

THE HAMLET

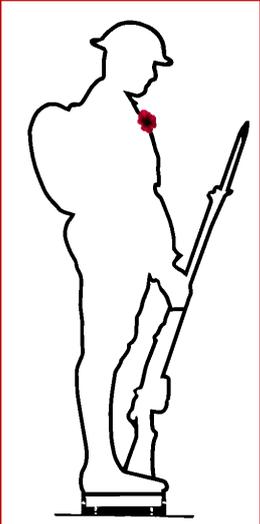


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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

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Our Tommy—There But Not There—But Where?



Linda Daker writes: We are still trying to decide the best location for this fantastic memorial. Now we are in possession, the lightness of the design suggests that a profile display as envisaged on the Hall or on the village signpost (the spot with majority backing) is not really appropriate. Tommy is now on display inside The Bell, so you can see the problem for yourselves. Our plan is to fasten him parallel to the wall to the right of the main entrance to the pub, above the initials of local men who were off to the war, and who carved their initials into the brickwork. The black metal outline should be quite a subtle shadow against the dark brown paintwork, in keeping with the 'There but not There' purpose of the memorial. The 'we' and 'our' is a collaboration between the Parish Council reps, GGA reps and Lee & Sammie at The Bell. Shout now if you hold strong views over these plans!

In the Net

Thanks to our Love Where You Live Environmental Champions award (see *Hamlet* 217), Pete Hilborn and Cllr Howard Rogers were able to refurbish the basketball facility in Signpost Field, supervised closely by canine foreman Sam as you can see below.



Move it or Lose it FABS Fitness Classes for Older Adults
FREE Taster Session
Tuesday 25 Sept 12.30-1.30pm
GG Mission Hall

Safe, enjoyable, effective exercises, which can be done seated or standing
Contact Carol Welfare 07941345001
carol.welfare@moveitorloseit.co.uk



Paddle by the Pier

Sammie Lee took this winning shot of son Charlie enjoying the sea air in Eastbourne on the annual GG outing.

The Village Pump

* Next month we'll be collecting in GG and Hadlow for the Poppy Appeal and we're looking for helpers to spare an hour or two—please call Sean & Anne Waddingham (850048)

* Have you returned the form asking you to confirm the eligible voters in your home? Deadline is 30 September

The Bell News

Lee & Sammie
Tel 851748

- * Food served daily
- ** Games room *
- * Function room hire for parties, band practice etc. free for GG residents



Delicious menu 1pm-9pm

Freshly cooked pizzas
Eat in/take away

Bernie's Big Quiz

10 September 8pm

All welcome. £3 Entry fee

Every Saturday

Free juke box

Pizzas—buy one, get second half-price

Red Tooth Poker

Tuesdays 7.30pm

Free to enter and play

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for events news, live music & more!

[Facebook/BellInnGoldenGreen](https://www.facebook.com/BellInnGoldenGreen)

Bell's Bank Holiday Bonanza

We are pleased to announce that after having a count up we have raised a fantastic £1060 for Hospice in the Weald! A massive thank you to everyone who gave up their time to be involved in helping us put on another great day. Even the rain didn't keep people away. A great effort was made from everyone to make it another successful event. Well done everyone!



Scrumptious fare on the cake stall

The Golden Green Association Committee

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GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

On a sultry evening in July we celebrated our 31st birthday in WI style. The tables looked very inviting, attractively decorated, and with the fairy lights circling the hall it really looked like 'party time'. As our guests from neighbouring WIs joined us, the buzzing sound of greetings grew louder. Raffle tickets were purchased, the Bring & Buy stall investigated and then we settled down for an interesting insight into the Entertainments National Service Association, better known as ENSA.

Delia Taylor began her talk with the aid of a slide show, the pictures taking us back many years to 1939, the beginning of the war, rationing, the bombing and the call up for the services. For those of us who remember the war, they brought back many memories.

To boost the morale of the armed forces, ENSA was set up by Basil Dean and Leslie Henson to provide entertainment. Many well known artists joined in to help, such as Tommy Trinder, Harry Secombe, Spike Milligan, Gracie Fields and of course Vera Lynn, to name just a few. Bands were also popular—remember Geraldo and Billy Cotton? But ENSA was in such demand in so many places that sometimes the artists were not 'first class'—that was how it got the nickname 'Every Night Something Awful!' However, mostly the entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by the forces wherever they were abroad and it certainly helped to raise morale.

Delia closed her talk playing one of Vera Lynn's well-known songs, which we all joined in with gusto!

It was now time to demolish the appetizing sandwiches, cakes, strawberries and cream laid out on the tables. Thanks must go to all GGWI members who took the time to prepare such a marvellous evening for us all.

There was no meeting in the mission hall for August but, taking advantage of the weather, we met in Marion's garden and enjoyed a lovely cream tea. 

What's On in Golden Green?

More info:

Mondays	Zoe's Pilates	Hall	10–11am	771747
Tuesdays	Coffee Morning	Hall	10am	850768
Tuesdays	Colin's Art Group	Hall	8-10pm	464187
1st Sat month	Suzanne's Scrapbooking	Hall	9.15am-4pm	770906
SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER				
Thu 6 Sep	GG Book Club	Bell	8pm	850329
Mon 10 Sep	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8pm	220811
Mon 17 Sep	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768
Wed 19 Sep	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Sun 23 Sep	Holy Communion	Hall	12 noon	850238
Tue 25 Sep	Move it or Lose it Fitness	Hall	12.30pm	07941 345001
Mon 1 Oct (tbc)	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8pm	220811
Mon 15 Oct	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768

WI Report continued

At our 19 September meeting, our speaker will be Marian Catt, whose subject is 'My Darling Clementine'. Join us at the Mission Hall Golden Green. Doors open 7.30pm.

For further information about GG WI, please contact our President Rosemary Blackburn on 850812.

The Village Pump (contd)

* The GGA is very grateful to the WI for donating £20 from the cake stall sales at the summer fete.

* Rumours are circulating about the renovation of the **BP garage** at the corner of Three Elm Lane and A26 Maidstone Rd—we hear that the current convenience store will be replaced with a **Little Waitrose**, like the BP garage in St John's Rd, Southborough. Can anyone confirm if this is true? Either way, the garage will be closed until next January

* No draws were made over the summer for the **Golden Green Lottery**, so the July & August results will be published in the next *Hamlet*

Fruit Picking Work

Immediate fruit picking work available at Hadlow Place Farms through to mid October. Piecework rates apply. Call Hadlow Place Farms on 850207 or email secretary@hadlow.com.

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Open Tue & Thu 9.30am–12 noon

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Golden Green Councillors:

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Bulky refuse lorry & WEEE collection:

Victoria Rd 15 Sept 9.15–10.15am

Next council meeting: 10 Sep 7.30pm

Old School Hall, Hadlow.

Hospital Car Service—If you need transport to a hospital or medical appointment, please contact Mike Harvey on 01732 852564

Borough Council Surgeries

Hadlow & East Peckham ward (inc. GG)

Cllrs *Howard Rogers, Janet Sergison*

and *Jill Anderson*. Surgeries in St

Mary's Church 15 Sept & 17 Nov, 10–11.30am

Hand in items for inclusion in September's issue to Anne Waddingham 13 Sherenden Park (850048) or email gghamlet@outlook.com by 24 Sep.

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