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### Grayswood Nursery and Forest School

In May last year we started to run a Breakfast Club as a temporary measure during the road-works. We thought it would last a couple of weeks, but several of our parents found it very useful and encouraged some school parents to use it too. You may remember a little notice in the Runner in the Summer looking for someone to come and help us with Breakfast Club, and our plea was read by a Grayswood resident who has come to work with us.

Sue, together with our existing member of staff, Richard, now run Breakfast Club each morning and they have seen a steady increase in children – up to 16 children every day now enjoy a playtime before sitting down to breakfast together, then going off to school ready for the excitement of the day.

Any child attending Grayswood School or Nursery is able to attend the Breakfast Club which opens at 8am, with breakfast served at 8.10 am.

If you would like further details please contact us on: [grayswoodnursery@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:grayswoodnursery@hotmail.co.uk)

Kate Dean

### We must be crazy but.....

.....it seems such a shame to abandon social events after such a fun and busy year last year, so, we want to organise something in September, when everyone is back from holiday and feeling that they need a pick-me-up.

Please contact Di (654303, [drdianecook@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:drdianecook@hotmail.co.uk)) or Shirley (653285, [shirley1941@btinternet.com](mailto:shirley1941@btinternet.com)) with suggestions of the sort of event you would like it to be - it could be a quiz, barn dance, or something we haven't yet even considered, and help us to celebrate the year before Autumn creeps up on us!

### Dear Friends

It's been quite an experience watching the builders from my kitchen window: they've climbed ladders, walked along the scaffolding (how glad I am that's not my job!); they've inspected, measured, hammered and stripped off old tiles only to find rotten and rotting wood underneath. They've managed the weather and come across things they didn't expect. They've had discussions at regular site meetings, replaced the old with new materials and as I write there's one more day to go before completion date. The roof, the tower, the clock and the Lych Gate look wonderful, don't they? And it will look even better when all the scaffolding comes down, all the builders' paraphernalia has gone from the site and the grass has grown back.



Do come to a

### Special Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving Sunday 1st March at 10am

We give thanks to God for all that we as a community in Grayswood have been able to achieve because of everyone's generosity.

**Thank you all very much!**



This experience can be seen as a parable of our lives. We can think of ourselves in two ways:

First as individuals: each of us is a building in process and there is work going on in us, stripping away the rotten and replacing with good. If we don't notice the process going on, others do – and may tell us! I remind myself daily that I am not complete, not perfect (I don't need to tell anyone that, it's obvious!) and work is

needed. The same is true of the church as people; we are not perfect.

Secondly together: as a church family we are like a building in process and we trust we increasingly reflect our gracious and loving God. The community of Grayswood is also a family, which, we hope, is increasingly generous and caring.

So, as the current work on the church building comes to an end, we remind ourselves, appropriately for Lent, that we are still a work in progress. Long may that work continue!

*With every good wish*  
Barbara

### BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW! THE JOHN SHILLITO BAND

Back by popular demand following their sell out 2014 performance!

Come along for an evening of traditional New Orleans Jazz in All Saints Church  
**on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 at 8 pm**

Tickets £15 each, or including a two-course supper, £25.

Contact: Pauline Lamb (tel: 01428 643798 or [lamb@haslemere.com](mailto:lamb@haslemere.com))

Janet Dallas (tel. 01428 643227 or email [janetdallas54@gmail.com](mailto:janetdallas54@gmail.com))

Organised by the Friends of All Saints Grayswood



**CHURCH SERVICES in FEBRUARY**

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

- 1st** Parish Communion
- 8th** Morning Worship (All Age)  
 Speakers: Jimmy and Katia Rocks  
 our new CMS Mission Partners
- 15th** Parish Communion
- 18th** Ash Wednesday 8pm  
 United Benefice Service at  
 Grayswood
- 22nd** All Age Morning Worship
- Thursday 5th** at 10.15: Holy Communion
- 1st March** A Special Service of Celebration  
 and Thanksgiving for our new roof
- 6.30pm** Cathedral Evensong with Bishop Andrew  
 whose Inauguration is the day before

**VILLAGE PRAYER**

This month we remember those who live in  
 The Mount, Upper Mount and  
 Williamson Close

**Happy New Year!**

Greetings from Haslemere Food Bank to all the  
 people of Haslemere and around who have so  
 kindly donated food and funds over the past year.

Thanks to your amazing generosity we have been  
 able to distribute about 250 food packs in this area  
 to families who were in temporary financial crisis.

In addition to this, we were also very pleased to be  
 able to distribute special Christmas Packs to 45  
 families who were struggling financially over the  
 Christmas Season. Your donations of special  
 Christmas 'goodies' made this possible and it was  
 very much appreciated by those who received  
 these packs.

Thank you also for those who made a huge  
 effort to collect, contribute and deliver Harvest  
 gifts to the food bank. We were overwhelmed by  
 the extent and variety of the donations which has  
 meant that the food bank store is currently very  
 well stocked with most products, although there  
 are still certain items of which we regularly tend to  
 run low in stock.

Sadly our experience at the food bank, since  
 opening in July 2013, indicates that there is a  
 definite need in Haslemere for such a service,  
 meaning that we will continue to rely on your  
 generosity in the coming year. Please look out for  
 the updated list of products which are needed (and  
 items currently not needed), which should be  
 posted at all the Collection Points.

Please also be aware that, although we would love  
 to be able to distribute fresh produce, we simply do  
 not have the facility for storing fresh goods, so  
 please donate only the listed products.

Thank you.

*Trish Bell*

**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 messag-  
 es every day except Tuesday and will get back to you as soon as possible.  
 tel: 656504 e-mail: [barbarasteelerperkins@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:barbarasteelerperkins@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.

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

**Useful 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

**Events in February**

**Book Club:** Tuesday 10th February

**WI:** Wednesday 11th February

**Good Book Morning:** Monday 24th

**Grandparent/Parent Toddler**

**Group:** each Wednesday in Term  
 Time. Please contact Jane White,  
 643891, or Janet Fry, 01483  
 527390, for details

**What's it all about?**

Have you ever wondered whether a Women's  
 Institute meeting starts with Jerusalem? Whether  
 there is a table of jams and chutneys for sale?  
 Well, if you have, or indeed haven't, why not give  
 your village WI a chance to welcome you?

We have a wide range of talks and activities  
 planned in 2015, including a Surrey Centenary  
 Celebration in July, a Cheese and Beer/Cider  
 Tasting session, and a visit to Evelyn and Glynn  
 Phillips sculpture garden along Lower Road.

Talks this year include John Smith talking about  
 Flora Thompson, and Barbara Steele-Perkins  
 telling us about life as a village priest. Practical  
 sessions include flower arranging, making  
 bunting, and a keepsake and memories evening.

We hope that there will be something of interest  
 for everyone, so do come along and join a group of  
 women aged 30-90 for fun, friendship and the  
 opportunity to learn and be inspired.

Ring Anne: 01428 645014 or Carol: 01428 652902  
 for more details. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of  
 the month in Grayswood Village Hall at 7.30pm.

We hope to see you there!

Baby Massage Courses and  
 Baby Yoga Sessions available in  
 Grayswood Village Hall on  
 Thursday mornings. Contact  
 Vera Frank-Schultz on  
 07735084771  
 or [vera@muzitots.co.uk](mailto:vera@muzitots.co.uk)

**Your Village needs**

Can you spare a little time to  
 help your community?  
 The village hall would love to  
 have representatives from the  
 village join their friendly  
 committee. Email:  
[culhane@grayswood.co.uk](mailto:culhane@grayswood.co.uk);  
 or phone Judy: 01428 644125