

## Remembrance 2014

Join me in your imagination on a scrubby hillside in North East India. In the distance are the Burma Hills; at the foot of the slope are a cluster of Naga huts and a plain cross made out of railway sleepers. This is Aradura Spur, and the cross is the memorial to the Royal Norfolk Regiment, whose losses in the attack on this Spur were so heavy. Within the wire enclosure around the cross are four men and a widow – all from that battalion – together with a padre and two buglers. One of the men asks me whether it would be right to wear his old Norfolk forage cap. Of course it was. One man recites the exhortation; the man with the cap lays a wreath and salutes; the buglers sound Last Post, then the widow's son recites the Kohima words for a father he has never seen. Very simple, very moving, but there was a deep sense of comradeship between everyone at that spot which certainly embraced those who fell in that battle. It was the sort of comradeship you would readily recognise.



I saw the Royal Norfolk old comrade in several war cemeteries in India over the following days. This time he was wearing a Jewish cap, and armed with a list of Jewish graves brought from England, he found each one and said prayers over them, I was witnessing a rare act of dedication and compassion and it made me feel very humble. Perhaps most clearly of all, I see Mrs Morrissey, 87 years old, stoically climbing Kohima Ridge to stand by her husband's grave. To me this seemed to say, 'Remembrance is for all in equal measure'.

This year, Remembrance Day marks the 100th anniversary of the start of the Great War, certainly significant in historic and technical terms, but no more momentous in terms of sacrifice and unselfishness than in other wars and conflicts.

*General Sir Edward Burgess November 2014*

## Dear Friends

I looked up 'Remembrance Sunday' online just now and one sub-heading was 'Every Man Remembered'. And of course we should remember and be properly grateful. Our way of life now is partly because they were willing to lay down their lives for others – for us.



But do we also remember the women? What about the women who simply got on with it? Women who did the sort of work they'd never dreamt of doing before? Women who brought up children on their own? Women who struggled financially and went without so their children could eat? Women who mourned, whether their husbands, fathers, sons were absent, missing or dead? These women laid down their lives too, in a different way, but still sacrificially.

While the men's sacrifice is still, quite rightly remembered, that of the women was subsequently forgotten – in this country at least. Is it still? I watched 'Made in Dagenham' again the other day, the true story of the women who went on strike in 1968 for equal pay. And the Church of England has only just, in July this year, said yes to women bishops.

Equal opportunity, equal pay, equal remembering. I truly believe that sort of justice is in the heart of God for every man, woman and child.

With my very best wishes

*Barbara*

## Piano Recital at All Saints on Sunday 9th November at 3 pm

Jessica Gale, a talented young musician, is preparing for her piano Diploma exam in December, and will perform her Diploma repertoire, including music by Bach, Beethoven and Schumann.

She will be joined by Kay Turk to play three lively duets, including 'The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba'.

Entry is free, and tea and cake will be served in the interval, but there will be a retiring collection in aid of the Church Roof Appeal, for those who would like to contribute.

More information is available from Shirley Richmond, 01428 653285, shirley1941@btinternet.com

## All Saints Christmas Fayre

Saturday 6 December

11.30am – 1.30pm

Grayswood Village Hall

Lots of fun and entertainment for all, including:- Children's Corner, Toys and Games, Gifts, Bric a Brac, Bulbs, Mugs, Decorations, Books and DVDs, Cards, Raffle, Bottle Tombola and lots more....

Soup and Bacon Butties served from 12pm – 1.30pm

Stall contributions welcome, as are any offers to help on the day!!

Contact Di (01428 654303; drdianecook@hotmail.co.uk) or Shirley (01428 653285; shirley1942@btinternet.com)



## A PARISH TEA PARTY...

.....to say a big 'Thank You' from All Saints to everyone for the help and support that you have given us over the last year. The scaffolding is up. The tiles are going on. The work should be completed by the end of November.

Please come and join us for afternoon tea in the Village Hall to celebrate our new roof on Sunday 30th November 4 – 5.30 pm



**CHURCH SERVICES in NOVEMBER**

Every Sunday: 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Every Sunday (except 9th) the main service is at 10am



- 2nd All Saints Patronal Festival (All Age)  
Rev'd Canon Hazel Whitehead  
4pm Annual Memorial Service
- 9th 10.50am Remembrance Sunday Morning Worship followed by a short ceremony at the War Memorial
- 16th Parish Communion  
Rev'd Clive Potter
- 23rd All Age Morning Worship with Baptisms of Annabelle Guidi and Wilfred Shaw

Thursday 20th at 10.15 in Church House  
Informal Holy 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.  
tel: 656504 e-mail: [barbarasteeleperkins@tiscali.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:gwynnfamilysky.com)

For more information, visit the church website on [www.grayswoodparish.org](http://www.grayswoodparish.org)

**Personal Service**

*Would you like your copy of  
The Runner posted to you in the  
future?*

*If so, I shall be glad to add you to my  
new list, starting with the Dec/January  
issue.*

*Please let me know by email:  
[lamb@haslemere.com](mailto:lamb@haslemere.com)  
or telephone 01428 643798 for  
further details.*

*Thank you,  
Pauline Lamb*

**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

Wheatshaf 644440

**Events in November**

**Book Club:** Tuesday 11th November

**WI:** Wednesday 12th November

**Good Book Morning:** Monday 24th  
November

**Grandparent/Parent Toddler Group:**  
each Wednesday in Term Time in the  
Oonagh Jeffrey Room of the Village Hall  
Please contact Jane White, 643891, or  
Janet Fry, 01483 527390, for details

**VILLAGE PRAYER**

During November we remember  
those who live in Grayswood Road  
and Haslemere Road

**Grayswood War Memorial**

The Town Council are interested in helping us with the upkeep of the memorial. They are also proposing to remove old wreaths at the end of December each year. If you have any views/ideas, please let me know by the end of December.  
Angela Wheeler Tel: 652667

**Haslemere Food Bank**

Items needed at the moment  
(preferably small rather than  
family packs, please):

Sugar  
Long-life milk  
Small boxes of tea  
Tinned pasta  
Drinking chocolate  
Tinned puddings (other than  
Rice)  
Coffee  
Tinned meat, vegetables and  
fish  
Toiletries  
Biscuits and puddings  
Soup, baked beans, pasta  
and nappies are not  
currently needed

**All Saints Church, Roofing Project Update from the Project Team – 20.10.14**

All old tiles have now been removed from the front elevations of the church at the same time as removing old tiles from the rear elevations: where tiles have been removed so far a waterproof membrane and new battens have been fitted. The next important stage is to complete the scaffolding around the spire, replace the shingles and remove the chimney at the rear. Then the remaining rooves at the rear can be treated in the same way as the other elevations. The contractors are still hoping to complete by the end of November. This activity is weather dependent and a challenging environment for the contractors especially with such a steep pitched roof. Thank you for your continued patience and co-operation.