



The Grayswood Runner



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Something to consider as you cope with the current delays!

Love it or loathe it the A286 is the main artery for Grayswood, and it has been quite a year!

Flooding and trees down, road-works and traffic lights, new electrical substations and speed limits, woodland and hedging cleared, potholes galore, and yet as we near the end of 2014 it is still there, the proud connection between Milford and Haslemere.

It brings us our power, our food, our water, and is the way to work, school, holidays, shops - pretty well everything in our lives. It is also, for many of us, the way to the things that matter most in our lives - our family, home, and village.

So next time you journey along our link to the world and sigh with relief that you have got home, why not enjoy its beauty and celebrate its presence in our lives. The A286, my favourite road.

David Glaser

Dear Friends

While he was praying in front of the crucifix in the ancient church in San Damiano (pictured), Francis of Assisi (d.1226) heard the voice of Jesus Christ saying to him: 'Francis, repair my Church.' Francis assumed this meant church with a small c -- the ruin of a building he was in, and so he set out to do just that, but his eagerness got him into trouble, too complex to describe here! Jesus was really calling him to do something about the corruption and obscene wealth of the Church -- capital C -- as an organisation, and he renounced his inherited wealth and throughout the rest of his life lived in simplicity and poverty. His way of life and his integrity encouraged many to join him.



Today when we say 'church' we too often assume it is the building we're talking about. And we are indeed in the business at the moment of repairing our actual building -- or at least the roof. Much has happened since we launched the appeal on All Saints Day last year. People have been incredibly generous with their money and their time and our grateful thanks go to all those who have raised a tile or two. I can watch some of the progress from my kitchen window and as I write the tiles have begun to come off.

We must however take a lesson from St Francis and realise that the Church is not the building, although that is important, but it is people -- the people who call themselves Christians now, here in Grayswood, and in every time and place for the past 2000 years. Christians in every continent, past, present and future, are all our brothers and sisters in Christ. So perhaps, when we think today about building the church/Church, we can think of our buildings of course, but of far more importance is the building of relationships with others who believe in Jesus and with those of other faiths and none.

With my very best wishes

Barbara

Auction of Promises on 6th September

Many thanks to all those who donated lots for auction, helped on the night, or came along to bid and made the evening so enjoyable. The hog roast was well received and the auctioneer worked his magic to ensure that we raised over £5500. A spectacular success!

Are you a quiz buff? Do you know the answers others are least likely to give?

If so, then try our **POINTLESS QUIZ** based (loosely!) on the TV game show

Grayswood Village Hall
October 11th
7.30 - 10.30 pm

Tickets: £10 or a table of 8 for £70 to include supper

Licensed bar and raffle

For tickets, please contact Di Cook 01428 654303, drdianecook@hotmail.co.uk, or Kate Dean (*details below*)

Money raised will be divided between the Village Hall and the Roof Fund

Grayswood Nursery and Forest School

The new academic year has started well with the nursery at full capacity and our new children settling in happily. The weather has been kind and we have been able to take full advantage of the beautiful green in the village, as well as the National Trust woodland for our Forest School sessions. We have ventured to Blackdown with a group to explore and enjoy a picnic. Regular visits to the allotment will soon prepare the 'plot' for the winter.

Our topic for the first half of the Autumn term is Paddington Bear. So we have been learning about Darkest Peru (and other places too, as well as our own home), how we travel around the world, and much more. Indoors we have been enjoying plenty of cooking and painting -- pictures of our friend Paddington, constructing homes and buildings, and talking about our families and friends. Soon we will begin to think about Autumn and all the changes we see around us, and hopefully arrange some more visits to Blackdown to watch the trees change.

If you would like to come and see what we do at nursery please call us and arrange a visit. We welcome visitors to come and spend time with the children, perhaps to do some art projects, read a story or explore the woodland with us, or perhaps you have another skill you would like to share with us.

Please call Kate on 01428 658931 or email: grayswoodnursery@hotmail.co.uk

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

CHURCH SERVICES in OCTOBER

Every Sunday: 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
Every Sunday the main service is at 10am

- 5th **HARVEST**
(We are intending to give goods donated at the Harvest Service to Haslemere's Food Bank. Please see the list below if you would like ideas of items that are currently needed)
- 12th Parish Communion
- 19th Parish Communion
 Preacher: Dr Colin Brown
- 26th All Age Morning Worship
Bible Sunday

Thursdays 2nd & 16th at 10.15:
 (not on 29th)
Informal Holy Communion in Church House

Advance notice for **NOVEMBER**

2nd All Saints Patronal Festival with Rev Canon Dr Hazel Whitehead and at 4pm Annual Memorial Service led by Fiona Gwynn

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.
 tel: 656504 e-mail: barbarasteeleperkins@tiscali.co.uk

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 October we pray for those living in
 Lower Road, Park Close and
 Ash Tree Close

Useful Grayswood Numbers

Village Hall Bookings:
mark@stonefern.com

Grayswood Club 07748 065 821

Grayswood School 642086

Grayswood Nursery School
 658931

Wheatsheaf 644440



Events in July/August

Book Club: 2nd Tues in month

WI: 2nd Wed in month

Good News Van: 4th Mon in month

Grandparent/Parent Toddler Group: each Wed in Term
 Time— Please contact Jane White, 643891, or Janet Fry, 01483 527390, for details

Christmas is on its way!

Cards for Good Causes is a multi-charity Christmas card shop selling cards (advent calendars, wrappings, tags and gifts) on behalf of national and local charities.

The Shop will be open in Haslemere Museum, from Friday 17th October—Saturday 13th December, from 10 am-4.30 pm



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon will be held in Grayswood Club on 3rd October from 2-4 pm, with plenty of cakes to purchase as well. It will be a lovely afternoon, with the opportunity to meet people and have a chat over a coffee and cake, buy cakes for taking home with you, and to raise funds for this worthwhile charity.



Sadly, it doesn't, and despite trying to remind my owners they keep forgetting the plastic bags!!

On a more serious note, children have recently been arriving at Grayswood School with messy shoes, unless walking in the road to avoid our canine friends' deposits. As there really is no poop fairy, local residents would be very grateful if owners could be particularly vigilant when walking their dogs. Thank you.

CURRENT FOOD BANK NEEDS 2014

- Small bags of sugar
- Small boxes of tea
- Coffee
- Long life milk
- Tinned pasta
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned meat
- Tinned fish
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned puddings
- Drinking chocolate
- Pasta sauce
- Jam/marmalade
- Biscuits
- Toiletries