



The Hamlet

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The defibrillator installed: Pete Hilborn organised the very professional signs.

Ready for Action

The former phone box has now been fitted with the AED (defibrillator). To use it, call 999 to alert the emergency services, and they will assess the casualty's needs over the phone and, if appropriate, will provide you with the access code. You can then remove the AED and take it to the casualty; when you open the case, voice commands will guide you through how to use it. Afterwards return the AED to the box and let Jane Rogers know so it can be reset. Jane has also organised some first aid training using the AED on Wednesday 5 November (7-9pm) and Saturday 15 November (2.30-4.30pm). Please [email Jane](mailto:jane@hamlet.co.uk) or phone (850329), saying which day you'd like to attend.

Ding Dong at The Bell!



Last Orders for Ray & Gill

Time please! Ray & Gill, best landlords ever, we'll miss you! No more 'That'll be OK', or 'I'll see you right' or 'What do you need?' No more providing little extras to make the Fete or the New Year Lunch or the Quiz or the Golf Day or the darts/football/bat 'n trap all go with a swing. No more wind ups, tall stories and fake sob stories to fall for every time. No more failed chances to thank you and Gill for your help – because suddenly you've disappeared for a lie down. All right, perhaps after 43 years in the business you've earned a rest but still, we'll miss you! So we hope you both get the message: we're very sorry to lose you, but we hope to see you now and then anyhow, and thank you for your generous help to our hamlet. For last orders, enjoy your retirement and 'cheers' from all of us.

The Bell Golf Day

Friday 26 September
Poult Wood Golf Club
Brunch from 10.30
Dinner at The Bell

It's back! All the usual competitions and prizes!

Non-golfers/partners are very welcome to attend dinner

Golfers £20.00 deposit by 14 September to Ray or Julian

To book, contact Julian on 07768 525298

julian@hartleyhill.co.uk



Eastbourne Ho!

Judging by Peter Harlock's photo of the remains of the pier below, the GG Coffee Morning outing to Eastbourne was one heck of a party!

The annual trip to that seaside town in East Sussex is always popular and Peter says it was a glorious, enjoyable day.



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GG Women's Institute

Report by Iris Wilson

As usual at our July birthday party we welcomed friends from the neighbouring WIs and together we laughed as the speaker for the evening gave us a talk about chickens!

His talk should have been entitled 'The sex life of a chicken' as he described the antics of his cockerel with his harem and how he (the speaker) could tell which were his favourites. He also told us about a chicken who couldn't stand properly so he made it a kind of baby bouncer. He had a struggle getting its feet through the holes but it worked fine; the chicken got the hang of it and eventually could walk on its own. The worst part was trying to be serious on the phone talking to 'a man in a suit' when out of the corner of his eye he could see the chicken bouncing up and down in the doorway! [*Pity he didn't video it!* AW]

In August we visited All Saints' Church, Tudeley. We wanted to hear about and see the wonderful stained-glass windows by the Russian-French artist, Marc Chagall (1887–1985). They are really beautiful, especially when the sun shines through them. Chagall started as a painter on canvas but loved to paint on glass. He was commissioned by Sir Henry and Lady D'Avigdor-Goldsmith on the death of their daughter to paint a commemorative window but when he saw the church he insisted on doing all the windows, which took over 10 years.

Sadly we said goodbye to a very brave lady who lost her battle with cancer on 17 August. Committee member Valerie Butcher was a lovely person, always willing to volunteer for any job. She was an enthusiastic member and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Our sympathies go to Robin her husband and her children Sarah, Richard and Madeleine.

On 17 September Christine Etheridge is going to talk about Garrards the Crown jewellers. If you have any pearls in need of re-stringing bring them along. Doors open 7.30pm for a 7.45 start.

For details of GG WI, please contact Rosemary Blackburn on 850812.

What's On in Golden Green?

More info:

Mondays	Zoe's Pilates	Hall	10–11am	771747
Tuesdays	Coffee Morning	Hall	10am	850768
Tuesdays	Mobile Library	Vic. Rd	5–5.15pm	0300 333 6022
Wednesdays	Gentle Exercise	Hall	10.30am	850768
Thursdays	Bat and Trap	Bell	8.00pm	851748
SEPTEMBER				
Monday 15 Sep	Bell Quiz Night	Bell	8.45pm	851748
Wednesday 17 Sep	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Monday 22 Sep	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768
Friday 26 Sep	The Bell Golf Day	Poult Wood	from 10.30	07768 525298
Sunday 28 Sep	Family Service	Hall	11.45am	850768
OCTOBER				
Monday 6 Oct	Bell Quiz Night	Bell	8.45pm	851748
Sunday 26 Oct	Holy Communion	Hall	11.45am	850768

The Village Pump

* Hartlake Road will be closed for through traffic from Three Elm Lane to Sherenden Road from 22 September between 9.30am and 3.30pm for up to 5 days. KCC will be clearing the highway drainage (so let's hope that will alleviate floods).

* Singers wanted: Alec Pelmore is already looking for people of any age to join the choir at the carol service in the Mission Hall at 4pm on 21 December. Contact 850739 or alecpelmore@btinternet.com.

* Signpost Field Play Area: Have your say in how to make it an even more fun place to be – complete the survey included with this issue and return to 1 Bell Cottages or the parish office, or [fill it in online](#).

* The Bell football team defeated Hadlow 5–1 in a pre-season friendly last month. Well done, lads!

Parish Council Contacts

Parish Office Tel: 851878
 Email: clerk@hadlowpc.co.uk
 Open Tue & Thu 9.30am–12 noon
 Website www.hadlowpc-kent.org.uk
 Golden Green Councillors:
 Nick Collins: 850968
nicolins@btinternet.com
 Ed Bright: 850590
ed.bright@talk21.com

Bulky refuse lorry: Victoria Rd, GG
 20 September 9.30–10.30am
 Next council meeting: 8 Sep 7.30pm,
 Old School Hall

GGA Lottery Results

July	August
£25 T Dale	£25 C Cattermole
£25 L Smith	£25 J Ivell
£25 Mrs Blackburn	£25 M Krumins

Please hand in items for inclusion in the October issue to Anne Waddingham at 13 Sherenden Park or email gghamlet@hotmail.co.uk by 22 September.



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The Bell Inn: A Community Asset

15 September 7.30pm in *The Bell*

You have probably noticed just how many pubs are closing down nowadays. Some are converted to shops by a supermarket chain, some are turned into flats or offices and some just remain boarded up for years.

The Bell is not immune from these possibilities and harsh commercial reality may well bear down harder on it in years to come.

There are various ways of saving a pub from such a fate and retaining it for the community. Each approach takes time, commitment, business acumen and money, but to get off first base local people have to be aware in advance of the owner's plans. So often everybody is taken by surprise when their local pub is suddenly boarded up and fenced off.

A Community Right to Bid can be applied for by a community organisation under the Localism Act. Once granted the Community Right to Bid places no specific obligation on the community but it does oblige the owners of a property to give the community notice of their intention to sell the property and the opportunity to put in a bid for it. A Community Right to Bid can only be granted for a building or land of significance to the community.

The Golden Green Association will meet on 15 September at 7.30pm in *The Bell* to consider applying to register a Community Right to Bid on *The Bell*. All are welcome – all residents and friends of Golden Green, including any Bell regulars who don't live in the hamlet.

Nick Collins

Flood Warnings in GG

The Environment Agency (EA) is changing the Flood Warning service 'to make warnings more tailored to local communities'. This includes changing some of the boundaries of the Flood Warning areas, and some of the alterations affect us in Golden Green. You may find you're in a Flood Warning area when you weren't before, even if you've never had problems. And strangely, some properties that *have* been affected aren't included.. It seems increasingly likely that the EA will in time also make boundary changes to their other maps, including those for flood risk from rivers and for planning. This could have an effect on insurance and house sales. It would be reassuring to know that the data on which these boundary changes is based is sound but documentation exists that suggests otherwise.

The proposed Flood Warning maps for GG and other areas can be downloaded from [my filesare site](#).* The current maps can be found on the EA's website. Email the EA at kentfloodwarning@environment-agency.gov.uk this month if you have any comments. This issue will also be discussed at the next Hadlow parish council meeting on 8 September.

And to alleviate flooding at Little Mill, one option under consideration was to divert water from the Bourne to the Medway at Barnes Street. In a letter to Sir John Stanley, the EA said 'be assured that we would not proceed with any scheme that would increase flood risk to property elsewhere', and one resident has been told by the EA that this scheme will not happen, but trees and bushes overhanging the ditches will be cleared. Something to keep an eye on?

Anne Waddingham

*Stop Press: [Revised Flood Warning map](#)

From Our Correspondent

Golden Green now has its very own column in the *Kent Messenger* newspaper. Sarah Chilvers is our correspondent. Tel 851474 or email sarahchilvers@btinternet.com. The deadline for the KM is Tuesday morning before the Friday publication. Sarah continues to write the Hadlow column for *The Courier* but the print deadline is much earlier – the Wednesday of the previous week, i.e. 9 days before. Thanks to Sarah for keeping us in touch!

Solar Farm Access Road

The access road for construction traffic servicing the solar park due to be built at Hadlow Place Farm is to be the track on the left, immediately after you go over Hartlake Bridge heading for Tonbridge. It seems little thought has been given to the danger of traffic speeding over the bridge encountering a large vehicle turning into or out of the site – the consequences don't bear thinking about. The parish council is raising this issue with the developers.

Alive and Well?

Smarden Charter Hall
27 September 10am to 3pm, £10

From Action with Communities in Rural Kent: Interested in how we bring about a community that cares about and for itself? Come to our event and be inspired, and share your knowledge and ideas! We promise a mix of local stories and insights from care providers, policy makers and commissioners, and Funding for All will be there to advise on funding opportunities for your ideas.

Email info@ruralkent.org.uk or phone 01303 813790 to book a place.



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Rethink Recycling

Rethink Recycling Appeal collects old mobile phones, surplus unopened printer cartridges, DVDs, laptops and other electronic devices for reuse and recycling. They can help you raise money for your chosen charity, or you can donate your old mobile phones or printer cartridges to your favourite good cause. Rethink can recycle the following: unopened or unused inkjet and toner cartridges, mobile phones, laptops, tablets, iPods, handheld games consoles, games, cameras. Visit [Rethink Europe](#).

Linda Daker (851969) is also taking old laptops for an African school.

Do You 'Like' the GGA?

The Golden Green Association now has its own Facebook page (see above), thanks to Howard Rogers. It's very useful for giving/getting up-to-the-minute information. Recently we've discussed the power cuts (*right*) and the horrible tap water. There's also a link to the Summer Fete photos (posted 7 July), the latest *Hamlets*, and more. Anyone with a Facebook account can view it but if you want to post, ask Howard (howardsrogers@aol.com) to add you to the group. Pop in and 'Like' us soon!

I'm told some emails have been bouncing from *The Hamlet's* Hotmail address, although they seemed to be getting through to me ok. If you're having trouble, try this address: gghamlet@outlook.com. AW

Electoral Register

You should have heard from TMBC either to say you have been moved to the new electoral register or asking you to complete a form.

If not, then you may not be registered and will not be able to vote. You can [register online](#). For more information, visit [TMBC Voting](#) or email voting@tmbc.gov.uk or write to the Elections & Special Projects Manager, TMBC.

Cut the Power Cuts!

We seem to be getting another wave of intermittent power cuts after a brief respite over the summer. They're affecting the whole village, and the one on 18 Aug affected Hadlow too. They usually last just a few seconds but it's enough to disrupt electrical equipment and be a real nuisance to everyone.

The people to complain to are UK Power Networks – report outages by phoning 0800 783 8866 or online at [UK Power Networks](#) (you'll have to wait for power to be restored!). Make a note of the date and time. They claim no one's reported any problems yet! So let's make sure they know there *is* a problem and action is needed urgently.

But Will They Run on Time?

Arriva have launched an app that allows you to plan your route, search for services and timetables, and gives you real-time updates on where your bus is. [Download from Arriva](#).

WWI on Our Doorstep

We can recommend the affecting exhibition in Hadlow Old School Hall foyer about local people in the First World War. It's on for a few weeks more. Really worth a look.