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Gravy

**It's all
gravy....**

The urban dictionary defines this as 'it's all good, everything is cool'. Most of us, however, know gravy as, hopefully, a rich and delicious accompaniment to roast dinners, others know it as something resembling fudge that won't set - even something that needs to be sieved!

Gravy, good gravy, is an art as is writing smart and witty editorials and I hope over recent years you have had cause to enjoy them or even learn something new along the way (I have one friend still looking for the dragon's teeth mentioned in a previous edition!) Or maybe, Like my dearest friend and her gravy, I just can't write editorials for toffee! Either way, I wish you a wonderful sun filled Summer to enjoy that which makes you happy, and that this newsletter greets you in its September edition to find that in your lives, it really is all gravy!



With love, Editor

Dear Friends

Well, I did it! Special thanks to my hairdresser, Kathy, who was very patient - and thorough, as I hope you can see! People have been so very generous, and if I have inadvertently omitted to thank you, please take this as a very big THANK YOU. You can see this picture and an accompanying paragraph on the diocesan website: www.cofeguildford.org.uk under 'Latest News'.



If any more of you would like to donate now you can see the evidence, your contributions will be more than welcome. We still have about £30,000 to raise if we want to repair the Tower at the same time. Cheques to All Saints Grayswood PCC please; Gift Aid envelopes are available just inside the church. Donations are still coming in, so I'll let you know the total later.

Enough about money! Important though it is, there are other things to be excited about.

In July we have two visits, the first (13th) from Alison Hendy, the Diocesan Children's Work Adviser, who will talk to the whole congregation about Children and Communion, a subject close to my heart. The second is from our Mission Partners Peter and Jane Nott (27th) so do come and hear what they are doing.

In July too, the school begins its transformation from an Infant School to a through Primary.

And many of us will be going on holiday, so I hope you have the sort of good time that you want/need, whether peaceful and restful, or active and challenging. I'm heading for grandchildren - so, not peaceful, but great!

Have a wonderful summer.

With my very best wishes

Barbara

GRAYSWOOD OPEN GARDENS

The glorious weather on Sunday 8th June drew nearly 400 visitors to the second Grayswood Open Gardens day, organised by the Friends of All Saints. This year's event is entirely in support of the church roof appeal.

Ten beautiful gardens of various sizes and styles opened their gates, together with the allotments and the village Infant School, with its garden, delightful "secret garden" and forest area.

Visitors were treated to glorious displays including roses, delphiniums, clematis, alliums and flourishing vegetable beds. The teas and delicious homemade cakes were highly popular and the plant stall did a roaring trade.

It was lovely to see so many visitors strolling down the lanes in the sun, looking at their programmes to see where to go next and admiring the gardens.

Everyone agreed it had been a great day for the whole village, and well worth all the hard work! So thank you **all** for your time and energy, gardening and cake-making skills, plant growing and selling and helping out generally. The Friends of All Saints are delighted to contribute around £3000 to the roof appeal fund.

Roof Appeal News

Quotes should be arriving by the time you are reading this, so we should have a clearer idea of the final sum we are aiming for. Once more thank you all for your support so far. We have more events on the horizon. We would really appreciate help setting up and/or clearing away at these so if anyone feels they aren't up to barn dancing or bidding in the auction, we would love some help.....

****Events for your diary****

12 July Barn Dance at the Village Hall with The Clunch Band and a Ploughman's Supper. Come and try out your do-si-dos..... Time: 7.30 - 11pm. Tickets £15 from Di (654303 or drdianecook@hotmail.co.uk) or Shirley (653285 or shirley1941@btinternet.com)

6 Sept Auction of Promises and Hog Roast at the Village Hall. 7 - 10.30pm. Tickets £10 from Di (details above) Please invite friends and think about what pledges you may feel able to offer for the Main Auction or the Silent Auction that will be running throughout the evening. Many items are already online on our website. **We shall need a large number of helpers during the evening- please offer!!**

11 Oct Pointless Quiz at the Village Hall. You may know the answers but do you know the answers others are **least** likely to have suggested? Plan a team and come along. This as a joint fundraiser for the Roof and the Village Hall. Supper, bar, raffle and a great evening!

Contacting the Runner : Telephone: 01428 656504, grayswoodrunner@gmail.com

CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY

Every Sunday: 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Every Sunday the main service is at **10am**

6th Parish Communion

13th Morning Worship
with **Alison Hendy**
Diocesan Children's Work Adviser

20th Parish Communion

27th All Age Morning Worship
with **Peter and Jane Nott**
our Church Mission Society Partners
in Egypt

Thursdays 3rd & 17th only at 10.15:

Holy Communion

CHURCH SERVICES IN AUGUST

Please check carefully as the pattern is different

No Sunday School; no crèche, no Thursday services

3rd 10am Parish Communion (no 8am)

10th 8am Prayer Book Communion
10am Morning Worship

17th 10am Parish Communion (no 8am)

24th 8am Prayer Book Communion
10am Morning Worship with Song
Squad

31st 8am Prayer Book Communion

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

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

VILLAGE PRAYER

In July our prayers are for those living in Prestwick Lane, Paddock Way, Muddy Lane, and Clammer

Hill Road, and in August for those living in Holdfast Lane, Three Gates Lane and Highercombe Road



Useful Grayswood Numbers

Village Hall Bookings:
mark@stonefern.com

Grayswood Club 07748 065 821

Grayswood School 642086

Grayswood Nursery School 658931

Wheatshaf 644440



Events in July/August

Book Club: Tuesday 8th July/12th Aug

WI: Wednesday 9th July/13th Aug

Good News Van: Monday 28th July

Grandparent/Parent Toddler Group: each Wednesday in Term Time (finishing on 16th July and restarting on 10th September) Please contact Jane White, 643891, or Janet Fry, 01483 527390, for details

Can you answer this riddle?

This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious as to just how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so ordinary and plain that you would think nothing was wrong with it.

In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is highly unusual though. Study it and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching!

(answer below)

Secretary urgently needed for the Grayswood Village Hall Committee

*"Those who can, do.
Those who can do more,
volunteer"
(unknown)*



Please save the date for
Richard Steele-Perkins Memorial Concert
27th September 2014, 8 pm
All Saints Church, Grayswood

Crispian Steele-Perkins Trumpet[s] and Leslie Pearson [Piano], programme including music from Bernstein, Handel, Glen Miller and lots more.

Further details in the next edition...

If you'd like to be part of the team that looks after a building in the heart of the local community, please contact Ali Bishop for more details: 01428 656634
email: bishop_ali@hotmail.com