



The Grayswood Runner

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Just as things were hotting up for the end of term - Art Exhibition Invitations sent out; some children busy preparing for the move to their next stage of education, with visits from local Reception Teachers; new nursery pupils attending their Taster Sessions with us; our Beowulf filming at its most critical stage - the phone rang at the Village Hall to announce the imminent arrival of the Ofsted Inspector!

The Inspection is our opportunity to showcase all that happens at your Village Nursery School. The Inspector ploughs through numerous pieces of paperwork: policies and procedures; planning and progression; practice and professionalism. They observe staff at their work, asking probing questions and similarly approach the children. They watch and write, and write and watch.....

It is an anxious time. In Haslemere, and the immediate environs, there are very good schools and nurseries! The competition is tough and parents have a healthy range of options. The Inspection usually happens every 4 years, in our case we had waited for 6 years so you will understand the pressure was high as we anticipated a bit of a grilling - and we only have one day to show all we achieve for over 45 children - each very individual little people with individual needs.

So when the call came at 2 pm on Tuesday giving us a few hours of notice, it was all systems go, but what can you do with just a few hours - if anything is wrong or missing it is much too late to change - so we hoovered the carpets a little more thoroughly, ensured we had enough teabags to offer the Inspector a cup of tea and went home for an early night!

In the event we had no need to be anxious. Our Inspector was delightful: informed about the nursery and keen to let the staff and children demonstrate the effectiveness of our learning environment: the beautiful Hall, glorious Village Green and our newly acquired woodland (to which we will shortly be inviting you - watch this space). A grading of 'Outstanding in All Areas' was a welcome reward for staff and children alike and we were particularly proud with a comment in the report "children's behaviour is exemplary at all times". (If you wish to read the full report you can do so on the nursery website: www.grayswoodnurseryschool.org)

The end of the Summer Term is always bitter-sweet as we say goodbye to children as they move to the next stage of their education - no longer 'up' to school or moving to 'big' school, as children are now already at school when they attend nursery and the foundations set at this critical stage of development are proven to affect future learning - but onwards for new challenges and excitements for which we strive to ensure they are well prepared.

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Dear Friends

A lovely ex-resident of Grayswood was fond of using the phrase 'gird your loins'. I always understood it to mean - prepare yourself for what's about to happen - especially as we worked together with small children!

Well that's exactly how I feel today when I open a newspaper, turn on the news, or headlines flash up on the computer. Gird your loins - what on earth is happening now?

Of course there has always been bad news - I am not being naïve - but unless it's just me looking back with rose-tinted spectacles there always used to be at least one feel-good story on the 6 o'clock news which would somehow balance things out, at least a little bit.

If I do watch the news, and I am finding myself less and less inclined to do so, I end up wondering how I can make a difference to any of it? Of course, the answer is I can do very little on the world stage, but I can make a difference locally.

Since I wrote the article for the runner last year, just after my ordination as Deacon, I have been trying to work out the best way to support both the congregation and those in the village. Some of the things I've done, such as lead services, take funerals and wedding services come as part of the role. The other part, the pastoral side, doesn't have such clear definition, so I am having to learn as I go and let God guide me as to where, and with whom, I should be. And that's the part where I am hoping that I can make the most difference. My Priesting in July seemed somehow to confirm that even more. So if you see me out in the village and have got the time, please do stop and say hello. I'm not just here for those who attend All Saints on a Sunday, I am here for everyone.

So that's what I'm doing to try and make my little bit of difference - but what can you do?

In the last few weeks we have had several requests for volunteers advertised in our newssheet. Maybe one of these is something that you would be able to help with? Most don't require a massive amount of time, but it may be something you would consider doing. Could you be a driver or man the phones for Care in Haslemere? Do you have finance skills and the time to take on the role of Treasurer of Grayswood WI (if no-one comes forward to take it on, or the role of the Chair, then it will have to close), or have you got green fingers and could help out with some gardening at the School? Contact details are listed below, but if you can't find who you're looking for please contact me and I will point you in the right direction.

We may not be able to change the world but we can play our part in ensuring that Grayswood and Haslemere continues to be a great place in which to live.

With love, Fi

Care in Haslemere: needs drivers & duty officers (01428 652505 weekday mornings, or Monday & Friday afternoons)
 Phyliss Tuckwell Hospice: needs volunteers in the shops & someone to drive a van (Karen on 01252 729431)
 Grayswood WI: seeks Chair & Treasurer (email: annebristowe100@talktalk.net)
 Help at Grayswood School: (01428 642086)
 Hasleway: needs a leader for the Orchard Club on Thursdays (01428 65190)



A date for your diary!
Saturday October 15th
7.30 pm

Come and enjoy another exciting skittles evening in Grayswood Village Hall



Last year's evening with a traditional skittle alley was so popular we're repeating the event! Make up your own team of six or come and make new friends

Tickets £10, to include a delicious supper including home-made puddings, from Judy Culhane 01428 644125 or Shirley Richmond 653285 shirley1041@btinternet.com

CHURCH SERVICES in SEPTEMBER

4th September **no 8am service**

11th and following: 8am Holy Communion as usual

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

4th Parish Eucharist

11th Morning Worship

18th **A Teaching Eucharist** – see * below

25th All Age Worship with Baptism

6pm at the Cathedral

Welcome service for our new Suffragan Bishop

Rt Revd Dr Jo Bailey Wells



* What do we think we're doing at a service of Holy Communion?

Why is it called different things?

Come along at 10am on Sunday 18th September and experience a teaching Eucharist (instead of a sermon)

VILLAGE PRAYER

In September we remember those who live in The Mount, Upper Mount and Williamson Close.

An opportunity to clear your clutter!

Shirley Richmond would be grateful for any contributions of small jam jars (preferably the size used by supermarkets for mustard etc., holding about 180g), and also for 'good as new' mugs, to both be used for the All Saints Fayre on 3rd December.



Please leave any contributions in bags by the choir vestry door (on the right behind the choir stalls at the front of All Saints church). Many thanks.

Two community events for good causes to support:



On Saturday 10th September, Naomi Taylor will be hosting a **Coffee and Cake Morning** from 10 am at Horseshoes, Prestwick Lane, in aid of the rebuilding of Bhaktapur Children's Home (one of three in Nepal supported by the 'Hands with Hands' charity), following damage caused by the recent earthquake

On Saturday 1st October, the WI is hosting a **MacMillan Coffee Morning** from 10-midday at the Village Club.

THE FRIENDS THIS YEAR – an update

Our first event this year was the Jazz Concert, given by The John Shillito Six, their third and most successful visit to Grayswood, with pews and choir stalls filled. Jazz is now established in Grayswood, so look out for the FB Pocket Orchestra on 1st April 2017, who come to us following a successful open air concert at Uppark this summer, with a fine female vocalist/clarinetist.

On a cold, but thankfully dry, Sunday in June we held our third Open Gardens Day, brought to a perfect end by a beautiful Choral Evensong. This has now become a popular biennial village event, so our next one will be in 2018, which is not so far away in horticultural terms!

We are poised to cover the imminent final bill of about £3,000, in relation to the church roof works, and will then have contributed over £25,300 towards church repairs and improvements.

Apart from the Jazz Concert next year, we are also planning a golf day, but we need further enjoyable fund-raising ideas, so please let us have your thoughts.

We are also looking for more supporters to pay a minimum £10 per year subscription (preferably by banker's order) in order to maintain a steady base income, to help ensure that our church stands as a place of beauty and worship for our community in the years ahead.

Please contact our Membership Secretary on 01428 643798, or email lamb@haslemere.com, for more information, and thank you for your ongoing support.

Pauline Lamb & Allen Chubb

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 does some teaching for the Diocese. She responds to answer-phone messages every day except Tuesday and will get back to you as soon as possible.

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

Fi Gwynn works part time in a voluntarily capacity for the church, as an Ordained Local Minister. Fi's day off is Friday.

email: revfiwynn@gmail.com

Janet Fry, our church administrator, works in **Church Office** (in Church House) which is usually 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.

For more information, please visit the church website on : www.grayswoodparish.org

Cello and Piano Recital at All Saints Church on Saturday 17th Sept. at 11.30 am



With local musicians Anna Hunt (Cello) and Clive Osgood (Piano), in a programme to include Bach's unaccompanied *Cello Suite No.1 in G*, Faure's 'Elegie' and Clive Osgood's own 'Sonata for Cello & piano'

Profits to 'CLIC Sargent' (UK's leading cancer charity for children & young)

CALLING ALL HASLEMERE WAITROSE CUSTOMERS!



One of the charities included in the 'green token' scheme in September is Skillway — based in Godalming, and offering practically based opportunities to children who find it difficult to succeed in a traditional school environment. To find out more please visit: www.skillway.org.uk

HASLEMERE FOOD BANK

Is particularly in need of:

- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned spaghetti
- Long grain rice
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned custard
- Drinking chocolate
- Sugar
- Biscuits
- Shampoo
- Soap



(preferably small rather than family packs, and non-perishables only, please, as the Food Bank is unable to store fresh foods)

Thank you so much for your ongoing support which is greatly appreciated

A new academic year! What about trying out one (or more) of the regular Grayswood events taking place this month?

Book Club: Tuesday 13th, 8 pm, Village Club

Gardening Club: 'Shrubs', Thursday 1st, 7.45 pm, Club

WI: Wed. 14th, 7.30 pm, Hall

Quiz Night: Thursday 22nd Sept., 7.45 pm, the Club

Good Book Morning: Monday 26th, 10.30-12, 77 Lower Road

Grandparent/Parent Toddler Group: Wed. 9.15-10.45 am (term-time from 14th Sept.), OJ, Hall. Details from Jane, 643891, or Vicki, 643034

Grayswood Tennis Tournament

Sunday 11th Sept. from 11am
Rob & Jo Shaw at Grayswood House are hosting an informal tennis tournament. All welcome to come & play or just watch. Bring a picnic. Junior & mixed-age doubles' cups up for grabs
RSVP jo@grayswoodhouse.com

Home & Vintage End of Summer Event will take place in the Village Hall on Sat. 17th Sept., 10 am—3 pm. With traders & artisans selling beautiful items for your homes & gardens, & tea & cake available. Entry £1 for over 14s.

Useful Numbers
Village Hall Bookings: grayswoodvh@outlook.com
Grayswood Club 07748 065 821
Grayswood School 642086
Grayswood Nursery 658931
Wheatshaf 644440