

HADLOW NEWSLETTER

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Services in Church:

Sundays: 10.00am – Parish Eucharist.

Because of the difficulty in securing the services of visiting priests to cover all our Sunday services during the interregnum, some of our services will not include Holy Communion. These Services of the Word will take place on 5th July, 9th August and 20th September at the usual time of 10am.

Wednesdays: 9.30am Holy Communion

New Vicar for Hadlow

The Bishop of Rochester and the Church Wardens are delighted to announce that The Revd Dr Peter Hayler is to be appointed as the new Vicar of Hadlow and Diocesan Rural Champion. Rev Peter is currently the Rector of Shipbourne and Plaxtol and will be installed at a service in church on Tuesday 29th Sept at 7:30pm. All are welcome to join us.

St Mary's church is open every day between 10am and 3pm. If you would like to arrange a wedding or baptism, please contact 07570 941809, or email: office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

St Mary's Website www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk

St Mary's Office Email: office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

Thank You

Well done and a big **THANK YOU** to all involved with last week's Village Fête. The numbers exceeded all expectations and it was great to see families and the community coming together to enjoy a wonderful afternoon. A huge thank you too to the organisers, the event's sponsor **Gillingham Engineering**, and to **Ian Chatfield Butchers, Hadlow Health and Beauty, the Kentish Tap**, and all who donated prizes and bottles, baked cakes and scones, the organisations and stallholders who took part and the many volunteers who helped out on the day.

Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots: Every Wednesday 10.30am. All parents and carers with babies and toddlers are welcome. Join in the fun: craft, nursery rhymes, singing, music & play. £1 per family includes coffee & biscuit for carers.

Coffee Morning for seniors: – 3rd and 17th July, and 21st August, 10.30am in church. Coffee mornings are usually held on the first and third Fridays of every month – but no coffee morning on 7th August. All welcome; come and make friends.

Seniors' Lunch Sunday 2nd August at 12.30am in church. Booking essential – please contact Jenny on 01732 852386.

Café Plus: Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday in St Mary's Church, 1-3pm for crafts (knitting, crochet & sewing), good company and a cuppa.

Hadlow Carers Together Do you, or someone you know, care for an adult and would like a break for an hour? Do come along to the Carers Together group for an informal group chat with other carers who understand. We meet in Church on the 2nd Monday of the month 1.30-2.30 and 4th Fridays 10.30 -11.30am. Contact Sally, Jenny or Iris. or email HadlowCarersTogether@outlook.com

Friends Together Bereavement Support: Second Monday of the month from 11am - 12.30pm at the OSH. Anyone who has had a significant bereavement is welcome to join us. Call 07774 891314 for info.

Hospital Car Service: If you would like transport to a hospital or other medical appointment, please contact Mike Harvey on 01732 851881 or 07464 548448

Ring Into a New Hobby! Give ringing a go. If you would like to try a new and very different type of hobby, why not give bell ringing a go. Join us for taster sessions every Wednesday in July starting from July 1st from 7pm to 8pm at St Mary's Church. For more information contact Howard Rogers: 07734 962855 or howardsrogers@aol.com

Clubs Societies and Social

Hadlow Historical Society: THEN AND NOW: a showcase of Hadlow, comparing old and newly taken photographs. This will be at the Old School Hall on **Saturday, 22nd August** from **10 am to 12.30 pm**. Come along for refreshments, dramatic displays, a chat and a leaflet for a self-guided walking tour of our historic village. Donation of £5, with children free. Contact: Patricia Richardson: hadlowhistory@gmail.com - 07876

Hadlow Seniors Pop-in Club: Every Thurs. 10-12 at OSH Last session July 30th, Restart Sept 3rd. We are a friendly group, why not come and meet new friends and enjoy other activities. Info Carol Markwick 850413 Jenny Hopkins 852386

Hadlow Gardeners: Monday 20th July at 7.30pm in the **OSH** for a talk by Caroline Jackson '**Right Plant. Right Place**'. There is no meeting in August but we will hold a Summer Social on Sunday 9th August, enjoying lunch (hopefully in the garden) at Clearways, Hadlow Stair. Please let me know numbers for catering purposes.

Hadlow WI: July We will be having a talk on what happens in a real crime scene investigation, Alex White will share the forensics approach she undertakes in her job with Kent police at our meeting on Monday 27th July at 7.30 in the OSH
August: George Gorham will give a talk about the work of Mission Aviation Fellowship, flying emergency medical supplies, doctors and nurses to places no one else can reach at our meeting on Monday 24th August 7.30 in OSH New members and visitors are welcome to join us, Email Hadlow@wkwfi.org.uk.

Hadlow Outdoor Bowls: in School Lane will welcome any visitors who want to watch a match. You may even get a free cup of tea too. Dates of match fixtures can be found on our website. www.hadlowbowls.co.uk Tel. 01732852138.

Yoga with Lizzie: I invite you to join me on the mat for a welcoming, fun and inclusive new yoga class. Every Wednesday evening, from 7:30-8:30pm in OSH. For more info and to book: lizziesf@outlook.com / 07825 060821. Qualified instructor with the British Wheel of Yoga 🧘

Hadlow Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting – Monday 13th July 2026, 19.30 in the OSH. No meeting in August

Community Breakfast: Sunday 28th June between 9 am and 11 am - if possible, please book ahead of the date at the Parish Office. No Breakfast in July or August.

Community Minibus Scheme - as summer approaches bookings for group trips are increasing. If you wish to take a group on a day out, please contact the parish office for more information.

clerk@hadlowpc.co.uk or 851878 For all your community information. **Hadlow Parish Council official Twitter and Facebook** accounts to keep you updated. Share photos, news and stories at: [Twitter@HadlowParish](https://twitter.com/HadlowParish), [Facebook@HadlowParishCouncil](https://facebook.com/HadlowParishCouncil), Website www.hadlowpc.co.uk

Hadlow Village Hall: a great local venue for hosting parties, club activities, large events, indoor sports, business meetings. **We currently have space during the week for regular bookings.** We boast a large air-conditioned hall, wi-fi, a fixed projector, screen and speakers, a small meeting room and a newly refurbished cafe area adjoining our well-equipped kitchen. For more info. please ring HVH on 07399 938059 or email info@hadlowvillagehall.org

HOME (Hadlow Opposes Mass Expansion) are trying to fight the many planning applications on Green Belt land. We would like more members to back us up and share their skills or just to give support. Please contact us at: hadlowome@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page.

Hadlow Walking Netball: Walking netball, have you tried it? It is suitable for all ages and abilities, an opportunity to exercise in a relaxed, fun and supportive way. Experience not needed or knowledge of the rules to join. During July we will be meeting at Hadlow Village Hall, or outdoors on the Community Ballcourt, Marshall Gardens, TN11 OHQ on Saturday mornings between 10.30-11.30 No netball during August. Please contact Shirley on 07746476071 or email shirleyellis@yahoo.com for more information.

Mum & Bub Fit Every Wednesday, 12.45-1.30pm Hadlow Village Hall, TN11 OHQ Join us for a £10 taster sesh | 6 week block ~ £80. A supportive class designed for new mums and their babies (0-12m). Gentle but effective workouts focusing on rebuilding strength, improving posture, and supporting mental wellbeing after birth. Each session blends safe postnatal exercises, bonding time with baby, and connection with other mums. Join our community, move at your own pace, and feel strong, healthy, and confident again! 07493 989600 | TRAINEDBYGEE@GMAIL.COM

Deadline for Sept 2026 Issue Friday 21st August. Send items to newsletterhadlow@btinternet.com.