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The Papier-Mâché Mummy



Whilst 'helping' her son with his art homework this week and chatting to me about her potential new haircut, my friend dared me to

write my editorial and include the phrase 'papier-mâché mummy'. She's known me for a long, long time and should know better than to dare me to do something, let alone expect me to back down from it, but as dares go, I figured this was an easy one!

I do often, however, find myself agreeing to things which I really should have said no to, whether due to lack of time or genuine interest. Either way, everyone loses out as I find myself completing some tasks with far less than the 100% commitment they deserve!

Someone once told me, that you don't have to be the person who says 'no', but you also don't always have to be the first person to say 'yes'. I have tried very hard over the past year to take that on board, and hopefully can now do well the things I've taken on, and see as an opportunity for someone else to shine the tasks that I've declined! Now back to that papier-mâché mummy....see, I got it in three times!! *Editor*

Dear Friends

Some people are really good at it, aren't they and love arranging get-togethers, parties and celebrations. For other people it's a struggle and an effort. Perhaps it's a personality thing.

As I get older, I'm not so sure about birthdays, but I can't get away with it as I'm usually staying with my younger daughter and her family around that time. Her boys look forward to the Japanese Steakhouse which has become quite a tradition for the occasion. They love watching the chef who is a master entertainer as well. He cooks in front of us and does all sorts of fabulous things: he makes a volcano with onion rings, he tosses an egg (raw) into his hat, he plays, apparently dangerously, with his chef's knives, and to end the performance, he throws each person a small piece of prawn to see if you can catch it in your mouth - I have yet to succeed!



These traditions are part of who we are as a family, and the same is true of the family of the Church. We celebrate special festivals – Christmas and Easter of course, and at this time of year, All Saints. Sometimes we even have cake instead of biscuits! This year, as well as a service which celebrates saints throughout the ages, we are also launching our Roof Fund Appeal. Do come and help us celebrate.

With my very best wishes
Barbara

Grayswood at Haslemere Christmas Market 1st December 2013



All Saints will have a stall in the Museum at this Street Event. Di Cook, Eileen Notley, Shirley and Penny Richmond will be there raising funds for the church roof, so do come and support them and bring your friends. They will have home made jams and jellies, cakes and bread, calendars and cards and many other goodies. They look forward to seeing you there.

Calling all Men!

Are you a man working, retired or working from home? Would you like the occasional opportunity to meet with other men at a breakfast, a bring and share lunch or even an Indian or Chinese evening meal?

In Grayswood we used to have a fairly regular Men's breakfast, and I am keen to explore whether the busy man of the village, or nearby, would be interested in trying to start an occasional meeting again.

Replies please to :
David Culhane - 644125 or
culhane@grayswood.co.uk

Gift Day, Sunday 3rd November.

We will be receiving gifts **during the service** and from **3pm – 5pm** in church.

At any other time just drop your envelope into Church House.

Your contributions to enable us to keep a roof over our heads are very welcome and warmly appreciated. Thank you.

If your gift qualifies for Gift Aid (that is, if you are a tax payer), pick up a yellow envelope from just inside the church and fill it in with your full name, address and postcode. If not, please just put it in an envelope marked 'Church Roof Fund'.

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

CHURCH SERVICES in NOVEMBER

Saturday 2nd November
Annual Memorial service
at 4 pm

Every Sunday: 8am Holy Communion
Except on 10th the main service is at **10am**

3rd PATRONAL FESTIVAL:
Celebration of
All Saints
 Parish Communion
 and **GIFT DAY**



10th 10.50am Morning Worship for
Remembrance Sunday

17th Parish Communion

24th All Age Morning Worship

Thursdays 7th & 21st
 Holy Communion at 10.15am

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 have any pastoral concerns or would like someone to visit you - for whatever reason, please contact Barbara or Janet on the numbers/emails 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: gwynnfamily@sky.com

Village Defibrillator

In July a defibrillator was installed at the Village Hall for the use of the Grayswood community. This life-saving piece of equipment is straightforward and is designed so that anyone can use it in an emergency. However, short training sessions are being offered at the Village Hall by the Haslemere First

Responders team for anyone who would like to attend.

If you would be interested, please contact the Village Hall Committee Secretary, Alison Bishop, on 01428 656634 or e-mail: bishop_ali@hotmail.com

**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 November**

Book Club: Tuesday 10th

WI: Wednesday 11th—AGM

Good News Van: Monday 23rd

Toddler Group: each Wednesday in Term Time

Save the date: All Saints Christmas Fayre — Saturday 7th Dec. 11.30-1.30 in the village hall. All donations of Toys, Books, Gifts, Bric-a-brac, Cakes etc. are very, very welcome. Please email Heather on mrslybourne@gmail.com or call 01428 605439 for more information

News From Grayswood School:

On 9th October Surrey County council gave confirmation that Grayswood will operate as a through village primary school effective from September 2014. Further expansion plans are available from the school office.

There will be a Christmas Fair on 30th November 3-5pm at school, with lots of stalls, mulled wine and mince pies, grotto and fun activities for children.

Wreath making evening on 4th December at school. Make your own fabulous wreath under the expert instruction from florist Sally Reynolds. All welcome, places limited. Tickets, £25, includes all materials, refreshments and beautiful handmade wreath.

Contact Faye Walton on fayeandjames@me.com 07733115525 for information

The Friends of the Wheatsheaf permanent photographic exhibition
on Thursday 7th November 2013 at 7pm

Working with author Tim Winter and the Haslemere Museum the Friends of The Wheatsheaf have been able to assemble a grand collection of photographs showing Grayswood Village through the years. The opening night will see the walls of the pub transformed with this exciting collection.

We would like you all to be able to share your own pictures with one another to spark tales of Grayswood and its folk, and what better way to do this but by putting them on display, so we invite you to take part by bringing your photographs or pictures to put on to the new Friends notice board.

Whether you want to bring a picture of group of you who have formed a club – an image that shows a proud moment in time – an event where photographs recall the happy day or just a photo of yourself because you like it, please bring it along.

For further information or to book a table please call 01428 64 44 40 or visit us on the day, and come and join in the fun !