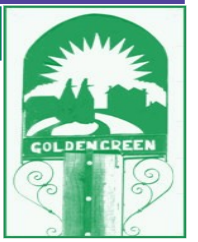


THE HAMLET



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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

September 2019

Quarries & Houses Update

Edited extract from Alan Chilvers' email update 30 Aug 2019

There have been many new developments over the past few months which will dramatically change our community and our daily lives. First a big thank you to everyone who signed our keepkent.green petition; we had over 1400 signatures, which our local MP Tom Tugendhat delivered to Parliament in July.

The quarries. Tarmac have finally submitted their planning proposals to KCC for a new plant facility at Stonecastle Farm Quarry. We have until **6 September** to respond to KCC with our comments and objections to these proposals. It is really important that as many people as possible do this, as the quarry extensions are central to the housing developments (see below). Comments on the application can be made [online](#) or write to Planning Applications, Planning & Environment, 1st floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX. Reference Planning Application no. TW/19/1343 (KCC/TW/0093/2019)).

Save Capel. Tunbridge Wells Borough Council proposes to develop alongside the quarries another 600 acres of Green Belt Agricultural Land into 4000 new homes at Tudeley and East Capel. These two villages will have a population close to Paddock Wood of 8000 people and will be larger than the Kings Hill development at West Malling. Local residents have formed an action group—Save Capel. The next few months are critical and we need everyone's support, we are fighting not only to stop the removal of part of our beautiful countryside but also protecting our community for future generations.

[An important meeting organised by Save Capel is on 18 Sep 7pm at The Schools at Somerhill TN11 0NJ. More details at savecapel.com or on local posters.]

You are invited to the ...

World's Biggest Coffee Morning

for **Macmillan Cancer Support**

Mission Hall, Golden Green

Friday 27 Sep 10.30am-12.30pm

Wanted: cakes, biscuits, sweet & savoury bakes, helpers

Bring & Buy and raffle—please bring donations

Bring your friends too!

Contact Linda Daker 851969

Victoria Rd—Road Closure

Part of Victoria Road will be closed from 18 September for up to 14 days while new ducts are installed by BT. The road will be closed from near to Hayse Farm.

'Access for emergency service vehicles and pedestrians will be maintained at all times during the closure. For information regarding this closure please contact BT, who will be able to assist with the scope of these works.'

Great [recipes](#) to try!

Friday 27th Sept



The Bell News

Tel 851748

Games room * Function room hire for parties, band practice etc. Free for GG residents



Bernie's Big Quiz

Monday 9 Sep 7.45pm
(not 2 Sep)

All welcome. £3 Entry fee
Cash prize

Live music!

Wott the Hoople & Bad Company
Sat 12 October 8pm

Promises to be a fantastic night of entertainment

Every Saturday

Free juke box

Red Tooth Poker

Tuesdays 7.30pm

Free to enter and play

An amazing total of £847 was raised for the stillbirth & neonatal death charity SANDS at The Bell's fundraising day last month. Thank you to everyone who donated money and prizes and everyone who came and helped

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

Spick and Span Sign

Thanks to Sean Waddingham for sprucing up the Invicta crest and scroll atop the Golden Green road sign on Three Elm Lane near Easterfield. Before and after pics show the difference!

The Golden Green Association Committee

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GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

In July it was picnic time at the Mission Hall with lots of teddies attending. There were large ones, tiny ones, well worn ones, beginning to fall apart ones and of course loveable ones. They all joined us, together with our friends from local WIs, to celebrate our 32nd birthday on 17 July. There was so much catching up to do and for a while the hall buzzed. Short work was made of the appetising sandwiches and cakes followed by gorgeous local strawberries and cream. After a welcome cuppa we then settled down to listen to Melanie Gibson-Barton and her talk on the history of the teddy.

In 1902, former US President Theodore 'Teddy' Roosevelt refused to shoot a bear while out hunting when it had been tied up to a tree to give him an easy shot! Cartoonists then had a field day depicting him turning his back on a cute, defenceless bear. Shopkeeper Morris Michtom had the idea of creating a soft toy in the shape of a bear and received permission from the President to call it a teddy. The toy was a great success. At the same time, German toymakers Steiff produced a bear which was identified by a special button in its ear. After an excellent talk we quickly collected our teddies in case they scarpered off to the woods again!

Our August meeting was held in Carol's garden in lovely sunshine. It was a relaxed afternoon and we enjoyed scones, cream and jam together with cakes and of course a cuppa. Carol was thanked for the use of her garden and also those behind the scenes who supplied the afternoon tea.

At our meeting on 18 September we host Pat Mortlock who has the history and conservation of Ightham Mote as her subject. This is an open evening with a visitor's charge of £4 including refreshments. Doors open at the Mission Hall at 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start.

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

What's On in Golden Green?

More info:

Mission Hall hire: Rob & Ros Seall 1 Bell Cotts 01732 850664 r.seall@gmail.com

Mondays	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

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Mon 9 Sep	Bernie's Big Quiz (date change)	Bell	7.45pm	220811
Mon 16 Sep	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768
Wed 18 Sep	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Tue 19 Sep	Book Club	Bell	8pm	850329
Fri 27 Sep	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Hall	10.30am	851959
Mon 7 Oct	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	7.45pm	220811
Sat 12 Oct	Live Music! Wott the Hoople	Bell	8pm	851748

The Village Pump

* The GGA treasurer would like to thank the **GG WI** for their kind contribution to the village fete in June

* The next **Book Club** meeting will discuss *Miss Garnet's Angel* by Sally Vickers and *The Raven's Augury* by LJ Shea on Thursday 19 September 8pm in The Bell

* Have you completed your Household Enquiry form yet to **register your vote**? If doing so online, use www.elecreg.co.uk/tmbc not the incorrect one on the form's first page

Hadlow Scarecrow Trail

21 & 22 Sep (Sat 10-4, Sun 12-4pm)
Pick up a trail sheet at St Mary's Church and vote for your favourite scarecrow! Each one has a clue—complete the puzzle and enter a free prize draw for tea and cake for two at Weathered and Worn.

Hadlow Village Hall Barn Dance

Sat 6 Oct Tickets £12 include ploughman's supper. See village posters for more details or 07399 938059. In aid of Hadlow Village Hall and St Mary's

GGA 2019 Lottery Results

<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>
£25 D Bayley	£25 Paul Smith
£25 Jo Ivell	£25 Colin Charnock
£25 M Barden	£25 R Worsell

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 21 September 9.15-10.15am

Next council meeting: 9 September 7.30pm Old School Hall, Hadlow

Next Borough Councillors' Surgery: 21 Sep, 16 Nov, 10-11.30am

St Mary's Church, Hadlow

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

Deadline for next issue: **24 September**

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Please tell us if you have a new neighbour so we can update our list.



The London Green Belt Council Chair, Richard Knox-Johnston and the Campaign to Protect Rural England Kent Chair, John Wotton will be here, in the Parish of Capel, to lead a discussion exploring the future of the Green Belt against the backdrop of housebuilding requirements in the South East and a recently declared Climate Change Emergency.

What strategies should be adopted?
How can communities be part of building a bright future?

There will also be an overview of the imminent TWBC Local Plan public consultation process and ways in which you can express your opinions and make your voice heard.

Please join us for a thought provoking and informative evening.

Wednesday 18th September
7pm
The Schools at Somerhill
Tonbridge, TN11 0NJ

RSVP savecapel@gmail.com