

# The Hamlet



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## Broadband Update

Hadlow's phone exchange has now been enabled for BT's superfast BB. It's still not available in GG, although there may be news in the next few weeks of when our cabinet will go 'live'. Of course it's still the same copper wire degrading the signal from the cabinet to your house. And bear in mind the more people who sign up for BT Infinity in your locale, the worse the download/upload speeds get.

Gigaclear have changed their plans for Hadlow but say they will install their ultrafast fibre-to-your-house network in GG before Christmas. However, owing to staff problems, those who have already registered need to sign up again. If you haven't heard from them yet, or have any questions, please contact their reps Gary and Julian, currently in GG: [Gary.Brokenshire@gigaclear.com](mailto:Gary.Brokenshire@gigaclear.com), 07747 273946/[Julian.Fifield@gigaclear.com](mailto:Julian.Fifield@gigaclear.com), 07747 273945, or sign up at [www.gigaclear.com/ordernow](http://www.gigaclear.com/ordernow)

The extent of the Gigaclear network in GG is still under consideration but the good news is it will be open to any provider, e.g. Sky or Virgin so you can shop around for the best price. Signing up now doesn't commit you, and no money will be taken, until the service is connected to your house.

## Tonbridge Through Ten Decades

16 September  
7.30 for 7.45pm (free entry)  
Golden Green Village Hall

As part of the WI Centenary Celebrations, Golden Green WI warmly welcomes local residents to a talk by  
George Buswell

Join us for coffee after the talk but no need to stay for the WI business!

## Doggy Business

Dog walkers urgently needed for Bourne Park!

Fancy some exercise? There are three or four dog owners in Bourne Park who, for various health reasons, are unable to walk their dogs. They are all small dogs of various ages. Can you help? Contact Dawn on 851262.

While on the topic of dog walking ... have you heard of [Dicky Bags](#)?

They're neoprene bags to keep those knotted poo bags in until you find a dog bin. (Has to be better than throwing them in the hedge.) You can even attach it to your dog to carry.

And finally – you can now report dog mess online: TMBC has an [online form](#) to report dog fouling or other dog control problems.

## The Bell Football Team

The final results for last season's West Kent Sunday League are in. Although The Bell team struggled in Division Five throughout a difficult season, there were some notable victories, especially against Brenchley (5–2). The game against the Insulators is best forgotten but the important thing is, our gallant lads were remarkably consistent, gaining the same 13 points as last year and yet again beating Hadlow Utd, who came bottom of the league. Keep at it, gents and good luck for 2015/2016!

## TMBC and Energy Deal

Energy Deal is open for residents to get savings on your energy bills. More information at [energydealswitch.com](http://energydealswitch.com).

## WI Trip a Towering Success

Although our trip to [Hadlow Tower](#) was booked some weeks ago, with all the publicity stating that it may close, we wondered if we were going to be disappointed. But great news, open days are to carry on to the end of the season at least. Owing to the popularity of the outing, it was split into two days.

Sometimes known as May's Folly, the tower was built in 1835 by Walter Barton May just to annoy his neighbours! It has been renovated to a very high standard and the views from each floor are exceptional. There's a lift to the first three floors if you prefer not to climb the stairs but to get to the top, you have no option! I was informed that the view from there is wonderful. No, I didn't climb up there – after being told there were another 135 steps, I collapsed on the nearest seat! Luckily there were plenty around!

We were invited back to Doreen Cole's house afterwards. Sitting by the River Bourne eating homemade cake and scones with strawberry jam, I couldn't think of a better place to be (*see below, with guests*).

*Iris Wilson*

*Read what else the WI have been getting up to overleaf!*



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## GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

The Pearly King and Queen (*below*) entertained us in style at our 28th birthday party. The 'King' made us laugh when he tried to catch us out with rhyming slang – we did get most of them right though. We finished the evening with songs from yesteryear, belting out all the old favourites as loudly as we could. Our thanks go to all those who helped to make the evening so enjoyable.



Our outing on the Spa Valley Railway was split into two days as it was so popular. The weather was kind and the fish and chips lunch was enormous! The carriages are beautifully renovated and the chug-chug of the steam engine brought back so many memories. If it wasn't for the volunteers who run it, we would have missed out on a very enjoyable outing.

See overleaf for an account of our trip to the amazing building that is Hadlow Tower and for details of our open meeting on 16 September.

Next is the walk on 1 September.

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
SEPTEMBER				
Mon 5 Sep	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8.30pm	851748
Wed 16 Sep	WI open meeting (see ad)	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Mon 21 Sep	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850664
Sun 27 Sep	Holy Communion	Hall	12 noon	850238
OCTOBER				
Mon 5 Oct	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8.30pm	851748
Sun 25 Oct	Family Service	Hall	12 noon	850238

## The Village Pump

\* Hot on the heels of the Pink-rumped Naked Cyclist, GG has had several sightings of a Rosy-cheeked Naked Rambler down by the Medway! Must be migratory as he only appears in the warm weather apparently.

\* Soon be Christmas! Some early dates for your diary: GG carol service on 20 Dec at 4pm and retirees' lunch on 20 Jan.

\* The GG book club next meets at The Bell on 22 Oct at 8pm (we're skipping September). We'll be discussing *Cloud Atlas* by David Mitchell. All welcome!

\* Don't forget the mobile library calls at Victoria Road every Tuesday from 5pm for 15 mins. It's such a useful resource, please support it.

\* The garages at Goldhill House, Hartlake Road were broken into last month. A timely reminder for us all to make sure sheds and garages are secure. See tips and advice about security on the [Kent Police](#) website.

\* Edna Browning in Victoria Road would like to thank Dougie and Karen Dunn for their kindness in helping her dispose of a large freezer last month when the council couldn't help.

\* Chris Blackburn suggests we log on to [Britain From Above](#), aerial photos from 1919–53, and search for GG. The pre-war photos of factories and mills contrast with the acres of emptiness where houses have yet to arrive.

## Parish Council Contacts

Parish Office Tel: 851878

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Open Tue & Thu 9.30am–12 noon

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*Bulky refuse/WEEE/scrap-metal lorry:*

Victoria Rd, GG 19 Sep 9.30–10.30am

*Next council meeting:* 8 Sep 7.30pm

Old School Hall, Hadlow

Hadlow Tower is still open to visitors every Thursday until the Heritage Weekend 11–13 September. This may be your last chance to visit! Will it re-open again next year? Booking details at [www.hadlowtower.com](http://www.hadlowtower.com) or drop by.

## GGA Lottery Results

*July*

£25 Richard Clark

£25 June Thomas

£25 Linda Daker

*August*

£25 R Pelmore

£25 Sam Evemy

£25 Paul Nobes

Please hand in items for inclusion in the next issue to Anne Waddingham at 13 Sherenden Park (850048) or email [gghamlet@outlook.com](mailto:gghamlet@outlook.com) by 25 Sep.

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# Hadlow Newsletter



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## Services at St Mary's, Hadlow

Sundays:

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist, crèche available

Wednesdays:

9.30am Holy Communion

**Family Service** – Sunday 13 Sept at 11.45am and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month. An informal and fun non-communion service for families and children aged 3 to 15, led by members of the congregation.

**St Mary's Sunday Clubs** for children. Held in the Upper Room in term-time during the 10am main Sunday service: Start Up for 2½-7 year olds, 7 Up for 7-11 year olds and Ys Up for 11-14 year olds.

## Golden Green Service

Sunday 27 September 12 noon Holy Communion

**Monthly Quarter Peals** Hadlow bell ringers will be attempting to ring quarter peals lasting around 45 minutes on the first Sunday evening of each month.



For Dads with their under 6 year olds. Starts Saturday 12 September and meets monthly after that. 10am until 11.30. Come along to St Mary's – hot drinks and a bacon roll for dads and plenty of toys, a craft activity and fun for the kids. Give mum some time off and come and meet other dads!

**Heritage Open Weekend** St Mary's will be open on Saturday 12 September from 12 noon-6pm and on Sunday 13 September from 1pm-4pm.

We also try to ensure the church is open on week day afternoons from 2pm-4pm.

**Vicar's Surgery in Church** – most Thursdays 9.30-10.30am. Come along for a chat or to arrange a wedding or baptism. Alternatively, if you would like a visit please phone Revd Paul White 01732 850238.

**St Mary's Website** – [www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk](http://www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk)  
Contributions to [office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk)

**ST PETER'S RC CHURCH** Maidstone Road.  
Mass every Sunday, 10.45am. Fr. Peter Murphy: 01732 353984 [www.corpuschristi-tonbridge.org.uk](http://www.corpuschristi-tonbridge.org.uk)

## Events in St Mary's

**Coffee Pots and Tiny Tots** welcomes parents and carers with babies and toddlers. Craft, music, nursery rhymes and play. Join in the fun on Wednesdays 10.30am to 12 noon in St Mary's Church. 50p per family includes drinks & biscuit. Open in school holidays, siblings welcome.

**The Mothers' Union** Our next meeting is on Wednesday 2 September at 1.45pm in the Upper Room. Our speaker will be Mr Glen Goodall, Ambassador from Hospice in the Weald. Newcomers and visitors are very welcome.

**Friends Together** meet Monday 14 September from 12.45 to 2.30pm in St Mary's Upper Room. Open to anyone who has been bereaved. Come along for a chat & make friends. Lunch is provided.

**St Mary's Market Stall** – Saturdays 19 September, 10am to 12 noon in the Upper Room. Come along for coffee and a chat with friends and buy home-made cakes and produce.

**Borough Councillors' Surgery** in St Mary's Church Choir Vestry on Saturday 19 Sep 10-11.30am, same day as St Mary's Market Stall. Do drop in to discuss anything that concerns you with your borough councillors Jill Anderson and Janet Sergison.

## CONCERT – 'Voskresenije' Choir The Russians are Coming!

Thursday 1 October at 8pm in St Mary's Church

The acclaimed vocal ensemble will be returning to St Mary's for an evening of classical, sacred and folk songs. The nine members of the Voskresenije (Resurrection) Choir were trained at the world-class St Petersburg Conservatoire and are conducted by musical director Jurij Maruk. Hadlow will be their only stop in Kent on their two-month tour of the UK. Tickets £11 available from Janice 01732 851519.

## NEW!! Lighthouse Youth Group

Are you a young person? Do you know a young person? Are you interested in getting involved with helping young people? Then come and be a part of the Lighthouse Youth Group whose aim is to support young people in the way they choose to be supported. Starting Thursday evenings in September, 8pm - 9:30 for ages 13 to 18 years at the Hadlow Hy-Arts Centre. Cost is 50 pence. For more information and to get involved please e-mail Angelique at [Lighthouse@stmaryshadlow.org.uk](mailto:Lighthouse@stmaryshadlow.org.uk).

## From the Parish Registers

**Weddings – We congratulate on their marriages:**  
25 July – Jason Chatfield and Kim Brinkhurst  
22 August – Peter Vanns and Rachel Byrne

## Library News

**Reading Group 1** meets on Tues 1 September at 11am in the library to discuss 'The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy' by Rachel Joyce.

**Reading Group 2** meets on Tues 15 September at 10am to discuss 'Name to a Face' by Robert Goddard. New members for Group 2 welcome.

A **Computer Buddy** is in the library on Thursdays to give free help and advice on using a computer or searching the internet, 10am - 12 noon.

There is still time for children to complete the **Summer Reading Challenge** – details from the Library. **Story Time** for younger children and their carers takes place on Tuesdays from 9-9.30am.

The '**Knit & Natter**' group meets on Thursdays from 2-3pm. New members welcome, inquiries to the Library on 851794.

## Clubs, Societies & Social

**Hadlow Bowls Club** Sun 30 August is Finals Day. Play starts at 10.30am and continues all day, so you are welcome to come and watch. Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Sept: friendly match v. Sundridge at 2.30pm. On Sat 5 Sep we have a club game (Captain's team v. Chairman's team), usually a hard fought fight! On 16 Oct: Annual Dinner & Presentation of Trophies at Hadlow Manor.

**Hadlow Seniors Table Tennis** returns on 2 Sept at 7pm in Hadlow Village Hall. All seniors welcome. No experience necessary, just come along to have fun and keep fit. £2 per evening, first evening free.

**HadLOW Carbon Community** is getting ready to produce the calendar for 2016. If you would like to take part in the annual competition, please send your entries to Julie at [julie@intus.co.uk](mailto:julie@intus.co.uk). We hope to go with the theme of 'Hidden Hadlow', (this can include shots of private gardens) so do have a look through your collection and send your entries by 30 Sept.

**Hadlow Craft Club** resumes on Monday 7 Sept at 7.30pm, this month at 22 Maltings Close. We will be making Christmas tree decorations. Contact Lorraine on 851156 for details. Hope to see you then.

**Hadlow Flower Club** will meet on Tuesday 8 September in Hadlow Old School Hall at 7.30 for 8pm when we will be having a Workshop entitled 'Modern Buttonholes & Corsages'. All materials supplied at a cost of £6. All are welcome to this fun and informative evening. For more information please ring Carol on 851852 or Mary on 851212.

**Hadlow WI** Come and be Pampered at Hadlow WI on Tuesday 15 September 7.30 at the Old School Hall by the Ladies of Clarins. See the demonstrations and try the different products for yourselves. A fun evening. Visitors welcome £3.00.

**Murder Mystery Evening** Come and solve the Murder in Kensington Hotel on Fri 18 Sept at Hadlow School; doors open 7pm for 7.30 start, tickets £10 to include a ploughman's. The evening is being hosted by the WI, Hadlow School and HADS. The year is 1925 so come in costume if you can and solve the murder. Phone Gill 850571

**Hadlow Gardeners Society** AUTUMN SHOW is on 19 September. Next meeting is on 21 Sept when Jude Lawton will talk to us about 'Garden Lore – Fact or Fiction'. More details from Jenny 365873.

**Hadlow Historical Society** The first meeting of the new season is on Tues 22 September at 8pm in St Mary's Upper Room when Richard Marsden will talk about Wealden Houses. New members welcome. Inquiries to Anne Hughes on 850214.

**New Pilates Class** Tuesday Evenings starting in September in the Village Hall 7.30-8.30. Improve your posture, tone and flexibility. Places are strictly limited so booking essential. One to one and other classes also available, contact Sue 851015.

**Footsteps Theatrical Workshop** are taking on new students. Musical theatre sessions in drama, jazz dance & singing, ISTD exam classes, and adult classes in Dancercise & tap. New for Mons: Mother & Baby Bounce & FirstSteps Ballet 18mths+. Tues: Street Jam & Little Voices 6-10 yrs. Details: Alison 850903. website: [www.footstepsworkshop.co.uk](http://www.footstepsworkshop.co.uk)

**Sustainability Workshop** – How to save your money and the planet. Wed 21 October 2-5pm at the Rural Regeneration Centre, Hadlow College. This **FREE** workshop will explore sustainability at the household level, looking at food supply, waste, energy, water use and funding opportunities. Sessions will be informal with time for discussion. No prior knowledge needed. To reserve a place visit our website at [www.hadlow.ac.uk/events](http://www.hadlow.ac.uk/events) and scroll down the list of events on the right of the web page.

**Link To Hope** Shoe box leaflets are at the back of church or ring 850853. Boxes by 4 Nov please.

**Work Aid** Garden tools, sewing or knitting machines and wool required. Ring Chris Stewart on 01732 457744 or 850853 for collection.

## Hadlow Parish Council

**Hadlow Parish Council meeting:** Monday 8 September, 7:30pm at Hadlow Old School Hall

**Bulky Refuse Lorry** Hadlow Village Hall car park on Saturdays 12 & 26 September, 9.30-10.30am and at Victoria Road, Golden Green (cul-de-sac) Saturday 19 September, 9.30-10.30am.

**Parish Office Opening Hours:** Tues and Thurs 9.30am–12 noon. To contact the Clerk at other times, please write, phone 851878 or email: [clerk@hadlowpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@hadlowpc.co.uk). [www.hadlowpc.co.uk](http://www.hadlowpc.co.uk)

**A BIG THANKYOU** from the Hopkinson family to all who looked for our treasure or contributed to our bucket at the Hadlow Country Fair. We raised £106 for Save the Children projects in Palestine.

**Fred Bailey & family** would like to say a big Thank You to all for your kind thoughts, cards and support over the past weeks since the death of Dot.

**October Newsletter Deadline:** Sunday 20 September. Items to the Vicarage please or email [janicemassy@btinternet.com](mailto:janicemassy@btinternet.com). For newsletter queries, phone Janice Massy 851519.



## **Tonbridge and Malling Healthy Walks 2015**

### **New 40 minute walk starting at**

### **Hadlow Square (by the Pharmacy)**



**Running weekly from Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 10:30 am**

**A free, group led walk run by dedicated, trained volunteers, aimed at increasing physical activity levels in those who are new to walking.**

Please arrive 10 minutes prior to walk starting.  
Please wear sensible clothing and footwear.



**For further information please call**  
**01732 876347 or email**  
**[healthy.living@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:healthy.living@tmbc.gov.uk)**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



# What will motivate you to become a volunteer?

Support

Build confidence

Good listener

Show empathy

Make a real difference

**Volunteers are essential to the support that we give to victims of crime.**

As a Victim Support volunteer, we will train you to support victims from the first time you meet them until they feel strong enough to move forward on their own. You will listen to their concerns and make sure that their needs are met.

**For more information contact the Service Delivery Team on 01233 896423/01233 896422 or register your interest by sending an email to: [kentvolunteering@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:kentvolunteering@victimsupport.org.uk)**

**[www.victimsupport.org.uk](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk)**

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