

Living Below the Line: Facing the Challenge

Could you live on the amount of food shown in the photo? Easy? Could you make that amount last for five whole days? That's 15 meals. Maybe? Now could you feed *two* people on that amount for five days? Now it's looking difficult.

But that's what Pat & Alec Pelmore have done, challenging themselves to 'Live Below the Line', restricting their budget to just £1 per person per day for food and drink. That works out at about 15p for breakfast, 30p for lunch and 50p for supper each.

But why do such a thing in our land of plenty?

They're raising money for the charity Send a Cow, which aims to tackle poverty and help the billions of people who have to live on less than £1 a day. To support them, go to www.livebelowtheline.com/uk and search Pat Pelmore in the top right-hand box, where you will be able to donate. Or give your donation to Pat or Alec when you see them (they're the hungry-looking ones!)



Photos: Pelmore



It's an Ill Wind

Doreen Cole of Goldhill Mill had a surprise when she ventured out after the gales that blasted through early last month. She sent us these photos of the ruins after a mini-hurricane lifted her shed up in the air and dumped it on top of a chicken house several feet away. Luckily no humans or chickens were harmed by the hurtling hut!



The Cuckoo's Calling

Whatever the weather, the welcome return of the cuckoo means Spring has arrived. Traditionally heard first on St Tiburtius' day (14 Apr), if you hear one then, you're supposed to turn over all the money in your pockets and spit! Our cuckoos have flown 5000 miles from central Africa, crossing the Sahara, but will only spend a few weeks here before heading back for the winter. Sadly we've lost over half our cuckoos in the past 20 years.

This Month at The Bell

Beer & Cider Festival 1-4 May

Fri 1 May: pie, mash & liquor
Live music from the Granddads

Sat 2 May: all-day BBQ

Sun 3 May: all-day BBQ
Live music from Gez Gold

Mon 4 May: all-day BBQ and
Forties music to celebrate

Bernie's Big Quiz

Tues 5 May 8.30 for 8.45pm
Teams of 2-6 people

£1 per person entry fee

Cash prize & monthly roll-over
Everyone welcome - just turn up

Happy Birthday Sarah!

Come and help our landlady
celebrate her special day on

Fri 15 May with live music
from Duvet Dogs 8.30pm till late

Contact Sarah at The Bell
(851748) for more details about
any of these events

BB Update: Getting Closer

North Hadlow has reached its required number of registrations for Gigaclear ultrafast broadband. Gigaclear say they are finalising plans and network routing will start installing soon. This is encouraging as south Hadlow, which includes GG, is nearly halfway to target. There are two informal events to answer your questions at The Bell on 6 May and at the Two Brewers on 13 May, both 7-9pm. Just turn up anytime. You can also find out about progress, register your interest and compare costs with BT at gigaclear.com.

Hadlow Tower is open to visitors again, every Thursday until mid-September. Well worth a visit. Details at www.hadlowtower.com or phone 07913 861979.

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GG Women's Institute by Rosemary Blackburn

April's meeting started on a sad note after the death in March of Gillian Jones from East Peckham who had been a member for several years. She was skilled needlewoman who contributed to our wall hanging in the hall and she will be much missed.

Our entertainment was home-grown because Iris Wilson kindly brought in some of her card-making equipment so we could experiment with our own designs for any occasion. Everyone made at least one card and some made more. Thank you Iris!

On a sunny day earlier in the month, three members joined others from WIs in the area for the District walk. Centred on Five Oak Green, our route took us past the fascinating Clock House and the newly erected solar farm before a delicious ploughman's lunch at Falmouth Place hall.

Our scarecrow preparations for the National Centenary celebrations at Lullingstone are under way, thanks to Marion, Wendy and Kate.

The next sewing afternoon will be on 1 May and our next monthly meeting will be on 20 May. It will be our annual meeting and the national resolution for discussion is the assessment of need in long-term care.

For further information about GG WI, please contact our President 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
MAY				
1-4 May	The Bell Beer & Cider Festival	Bell	see front	851748
Tue 5 May	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8.30pm	851748
Wed 6 May	GGA AGM	Hall	8pm	850739
Fri 15 May	Live music	Bell	8.30-late	851748
Fri 17 May	Family Service	Hall	12 noon	850238
Mon 18 May	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850664
Wed 20 May	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
JUNE				
Mon 1 Jun	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8.30pm	851748
Sun 14 Jun	GG Summer Fete	Signpost Field	1-4pm	850739
Sun 14 Jun	Holy Communion	Hall	9am	850238

The Village Pump

* Victoria Road will be closed from Court Lane for 150m towards GG for up to a week from 25 May. This is so KCC can improve the drainage and clear the culvert. Let's hope this fixes the frequent flooding problem in the lane by Victoria Farm. Pray it's not done by the same crew who installed the speed signs the wrong way round at the Vic Rd bridge last week!

* The GG book club meets at The Bell on 13 May at 8pm to discuss *Elizabeth is Missing* by Emma Healey. Next month's choice is *The Garden of Evening Mist* by Tan Twang Eng. All welcome.

* An amendment to the constitution will be voted on at the GGA AGM on 6 May, requiring audited accounts only if revenue exceeds £10,000. This puts the GGA in line with other charities and saves money. Contact Howard Rogers if you'd like more details.

* If you've heard anyone grumbling that they don't get the newsletters anymore, tell them to contact Anne (details on the right) or Alec (850739) and we'll put them back on the circulation list (email or paper) right away.

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Bulky refuse/WEEE/scrap-metal lorry:
Victoria Rd, GG 16 May 9.30-10.30am
Next council meeting: 11 May 7.30pm
Old School Hall, Hadlow. A chance to meet your new councillors.

GGA Lottery Results

<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>
£25 Pete Hilborn	£25 Dot Singer
£25 Pearl Wagland	£25 Katie Peerless
£25 Jane Kellett	£25 Mary Bruce

Golden Green Association Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 6 May 8pm

Mission Hall

All welcome – please join us in
The Bell afterwards

GG Summer Fete

Sunday 14 June

Signpost Field (Rec Ground)

Help and stall ideas needed!

Please contact Alec Pelmore
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Please hand in items for inclusion in the June issue to Anne Waddingham at 13 Sherenden Park (850048) or email gghamlet@outlook.com by 24 May.

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