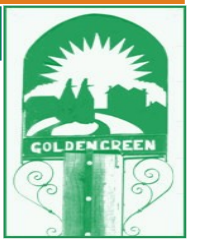


THE HAMLET



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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

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Tudeley/Capel New Town Tonbridge & Malling (TMBC) Planning & Transportation Meeting

Wednesday 2 October 7.30pm
TMBC Council Offices, Gibson Drive,
Kings Hill

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council will be discussing their recommendations to cabinet this Wednesday evening regarding the Tunbridge Wells Draft Local Plan, which contains proposals to develop 4000 new homes in Tudeley and Capel as well as a further 4000 houses in Paddock Wood. If these proposals are approved it will lead to the loss of over 1000 acres of picturesque Green Belt countryside that we all enjoy in Golden Green. Large parts of the developments will occur on the Medway Flood Plain. Click for [maps](#) & TMBC's [key matters](#) report. Please join local residents who will be attending this meeting on 2 Oct. We must let our councillors know that we want our countryside saved from this devastation.

New Town Plans: How to Have Your Say

Friday 4 Oct 10-11.30am
Mission Hall, Golden Green

(Also Wed 3 Oct 4.30-8pm Mascalls,
Paddock Wood)

Come and see the plans for Tudeley New Town and find out how to have your say! If these proposals proceed, the entrance to the new town will be at the top of Hartlake Road accessed by a new roundabout and further road extensions. There are also plans for a new school on Tudeley Rd opposite Somerhill, that will also impact traffic.

Share this with information with your friends and family as we need to take action to protect our villages.

The deadline for comments to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council is

Friday 1 November.

More information at savecapel.com

Alan Chilvers

Our Community Warden



My name is Sandra Edmonds and I have the privilege of being your KCC Community Warden. I am based in East Peckham but also cover Hadlow and Golden Green.

We work with residents to promote safer communities—we work with victims of scams, link in closely with the Kent Police and our community support officers, visit and support the elderly, lonely and isolated and generally have a visible presence for added reassurance to all residents.

I pop in to the Tuesday coffee morning in GG when other duties allow. I am happy to meet and discuss any concerns or issues residents have (but I don't deal with parking issues, which need to be referred to enforcement officers or Kent Police via 101).

Please feel free to stop me and chat when I'm out and about or call me on 07969 584183 or email

Sandra.Edmonds@kent.gov.uk.

*Sandra Edmonds
KCC Community Warden*



The Bell News

Tel 851748

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



Live music!

**Wott the Hoople & Bad Company
Sat 12 October 8pm**

Promises to be a fantastic night of entertainment

Bernie's Big Quiz

**Monday 14 Oct 7.45pm
(not 7 Oct)**

All welcome. £3 Entry fee
Cash prize

Vinyl Night!

Sat 16 November

Dig out your vintage 45s—bring your old records to be played!

Every Saturday

Free juke box

Red Tooth Poker

Tuesdays 7.30pm

Free to enter and play

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Photo by Pat Pelmore

This cute little albino squirrel has been amusing Hartlake Road residents with its antics. Albinos are quite unusual, and are supposed to bring luck. At least it'll be camouflaged in the snow!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Last month's Coffee Morning was a great success, raising over £400 for the charity. Thanks to all the bakers who produced a mouth-watering spread (*left*), as well as the helpers and customers. And Star Baker goes to Linda Daker who organised it so well!

The Golden Green Association Committee

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GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

Local people will know of Ightham Mote, the lovely medieval manor house in the Kentish Weald right on our doorstep. Parts of the building date from 1330 and, although it started life as a modest 'great hall' plus several other domestic buildings, it has been added to over the centuries. 'Mote' could refer to the moat that surrounds it, said Pat Mortlock, who was welcomed back to tell us about its history.

The manor has changed hands several times in its long life, the first owner being Isolde Inge (1330–1360). Sir Thomas Cawne, the next owner, was responsible for the layout seen today; he died in 1374 and is buried in the parish church at Ightham, as are many of the previous owners, some of whom have very grand tombs. The last owner, American Charles Henry Robinson left the property to the National Trust when he died in 1985.

The Trust realised a massive conservation project was needed. They were meticulous about the work to be done to preserve the building. The conservation took 15 years and cost £10 million, 40% of which was grant-aided funding from English Heritage and the rest from public appeal. It was completed in 2004. Pat mentioned that during the conservation, a staircase was revealed and beneath one of the treads a pair of shoes was found (rather worse for wear after nearly 700 years!), the superstition being that by hiding the shoes, one warded off evil spirits.

With several outings in the pipeline we are having a busy time and at our next meeting on Wed 16 October, we anticipate a very interesting talk about the Crown Jewels by former Crown Jeweller David V Thomas.

All are welcome, the visitors' charge being £4, which includes refreshments. The Mission Hall doors open 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

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Fri 4 Oct	Tudeley New Town exhibition	Hall	10-11.30am	
Sat 12 Oct	Live Music! Wott the Hoople	Bell	8pm	851748
Mon 14 Oct	Bernie's Big Quiz (date change)	Bell	7.45pm	220811
Mon 21 Oct	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768
Wed 16 Oct	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Tue 5 Nov	Book Club	Bell	8pm	850329
Mon 11 Nov	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	7.45pm	220811
Sat 16 Nov	Vinyl Night @ The Bell	Bell		851748

We Remember Them

In October 1919, a special dinner welcomed home GG men who had served their country in WWI. Many surnames live on in the hamlet today—is your ancestor one of them? Perhaps consider for a moment the brave man who once lived in your house 100 years ago & their families.

J Allcom—11 Victoria Road
Mr Bromley—address not given
AJ Evans—Hartlake Cottages
A, C & T Giles—Kelchers Lane
G Hemsley—address not given
WJ Homewood—Gammons Land
Frank Jenner—Tithe Ward
L Jenner—Bell Cottages
FK Jennings—Three Elm Lane
E Joy—5 Albert Cottages
ES Martin—Kelchers Lane
Allan Paris—3 Albert Cottages
J Parker—8 Bell Cottages
E Pope—address not given
J Simmons—Kelchers Lane
H Simmons—Titheward House
J Singer—Kelchers Lane
S Singer—Pear Tree Cottage
T Smith—4 Victoria Road
W Waghorn—3 Victoria Rd
A & W Warnett—Victoria Rd
J Wells—address not given
W Wenham—Kelchers Lane

The work of the Royal British Legion goes on to support the veterans of more recent conflicts, and ex-service men and women.

Poppy Appeal collections start at the end of October and we're looking for helpers to assist in GG & Hadlow. Please call Sean (850048; gghamlet@outlook.com).

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Bulky refuse lorry & WEEE collection:

Victoria Rd cul-de-sac 19 October
9.15–10.15am

Next council meeting: 14 October 7.30pm
Mission Hall, Golden Green

Next Borough Councillors' Surgery:

16 Nov, 10–11.30am St Mary's Church

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: **23 October**
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