

THE HAMLET



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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

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Tudeley/Capel New Town: Consultation Update

You now have until Fri **15 November** 5pm to respond to the Tunbridge Wells Local Plan proposal to build thousands of houses on Green Belt land at Tudeley and Capel. Make no mistake, even though not in our borough, this will have a serious impact on us in Golden Green.

You can make your views known in a variety of ways: the TWBC online portal, by email or letter. The task may seem a bit daunting but there's plenty of help available, especially online at savecapel.com/respond or look for ideas in our MP Tom Tugendhat's response—but please do write in your own words what the Plan means to you. As TMBC Cllr Howard Rogers says, 'The number of responses *does* matter; you don't need to go in to the level of detail that Tom has done, but every letter will be read and perhaps will persuade TW Councillors that their Planning Department has made a error of judgement in allocating so many houses on our back door step!' There's also an information drop-in where you can see the plans at Capel Primary School on Sunday 3 Nov from 11am to 3pm.

The consultation period ends at 5pm on 15 November 2019

Hadlow Orchestra Concert

Free Concert 24 Nov 3pm

St Mary's Church, Hadlow

Come and hear a varied programme of popular classics, light music and songs from the shows.

Interval refreshments.

Retiring collection in aid of St Mary's Church and Hadlow Orchestra



Hedgehog Heaven

Create a dead wood pile, using any sticks and logs. They're great for insects, fungi, mosses and lichens, and if you're lucky, a hedgehog or toad might take up residence.

And speaking of piles of sticks, check your bonfire for hedgehogs before lighting it, just in case they're hibernating in there.

Hadlow Wildlife Gardens

25 Nov 7.30 for 8pm start to 9.30pm
Old School Hall, Hadlow

First meeting, a talk by Maureen Rainey of the Kent Wildlife Trust, entitled 'Hospitable Horticulture for Hedgehogs'. All welcome.

Please do stay for refreshments at the end.

Golden Green Carol Service

Sun 22 December 4pm

Mission Hall

Followed by mince pies and mulled cider

Choir singers and lesson readers needed (any age)

Contact Alec Pelmore (850739)



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

Mon 11 Nov 7.45pm

(not 4 Nov)

All welcome. £3 Entry fee
Cash prize

Vinyl Night!

Sat 16 Nov 7-11pm

Dig out all of your old vinyl records, bring them along to be played on the decks by the excellent DJs. Anything goes—soul, punk, disco, 70s-80s-90s, rock and even rave. It's going to be special, so don't miss out!

Christmas Jumper Party

Sat 21 Dec 7.30pm

Time to get those Christmas jumpers out and join us for a night of good music, plenty of drink and Christmas cheer!

Every Saturday

Free juke box

Red Tooth Poker

Tuesdays 7.30pm

Free to enter and play

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Advertise your GG Business

If your business is located in Golden Green, advertise to the community now on the [Local Businesses](#) page of the Hadlow Parish Council website.

Send the details and relevant copy to Jane Haselden who runs the site (jane@gelcreative.co.uk)

The Golden Green Association Committee

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GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

Being a Crown Jeweller could be described as one of the most important and responsible jobs in the country. Queen Victoria originally created the post in 1843 by issuing a royal warrant for Garrard & Co. Our speaker, former Crown Jeweller David V Thomas MVO (Member of the Royal Victorian Order), trained for 5 years and was in the role for 21 years before retiring, although now the post is held only for 5 years.

The Crown Jeweller is on call 24/7 and is also responsible for making sure that all the jewels are in pristine condition *a//* of the time. Unless permission is given by the Crown Jeweller, only the monarch is allowed to handle or move the Crown Jewels.

We saw pictures of the many crowns that are used for specific functions and royalty. The Crown Jewels are reckoned to be worth about \$4 billion (£3.1bn—although the Establishment wouldn't deign to put a price on them, calling them 'priceless!'). There are also the many solid-gold items such as the mace and the orb, and even cruets which are used for special functions such as banquets for visiting dignitaries. Perhaps the salt and pepper tastes better in a gold container?

The crown, mace and orb that The Queen had to wear and hold during her coronation are extremely heavy—the mace alone weighs 26-30 lbs. The central diamond in her coronation crown is of course the Kohinoor, weighing 105.6 carats. Before it was cut it weighed 793 carats, the largest in the world. The name of the diamond comes from the Persian word Koh-i-Noor, meaning 'Mountain of Light'.

On Wed 20 Nov we welcome Carol Markwick with 'The Miracle of Moorcroft', which for Arts & Craft people is a must, as it will be about English pottery at its best. Doors open at the Mission Hall 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

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Tue 5 Nov	Book Club	Bell	8pm	850329
Mon 11 Nov	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	7.45pm	220811
Sat 16 Nov	Vinyl Night!	Bell	7-11pm	851748
Mon 18 Nov	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768
Wed 20 Nov	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Mon 9 Dec	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	7.45pm	220811
Sat 21 Dec	Christmas Jumper Party	Bell	7.30pm	851748
Sun 22 Dec	GG Carol Service	Hall	4pm	850739

GGA 2019 Lottery Results

<i>September</i>	<i>October</i>
£25 Vicky Smith	£25 M Marcroft
£25 Barbara Cox	£25 Nick Watson
£25 K Peerless	£25 Roger McKerlie

GG Book Club

The next meeting will discuss *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* on Thursday 5 November at 8pm in The Bell

East Peckham Silver Band

Free Concert Sun 3 Nov 2.30pm
E Peckham Village Hall. Donations for EP Dementia Friendly Community

Hadlow Events

Community Breakfast

Sun 3 Nov 9-11am Old School Hall, Hadlow. Book: 851878

Craft Fair

Sun 3 Nov 11am-4pm
Hadlow Village Hall, Williams Field

Christmas Fair

Fri 6 Dec 3.50-5.30pm
Old School Hall & car park
Carols round the tree, hot food, drink and a variety of stalls

Hadlow Library new hours

Opening times extended! Now all day
Tue & Thu 9am-5pm (closed 1-2pm);
Wed 10am-3pm; Sat 9am to 1pm

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

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Bulky refuse lorry & WEEE collection:

Victoria Rd cul-de-sac 16 Nov

9.15–10.15am

Next council meeting: 11 November

7.30pm Old School Hall, Hadlow

Next Borough Councillors' Surgery:

10–11.30am 16 Nov, 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 November**

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