



Local Plan—Representations Update

Hadlow Parish Council are putting together their representation to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the Local Plan, taking into consideration the opinions they have received. On the one hand, there are concerns about the added pressure of 250 houses in Hadlow on traffic, schools, medical centres, parking, wildlife, amenities etc.—which will inevitably affect GG too. On the other hand, our parish councillor and HPC Chair Nick Collins points out that if TMBC do not submit the Plan by the end of the year, we will have a new version imposed on us, which will probably be far worse. At least TMBC have acknowledged that the representation process is far too complex, and they have launched a simplified online response form [here](#) or there is a non-technical representation form which you can print out and complete [here](#), or apply to TMBC at King's Hill for a paper copy, or contact TMBC Cllr Howard Rogers (tel 850329). There is also a petition in the Hadlow pharmacy. TMBC's deadline for comments is **19 November**.

Lest We Forget

The Bell have done us proud with their display of our 'There But Not There' Tommy. It's mounted (by Nigel Bristow) on a splendid bracket made by Keith and Tony from KP Fabrication, all at no cost and with such great craftsmanship. Thanks guys, and to Lee & Sammie for organising it, Hadlow Parish Council for buying our Tommy and Linda Daker for getting the ball rolling.

The Bell have also installed large poppies on their fence, with the name of each of the soldiers from the hamlet who died in World War I—a fine tribute to the lost sons of Golden Green.

And, if you can, do have a look at the commemorative installations in St Mary's Church, Hadlow on display to 19 November. Remembrance Sunday is 11 November.



At the going down of the sun ...



We will remember them



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

Open Mic Night with Matt Bridle

Fri 9 November 8pm

Open to all musicians, poets, comedians and anyone with a bit of talent
All free and professionally run

Bernie's Big Quiz

3 December 8pm

All welcome. £3 Entry fee. Cash prize

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)

Christmas Coffee Morning

Fri 7 December 10.30am–12.30pm

28 Old Road, East Peckham



Meet and chat to your MP Tom Tugendhat whilst enjoying coffee/tea, mince pies, Christmas crafts and gifts, a raffle and a festive catch-up!

In aid of the East Peckham & Golden Green Branch Conservative Association

The Golden Green Association Committee

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GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

Kent: 'the Garden of England'—where the soil and climate are ideal for growing cereals, fruit, vegetables and hops! Chris Stewart told us that Kent used to be the main hop-growing area, *Humulus lupulus*—'wolf of the woods'—being the most common species. Plants can last up to 20 years with roots going down nearly 4m. They're supported by poles, wires and string and can grow to at least 5m high. It was common to see men on stilts carrying out the stringing along the top of the poles. In spring, the plants were trained to grow up the strings and would reach the top by July when they would flower, producing cones that look like soft miniature pineapples. Between the petal layers, sticky oils are secreted which have preservative properties, aroma and flavour.

The hops were gathered by hand in September and thousands of families used to travel from London, living in huts (many without proper sanitation). Although they had to work hard filling the pokes (sacks), they treated it as a holiday.

Once the cones are separated from the leaves, they are dried in a kiln or oast house then stored in pockets—a very large sack weighing about 60kg when full—before being sent to breweries for further processing.

Unfortunately today there is a threat of a new hop disease called Hop Stunt Viroid from the USA and Asia. It is important that all hops grown in Britain come from registered nurseries as the import of HSV could ruin the industry. With a visual display on a large screen to accompany his talk, Chris Stewart made it a very interesting evening.

Our next meeting is on Wed 21 Nov, when Pat Mortlock will be talking about 'The Worthies of Tonbridge'. Join us for a very enjoyable get-together and to make new friends at the Mission Hall.

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	Move It or Lose It Fitness	Hall	12-30-1.30pm	07941 345001
Tuesdays	Colin's Art Group	Hall	8-10pm	464187
1st Sat month	Suzanne's Scrapbooking	Hall	9.15am-4pm	770906
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER				
Thu 8 Nov	GG Book Club	Bell	8pm	850329
Fri 9 Nov	Open Mic Night	Bell	8pm	851748
Mon 19 Nov	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768
Wed 21 Nov	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Sun 25 Nov	Holy Communion	Hall	12 noon	850238
Mon 3 Dec	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8pm	220811
Sun 16 Dec	GG Carol Service	Hall	4pm	850739

The Village Pump

* It seems GG & Hadlow may not get **Christmas lights** this year because of some bureaucratic nonsense about an expired safety certificate for hanging lights on the lampposts. Scrooge KCC is insisting on renewal—at a cost of £300! So the lights may or may not be turned on in GG at around 4pm on Friday 7 Dec ... Bah humbug, KCC!

* Devastation down at the **gravel pits**: large-scale clearance around the lakes before Tarmac restart quarrying at the site after permission was granted by KCC last month.

* Fancy exercising your lungs at the **GG carol service** on 16 Dec at 4pm in the Mission Hall? Alec needs choir singers—you don't have to be a Bocelli or a Church—everyone welcome! He also needs lesson readers and organist. Alec Pelmore (850739; alecpelmore@btinternet.com)

* St Mary's are doing their **Christmas tree festival** again (7–9 Dec). Anyone up for doing some entries from GG? Ideally unconventional! Let them know by 18 Nov (851519; hadlow.christmastreesfest@gmail.com)

GGA Lottery Results

October

£25 Jane Rogers

£25 Pam Summers

£25 Val Nobes

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 cul-de-sac 17 Nov, 9.15–10.15am

Next council meeting: 12 Nov, 7.30pm
Old School Hall, Hadlow

Free Concert in Hadlow

Hadlow Orchestra's annual concert of popular light classics and show songs is at St Mary's Church on Sunday 25 November at 3pm. Interval refreshments and a retiring collection in aid of St Mary's and new music scores.

Hand in items for inclusion in September's issue to Anne Waddingham 13 Sherenden Park (850048) or email gghamlet@outlook.com by 23 Nov.

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