

Cleaned for The Queen



Cllr Howard Rogers writes: A really great turnout last month for the 'Clean for the Queen' clear-up and litter-pick. Over 20 volunteers were duly scattered to all corners of our hamlet with regal bags, litter pickers and ceremonial hi-vis jackets! Mayor Owen Baldock and Mayoress Chris turned up to support, and did a fantastic job up Victoria Road with Cllr Janet Sergison. Sean Waddingham (sporting a splendid crown) and I scrubbed down speed signs, road name plates, the bus stop and general street furniture. About 25 bags full of litter and fly-tipped detritus were collected. Many thanks to everyone for taking part, and to all those who could not come but 'did their bit' before the main event.



Top: Happy two- and four-legged volunteers. Left: the Mayor and Cllr Janet Sergison

Need Extra Support During Power Cuts?

Do you or someone you know need extra support during a power cut, maybe a relative, friend or neighbour? Sign up to the PowerGen Priority Services Register. Call 0800 3163105 for more details or visit www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority

Against Speeding in GG? Make Your Voice Heard at the Parish Council Meeting Monday 11 April 7.30pm Mission Hall, Golden Green

Following a February meeting in which several residents expressed their concern about the danger of vehicles speeding through the hamlet, parish councillors Nick Collins and Ed Bright have put a resolution on the agenda of the next parish council meeting on 11 April in the Mission Hall.

If plenty of residents attend, it will help bring home our strength of feeling on this topic. Certainly residents Tim Dale and Viv Lawes have experienced strong support while gathering signatures on a petition that will be presented to Matthew Balfour, our representative on the county council, who is also on KCC's Planning & Transportation committee.

Anyone who hasn't signed the petition yet can pop in The Bell to add their name. You can also email Mr Balfour at matthew.balfour@kent.gov.uk

GG Association AGM 4 May 8pm in the Mission Hall

Sec. Howard Rogers writes: You are warmly invited to the Golden Green Association AGM. Along with the election of officers and committee, this is your chance to hear about what the GGA has done in the past year, and decide what happens this year.

Every resident is a member of the Association and all are very welcome to attend. There will also a discussion about the fete on Sunday 12 June, including our celebration of HM The Queen's 90th birthday.

The AGM of the Hall Management Committee will follow on. After that we shall retire to The Bell where the newly elected Chair of the GGA might buy us a drink! The agenda will be available nearer the date.

Ding Dong! Bell News

Ska/Reggae Night

16 April 8pm

A great night of live music is assured. All welcome! Just come along.

Welcome-back-Bernie's Big Quiz

Monday 4 April 8.45pm

Join us for a fun evening at 8.45pm.

(Thanks to quizmistress Linda Daker for last month's brain teasers!)

Bat & Trap

Thursday evenings

First fixture 19 May. Venue tbc

New players always welcome.

Contact Alex Donlevy (851753)

ad13851@hotmail.com



The Bell Bat & Trap 2015 'A' Team

Big Bingo Bash Charity Event

Hadlow Village Hall, Williams Field
Saturday 2 April 6-8pm £10 a ticket.

Contact Caroline on 07399 938059;

carolineelcombe@btinternet.com

Coffee Morning Bring & Buy and Plant Sale

Thursday 12 May 10:30am-12

82 Hale Street, East Peckham
(courtesy of Penny and Clive Carden)
in aid of Golden Green & East
Peckham Conservative Association.

Please come along—everyone
welcome!

The Golden Green Association Committee

Chair Alec Pelmore 850739 *Secretary* Howard Rogers 850329 *Treasurer* Gabrielle Lear 851252 *Hall Bookings* Rob & Ros Seall 850664 *Newsletter* Anne Waddingham 850048 *Committee* John Allen 851462, Chris Blackburn 850812, Ed Bright 850590, Nick Collins 850968, Linda Daker 851969, Andrew & Judith Deckers 850039, Stan Ellis 07711 014205, Graham Hargrave Smith 851576, Pete Hilborn 850278, Lee Stanley 851748, Jo Ivell 850291, Val & Michael Nobes 850768, Terry Parris 850725, Jane Rogers 850329, Pat Simmons 850257, June Thomas 850842, Sean Waddingham 850048, A Williams Walker 852733

GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

Once upon a time, a long, long time ago in lands far away, humans decided they needed fasteners to keep their clothes on. Even in prehistoric times they came up with brilliant ideas such as using thorns as pins. Later, Egyptians made bronze pins with fancy heads. In medieval times in Europe, materials such as bone, ivory, and even silver and gold were used. Nowadays pins are made of iron wire, which began in France in the 15th century.

In the Industrial Revolution in the 18th century, another solution was tried, where one worker drew out the wire, another straightened it, and a third cut it. A fourth sharpened one end and a fifth roughened the opposite end ready for the attachment of the head. The pins were then polished and inserted into paper packets. This method produced about 5000 pins a day. It wasn't until the 19th century that American and British inventors patented machines that produced pins with a solid head from a single piece of wire, upping production to 70,000 pins a day. Eventually needles and safety pins were also made, all of which we take for granted these days. The straight pin's design hasn't changed much over the years, although some now have plastic heads. Hat pins were used to secure those very large Edwardian hats, and also sent out a signal to lovers—if the pin was horizontal in the hat then the husband was 'at home', but if it was vertical then it was safe to come round as the husband was 'away'! This interesting talk by Jean Surrey replaced the advertised one 'Great Grandma's Needlework Box', which is postponed.

Wendy and Kate have arranged an outing on 22 April to see the bluebells at the Riverhill Himalayan Gardens, with a meal afterwards. Our speaker on 20 April will be Ann Lovelace talking about the Orpheus Centre. Enjoy an evening of interest, chatter and a cuppa! Bargain books to be had and member's items for sale. We are a happy, small and extremely friendly WI—for further information, 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
APRIL				
Mon 4 Apr	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8.45pm	851748
Mon 11 Apr	Parish Council Meeting	Hall	7.30pm	850968
Wed 13 Apr	GG Book Club	Bell	8.30pm	850329
Sat 16 Apr	Ska & Reggae evening	Bell	8pm	851748
Sun 17 Apr	Holy Communion	Hall	12 noon	850238
Mon 18 Apr	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850664
Wed 20 Apr	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
MAY				
3 May	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8.45pm	851748
4 May	Golden Green Association AGM	Hall	8pm	850739

Village Pump

* Gardeners: would you support a **plant and seed swap** in GG?

Resident Elaine Abbs would like to know. Contact *The Hamlet* or email Elaine at elaine.abbs@btinternet.com

* The **GG book club** meets in The Bell on Wed 13 Apr at 8pm to discuss *Beside Myself* by Ann Morgan. The next book will be Bill Bryson's *The Road to Little Dribbling* (pbk released 7 April)

* Look out for a **bogus email** claiming to be from TMBC asking you to click a link and pay your council tax online—it's a scam—report to TMBC: 876388

* Resident Pat Pelmore would like to invite you to two **concerts**: the Lydian Orchestra, St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks on Sat 2 April, 7.30pm, and the Bacchus Wind Orchestra at St John's Church, T Wells, Sat 16 April 7.30pm

* Looks like **Hadlow Tower** is going to be open this summer on Thursdays

* **Stop press—more litter**: Graham Hargrave Smith reports a large quantity of plastic in 3 Elm Lane (30 Mar)

GGA Lottery Results

<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>
£25 David Roberts	£25 Delia Moss
£25 Don Wagland	£25 Amy McKerlie
£25 John Allen	£25 G Edwards

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 & WEEE collection:

Victoria Rd, GG 23 Apr 9.30–10.30am

Next council meeting: 11 Apr 7.30pm

The Mission Hall, Golden Green

Annual Parish Meeting

Old School Hall, Wed 20 April 7.30pm

Tell the parish council what it should be providing, and what it should do in the future.

Hadlow Country Fair

Cricketer Ground, Hadlow, Sun 26 June

Book a stall by emailing Richard at

hcf2015@btinternet.com or go to

www.hadlowcc.org.uk

Hand in items for inclusion in the next issue to Anne Waddingham at 13 Sherenden Park (850048) or email gghamlet@outlook.com by 23 April.

Sign up for the email edition or ask for the paper version if you're not on the circulation list.

Please tell us if you have a new neighbour so that we can be sure they get the newsletters. Contact Anne (details above) or Alec (850739).

Can you spare some time to make a difference?



Compaid is a charity based in Paddock Wood supporting disabled people in a variety of ways, and we are looking for volunteers to assist our work.

If you have a few spare hours a week and are good with people, you can make a difference by volunteering in a number of ways:

- Join our training centre team supporting clients to discover the magic of computers in a relaxed and informal way, helping individuals gain in confidence and ability.
- Join our team of volunteer minibus drivers providing a vital lifeline to many disabled people.
- Help us to raise vital funds by holding events or by taking part in a sponsored run, walk or other challenge

If you would like to find out more please contact Judith Williams, H R Administrator

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