children's book will also be displayed.

Many original paintings will be offered for sale at the exhibition, together with cards & educational children's books that can be signed by Leon. For more information about & y Hill's work please visit <http://www.ferrassic-park.co.uk> & for the Museum please visit [www.haslemere-museum.co.uk](http://www.haslemere-museum.co.uk)