



# The Grayswood Runner



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## A BIG THANK YOU

Most people who live in Grayswood would not want to consider themselves as living in a suburb of Haslemere. Grayswood is after all a village in its own right and it is worth considering the sorts of things that make it a village. For example, there are all the village facilities such as the school, the church, the hall, the club, the green. Then there are all the events and activities which take place virtually every night of the week. The scale and range of these events is quite breathtaking!

All these facilities and activities generate a community of individuals and it is those people and special bonds that make a village. These facilities and events are only possible due to the huge efforts of volunteers— for example school governors, volunteer bar staff at the club, church cleaners, flower arrangers, cricket pitch stewards.

So why not thank a volunteer today, or even better, become one, and ensure the survival of our village as an independent and thriving community!

Editor

## Events in June

Gardening Club	7th
Men's Breakfast	9th
WI	13th
School Ball	16th
Charity Auction	23rd
Good News Van	25th

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## What are we here for?

Is it important to know – or at least to have some sense of an answer?

Human beings can not only remember the past and enjoy the present, but we can also imagine a future. We can fill the future with hopes, aspirations and dreams. It's highly likely that some of those we had years ago have either faded or adapted, or never stood a chance; perhaps we aimed too high, or were too idealistic, or perhaps they were simply childish rather than childlike. Most dreams of being an air hostess or a train driver have never materialized; Prince Charming didn't appear, the family won't fit into a Porsche, and we're still waiting for world peace.

But that doesn't mean we cease to dream. Everyone needs a purpose in life, something to aim for. It gives us hope and direction, however old we are. And our young people need to be encouraged to aim high and aspire to great things. But what sort of things? Surely not just the fabulous lifestyle, clothes and money?

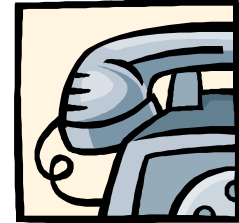
I don't believe (although some Christians do) that God has a detailed plan for each of our lives, which we have to discover by a tortuous process and then follow meticulously, step by step. But I do believe that God has a purpose for us – all of us. If we do profess a Christian faith, we express it by aspiring to be like Jesus Christ: to listen to God, to live wisely, to do good, to challenge evil and humbug, to resist doing wrong; in other words, to love God and neighbour.

At All Saints we have recently put together a 'vision statement', which describes why we think we're here, what we believe our purpose is:

'For God, for one another, for the world'.

Please keep us to it. It's one thing to say, another to live out day by day.

Barbara Steele-Perkins



## FAMILY LINE SURREY

FamilyLine Surrey supports people by providing a listening ear to people who are facing problems or issues within their family. Often a call that starts on one topic can, after a while, reveal far more complex issues. This free telephone service is staffed by trained volunteers. They help callers identify what is at the root of a problem and help the caller recognise his/her own options and possible solutions. FamilyLine volunteers never judge a caller and, as all calls are anonymous and confidential, callers can reveal their deepest feelings and emotions.

It takes courage to pick up a 'phone and make a plea for help. FamilyLine Surrey recognises that courage and tries to rebuild confidence and restore self-esteem.

**0808 800 5678**



**The Ben Williams Trust**  
research into heart disease ♥ support for youth cricket

Following last year's successful event, the 2007 Ben Williams Memorial cricket match will be held on Sunday 8th July on the Grayswood village green. The game starts at 2.00pm. Phil, Gilly and Jonathan are hoping that as many people as possible will join them during the afternoon. Tea and cakes will be available, and there will also be a barbeque. Money raised on the day will go to the Ben Williams Trust for research into heart disease and support for youth cricket. Visit [www.benwilliamstrust.org.uk](http://www.benwilliamstrust.org.uk)

Grayswood School  
Governors Ball  
16th June 2007

Tickets are still available for this annual event to raise for funds for Grayswood School. A huge amount of voluntary effort goes into organising this fantastic event so please do support it if you are able to do so. Tickets from Penny Glaser 652147.

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# 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** ([barbarasteeleperkins@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:barbarasteeleperkins@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 Monday, Wed, 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).

## MUDDY LANE TEAM DID IT!



Jo Mackintosh, Vincent van Walt, Mandy Hall and Fob and Andrew Welch, all did their Jump and raised £2,600 for the children's charity NCH. A fantastic effort and congratulations to them all!

## JUNE—THE MONTH OF WEDDINGS

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?"

"Sixteen," the boy responded at once. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "Why do you say that?" "Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the minister said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."



## USEFUL GRAYSWOOD 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

## VILLAGE PRAYER

In June we remember all those who live outside the parish boundary.

## SUMMER SOLSTICE

21ST JUNE 2007

Crumbs, it seems like it was only yesterday that we were waiting for spring and now the summer solstice is upon us. A special day to think about the wonder of that ball of fire that lights up the world for us all. Whether you believe in God or not, it is a quite miraculous body, that somehow keeps us warm but not too warm. A perfect balance that is quite awesome.

## A CHARITY AUCTION OF PAINTINGS IN GRAYSWOOD



23rd June 8.00 pm

In 2002, Grayswood villager Ann Clement lost her son Lewis to cancer.

Ann was a decorator and designer for many years and in the last 12 months she has started painting pictures with the aim of raising money in Lewis's name for good causes. These will be auctioned with all the proceeds going to Macmillan Cancer and the Harambee Education Society (provides scholarships for school girls in Africa).



You are invited to support this worthy effort by attending the Auction taking place at 8pm Grayswood Village Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. For details go to [www.annieflo.co.uk](http://www.annieflo.co.uk) or call 01428 642704.



## Grayswood Garden Club

7th June 2007

The Club is holding its AGM on the 7th June at 7.30 for 8.00. The talk will be on the "Trees at Kew" and all members as well as those interested in becoming members are warmly invited!

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