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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

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Val on the WI fete stall in 1990

Val Nobes

GGA Chair Alec Pelmore writes: It is with great sadness that we record the death of Val Nobes. Val and Michael moved to Golden Green in 1970 and have been a powerful force in the village ever since. Val worked at Barnes Place and Hadlow Place Farms and various nursing homes in the area. But it is to the village that she really devoted her considerable energy. I remember finding when I first moved here that if anything happened in the village, she would be the organising force behind it! Craft group, coffee morning, bingo, scrapbook group, coach trips to the seaside, lunch groups in the Bell. Never-ending initiative and energy! And of

course for several years she and Michael were managers of our hall. Thus, when she told me I had to help organise a carol service, I knew I should do as I was told! She was diagnosed with cancer many years ago but has borne chronic illnesses since then with characteristic determination. Our thoughts are with Michael, Sally, Paul, Robert, Emma and her great granddaughter, Amelia, born just a month before she died.

WI President Rosemary Blackburn writes: Val was one of the founding members of our WI in 1987 and was an enthusiastic member, joining in many group activities. Her great interest was crafts of all kinds; her skills won her many awards at district produce shows. She was our first craft representative until 1990 and took part in arranging our jumble and craft sales. Another of Val's passions was darts: for several years she organised our team for the district competition. Although Val had not been a member of our group for the past 10 years, she has been much missed by her friends and we extend our sympathy to Mick and family.

Funeral arrangements: Fri 1 March 2.30pm at Kent & Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells followed by a celebration of Val's life at The Bell. All are welcome. Family flowers only please but there will be a collection box for donations to the Hospice in the Weald at both venues. Alternatively, donations can be made online or by cash/cheque payable to 'Hospice In The Weald' c/o Abbey Funeral Services Ltd. 173 High Street, Tonbridge TN9 1BX. There is a tribute page for Val on the Abbey website: Valerie-nobes.muchloved.com

Keep Kent Green: Quarry Update

Deadline for objections is midnight on Friday 8 March

There's still time to object to the proposed extension of the Stonecastle Farm quarry and the new quarry at Moat Farm. Last month's meeting with our MP Tom Tugendhat in the Mission Hall saw strong support, with over 40 people attending to express their concerns and to hear the MP along with resident Alan Chilvers explain what we can do to stop 200 acres of Green Belt and agricultural land from being destroyed for the extraction of what is acknowledged to be poor-quality gravel. Tom cited the success of the Ryarsh community in removing their site from the KCC Local Minerals and Waste Plan, achieved through presenting a united front in opposition. He emphasised that 'numbers matter'—that is, as

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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

After the success of **Thai Night**, another delicious themed menu is planned for March

Six Nations Rugby

All matches shown live!

Bernie's Big Quiz

Monday 4 Mar, 1 Apr 7.45pm

All welcome. £3 Entry fee
Cash prize

Reggae/Ska/Rocksteady

Saturday 16 March

hosted by Sabotage Sounds
7.30pm till late

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for news of events, live music etc!
[Facebook/BellInnGoldenGreen](https://www.facebook.com/BellInnGoldenGreen)

New Waste Service Talk

Tue 5 Mar 10.30am Mission Hall

Please join us for a special Coffee Morning! From 30 September there will be a change in the items collected. These will include glass and plastic, rags, small electrical items and batteries, and weekly food waste in a separate container, in addition to the items currently taken. Garden waste will be collected separately if you choose to subscribe. At last many residents who don't have cars will be able to recycle easily! Two TMBC staff will explain the new system at this special coffee morning. Come at 10.30am for a free coffee and biscuit (GGA funded!) or just before 11am to hear about the planned collections. More details on the TMBC website or see last May's Hamlet.

The Golden Green Association Committee

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many people as possible should make their objections known. Ideally this should be done via the official form online at the KCC website (<http://mylimehouse.kent.gov.uk/portal/>) or request a form from KCC's Minerals & Waste Planning Policy Team (1st Floor, Invicta House, Maidstone ME14 1XX; tel 03000 422370; email mwlp@kent.gov.uk). Letters and emails can also be sent to this address.

Please also sign the petition that is available from Alan Chilvers or sign it online at keepkent.green. Anyone can sign the petition and there's no deadline but the official form should be submitted by midnight on Fri 8 March.

At the meeting, we were advised to begin our objection with the words, 'The Plan is not sound because ...' and then outline our concerns. Tom suggested that the destruction of Green Belt is one of our strongest arguments, but others include: airborne pollution; unacceptable adverse impacts on health & amenity; noise & light pollution; dust and vibration; substantial increase in HGV traffic; road safety; loss of wildlife; environmental impact; increased flood risk; possible pollution of the River Medway; visual impact on the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; and destruction of an historical site dating to 1490. For help with the petition, contact Alan Chilvers or Lauren Garcia at keepkent.green.

Defibrillator Training

The CPR and AED (defibrillator) training at the Mission Hall was a great success—thank you to the 42 people who came along, and a very big thank you to Graeme Samuels for running the session. There has been wonderfully positive feedback, with everyone now feeling comfortable with the idea of using CPR and the AED in the event that it should ever be needed (fingers crossed that it won't!). If you missed it, Tonbridge Fire Station are running 'drop in' sessions on Sat 2 Mar 10am-1pm and 2-4pm. <https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/> *Jane Rogers*

[Special thanks to Jane for organising the event—*AW*]

What's On in Golden Green?

More info:

Mondays	Zoe's Pilates	Hall	10-11am	771747
Tuesdays	Coffee Morning	Hall	10am	850768
Tuesdays	FABS Fitness for Older Adults	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
FEBRUARY & MARCH				
Mon 4 Mar	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	7.45pm	220811
Tue 5 Mar	Coffee/new waste services talk	Hall	10.30am	851969
Sat 16 Mar	Music Night (reggae, ska)	Bell	7.30pm	851748
Mon 18 Mar	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768
Wed 20 Mar	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Sun 31 Mar	Family Service	Hall	12 noon	850238
Mon 1 Apr	Bernie's Big Quiz (date tbc)	Bell	7.45pm	220811
Sat 6 Apr	Golden Green Spring Clean	Hall	9.30am	850329

GG Women's Institute

Sadly no room for Iris Wilson's report this month but she'll be back next month. The next WI meeting is 20 Mar. For further information about GG WI, please contact President Rosemary Blackburn on 850812.

GGA Lottery 2019

There are just four numbers left so contact Alec Pelmore (850739) right away if you haven't got yours yet. The draws for January and February will be made very soon. You'll be contacted if you're a lucky winner and results will also be published in *The Hamlet*. A list of allocated numbers is available on request

Annual Parish Meeting

11 Mar 7pm Old School Hall, Hadlow
This is a community meeting and a chance for everyone to put forward ideas for the parish. Do come along!

Notification of AGM

East Peckham & Golden Green Branch of the Conservative Association
Tue 26 March 7:30pm at Cockle Oast, Hartlake Road, GG TN11 0BL

Annual GG Spring Clean

Saturday 6 Apr 9.30am. Meet at the Mission Hall. Tools provided. Contact Howard Rogers (850329) for details

Parish Council Contacts

Parish Office Tel: 851878

Email: clerk@hadlowpc.co.uk

Open Tue & Thu 9.30am-12 noon

Website hadlowpc.co.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 16 Mar, 9.15-10.15am

Next council meeting: 11 Mar, 7.30pm, Old School Hall, Hadlow

Next Borough Councillors' Surgery:
16 Mar, St Mary's Church, Hadlow, 10-11.30am

Hospital Car Service

If you need transport to a hospital or medical appointment, please contact Mike Harvey on 01732 852564 or email rev.nickyharvey@gmail.com

Hand in items for inclusion in the next issue to Anne Waddingham 13 Sherenden Park (850048) or email gghamlet@outlook.com by 22 March. Subscribers' names and addresses and, where relevant, email addresses are held only for the purpose of distributing the newsletters. To sign up for the email edition or paper version, or to stop receiving them, contact Anne (details above) or Alec (850739). Please tell us if you have a new neighbour so we can update our list.