



The Grayswood Runner



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Serving the Community in Grayswood

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

It can happen to any of us at any time—either we or someone close to us has an accident, condition, or sudden illness that requires some form of treatment in an emergency. We are of course very fortunate that we now have the excellent Minor Injuries Unit that is available at Haslemere Hospital—but that is of course limited to minor injuries and certain days and times of the week.

In the event of a serious head injury, for example, then a trip to the Royal Surrey in Guildford has been the only way to get high quality treatment really quickly. Minutes count in these situations and it has been wonderful to have this long established A & E Department in Guildford relatively near to us. Recent visitors to the hospital will have also been pleased to notice that the A&E department in Guildford has been refurbished and reorganized at some considerable expense. Waiting times have reduced considerably too, with the introduction of an excellent "Walk In" centre adjacent to A & E.

It is all the more surprising therefore to learn that the A & E could well be closed to help if Guildford is closed then we would have the choice of traveling to St Peters, Chertsey or St Richards, Chichester, as Frimley Park may also close.

These plans are being actively considered and so it may well be worth keeping eyes peeled and ears open in future months.

Editor

Some Village Events in September 2006

Gardening Club	7th
Mens Breakfast	9th
WI	13th
Good News Van	25th

WISE WOMEN

As promised last time, some nuggets to ponder from women of the past. More opportunity to pause for thought.

"Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge, your people shall be my people, and your God, my God."

Put by the story-teller into the mouth of Ruth (Old Testament)

The words of a young woman, after the death of both their husbands, to her mother-in-law no less!

"Yes Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

Martha, 1st century; New Testament

Women are present in the stories of the New Testament, but their own words are rarely heard. At the time a woman couldn't give testimony in a court of law, so perhaps it's not so surprising. But Martha's words here equal those of Peter and Thomas for theological insight.

"A devout person happened to be insulted by someone, and replied, 'I could say as much to you, but the commandment of God keeps my mouth shut.'"

(Amma [Mother] Theodora, 4th century)

Quite a backhander, in a way! But if more of us would think before we speak, would we experience a different world?

"Do not think that you must stop doing your work in order to pray."

St. Teresa of Avila (16th century)

A wonderful insight which frees prayer from the ultra-mysterious and sees it as conversation with God, which can take place any time, anywhere.

"Friendship is the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person; having neither to weigh up thoughts or measure words."

George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans; 19th century)

Abraham was called the friend of God, and Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are my friends'.

"It was in the body of a woman that Christ was born, and the souls of women were the cradles of the Church."

Evangeline Booth (1865-1950)

The daughter of the founder of the Salvation Army grew up watching her mother, Catherine, taking an equal lead in the church, as popular in the pulpit as her husband. Evangeline herself became its worldwide General in 1934.

"When I am an old woman I shall wear purple... and make up for the sobriety of my youth and learn to spit."

Jenny Joseph (recent)

But I wish I'd said it!

Not that I'm biased or anything, but I've enjoyed putting these together. I hope you enjoy them too.

With my very best wishes

Barbara



SPEED CAMERAS FOR GRAYWOOD

Following the introduction of double white lines, The Runner has learnt that from the Autumn the village section of the A286 will be monitored on a routine basis by a speed camera.

The camera, to be shared between Grayswood and Cranleigh, will be operated by volunteers from the village who will be trained by the police in its use. Warning signs will be placed at appropriate places on the A286 and the camera will probably be used near to the war memorial for traffic coming into the village, and by the Village Club to monitor traffic coming down the hill.

Those behind the scheme emphasise that the purpose is to reduce traffic speed and not to catch and fine speeding motorists. Volunteers to assist with camera operation can call 01428 643129 for further information.

FUTURE DATE FOR THE DIARY!

Friday November 10th, 8 pm



Grayswood is extremely privileged to be holding a music evening led by Crispian Steele-Perkins, the world renowned and very eminent trumpet player— also our vicar's brother in law! Do try to come as it should be very special. More information out soon!

THANK YOU DAPHNE!

Daphne Brett is retiring as Chair of Governors of Grayswood School. She has served with distinction for some fifteen years and many children, staff and parents would wish to join the Runner in extending their thanks to Daphne for her hard work and considerable commitment.

Contacting the Runner : Telephone: 01428 656504, editor@grayswoodparish.org

All Saints Matters

Sunday Services

8.00 am Holy Communion every week

10.00 am services are very accommodating for families with young children—we have crèche facilities, fun for older children at Sunday School, and really don't mind if children make a bit of noise in church either! In fact we particularly encourage children to enjoy our church and join in with the first part of our service.

1st Sunday: Parish Communion

2nd Sunday: Morning Worship

3rd Sunday: Parish Communion

4th Sunday: All age Morning Worship

5th Sunday we usually join in with St Barts or St Christophers, either in Grayswood or Haslemere—see notices on the Church Door!

Evening Services are occasional but are advertised in the village.

Mondays at 9 am (not Bank Holidays) - a short meditative service which follows the pattern of the Church since its early days

Thursdays

1st and 3rd Thursday Holy Communion using the BCP (old prayer book)

5th Thursday—Modern Iona style Communion Service

At all services we pray for people in any sort of need. If you would like us to pray for someone in particular - or be prayed for yourself (we need only a first name and you don't have to give a reason), either pop a note into Church House, leave a message on the answerphone, write in the book at the back of church, or ask someone to pass the message on.

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

Our vicar **Barbara Steele-Perkins** (barbarasteelerperkins@tiscali.co.uk) 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 answerphone messages left on 656504 every day except Tuesday and will get back to you as soon as possible. **Janet Fry**, our church administrator, works in **Church Office** 656504 (in Church House) which is open Wed, Thurs and Fri mornings from 9am-12 noon. **Doreen Hutton** 644178 is the coordinator of pastoral care in the parish. Please contact her if you would like someone to visit you - for whatever reason. You are promised complete confidentiality. If you would like to donate flowers at any time - in memory of someone or at a special anniversary. **Jaquie Lisle** 661091 is our flower coordinator. If you need a vicar urgently and can't get through to Barbara, phone **Norman Jones**, Rector of Haslemere (644578).

SO THAT'S WHY THE BRIDE WEARS WHITE!

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is the colour of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life." The child thought about this for a moment, then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

Alpha is Back!

Why not make this year special by attending Grayswood's Alpha Course? For a friendly and relaxed introduction to Christianity contact David Culhane on 644125 in order to find out more!

Lovely Things

Bread is a lovely thing to eat –
 God bless the barley and the wheat!
 A lovely thing to breathe is air –
 God bless the sunshine everywhere!
 The earth's a lovely place to know –
 God bless the folks that come and go!
 Alive's a lovely thing to be –
 Giver of life – we say – bless Thee!

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PHONE NUMBERS

- Church Office 656504**
- Village Hall Bookings 643859**
- Wheatsheaf Pub 644440**
- The Grayswood Club 644154**
- Grayswood School 642086**
- Grayswood Cars 642303**
- Barkers 642894**
- Haslemere Herald 651271**
- Haslemere Hall 642161**
- Hairdresser 642821**
- Village Hall Payphone 658931**

EVENING IN GRAYSWOOD

Keep 18th November free so you can book a place at this year's fund raising party for Children in Need and the King's World Trust.

Plans are under way for a great evening of socialising and entertainment with Dinner and Dancing in Grayswood Village Hall. Tickets will go on sale soon so if you are interested in finding out more contact any of the following Daphne Bleach, Stephen Frye, Rebecca Willows, Heather Laybourne,,Debbie Grimwood,, Janet Dallas or Paul Smy.

VILLAGE PRAYER

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

Grayswood Village Hall—Help!

Grayswood Hall is run by an enthusiastic team of volunteers without whose support the hall just could not function. It is an integral part of village life and it would be really hard to imagine the village without it!

The Committee are looking for someone to take on the role of new bookings secretary to run the diary and answer a few telephone calls. No previous experience is necessary and full training will be given!

If you are interested in getting involved or becoming the bookings secretary then please contact Michelle on 643859

"A Celebration of Life"

A special remembrance service for babies and children is to be held in Guildford Cathedral on Saturday 7th October at 11.00 am. The service is for children who died at any age however long ago and whatever the cause. Everyone is welcome!
 For further information please contact

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