



The Hamlet

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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

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Building Bridges

Jem Spalding's son was pleased to be entertained by a 'dancing' digger (*left*), while Chris Blackburn's photo below shows just how wide the Golden Gate Bridge (as he calls it!) is going to be. Thanks to both for photos. Stop Press! **Opening date now believed to be mid-March!** Let's hope for ribbon-cutting by the Mayor and a marching band!



Golden Green Quiz Night

Organised by The Medway Streakers
Mission Hall Saturday 8 March
7pm for 7.30 start

£6 per person, includes chilli 'n chips

Tables of 6-8. Bring drinks and nibbles, and a raffle prize. Tables are going fast, so book soon. If you haven't got a full team, do still come.

Contact Gabrielle on 851252 or email gabrielle.lear@hotmail.co.uk.

Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 23 April 2014
Hadlow Village Hall at 7.30pm

From the Parish Clerk: 'There will be a slightly different slant on the meeting this year; it will be more like an exhibition with local groups and societies each having a stall to promote their activities. Refreshments will be available and we are hoping a couple of groups may put on small performances to entertain residents. If you have not yet signed up for a stall or sent in your report then please do so as soon as possible. This event is for the whole Parish and everyone is welcome. To ensure we have enough refreshments, please let the Parish Office know if you will be attending. The PC also welcomes their new co-opted councillor Phil Jones.'

Calling WWII Evacuees

Were you or a relative evacuated from Golden Green or Hadlow during the war? Can you help [Derick Kemp](#) discover where he was sent on 18 July 1944 as a five-year-old? He lived in Shepherd's Cottage, Hartlake (now demolished) and was sent from Hadlow School by train to Westbury in Wilts with about 20 other children. Derick writes: 'I shared a bedroom with a much older boy whom I believe to come from Golden Green.' He is trying to find *exactly* where he was evacuated to. Derick sent a fascinating account of his memories, which I hope to have room for next month but could email to anyone who'd like more details, or who would like to be put in touch with him. *Hamlet* contact details overleaf.



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GG Women's Institute Report by Iris Wilson

It was great to see everyone again at our first meeting of 2014. We are still solvent but need to arrange some fund raising to see us through the year. Suggestions included collecting jumble and a boot sale for those other items that cannot go into the clothes bags.

Our guest Liz Rowland talked about relaxation techniques. Eating the right foods—nuts, sesame seeds, figs and bananas are good—and breathing correctly can help. Slow-burning oils are soothing, especially lavender. Liz put on a tape of waves gently splashing on a beach. After telling us to close our eyes she started talking quietly for a while and then stopped. It was so quiet in the hall; not a soul moved, and I felt as if I were floating! Then back down to earth as she brought us into the present. It was a lovely experience.

The 'Wine & Wisdom' evening will be on 24 September. Luckily this year it doesn't fall on our meeting night but we need to get our team(s) entered. Our winning entry of course!

Congratulations to Rosemary & Ted Worsell who'll be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on 7 Mar.

I've found another unsung helper—Doreen Cole who regularly puts out all the cups and saucers etc. ready for Barbara. It's amazing how our small WI knits together and helps each other without being asked. I am so glad I am a member—it's great to have so many friends.

The meeting on 19 March includes a talk on 'The Gentlemen's Clubs of London'. Doors open at 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start. Visitors welcome.

For more details of Golden Green WI, please contact President Rosemary Blackburn on 850812.

What's On in Golden Green?

More info:

Mondays	Zoe's Pilates	Hall	10–11am	771747
Tuesdays	Coffee Morning	Hall	10am	850664
Tuesdays	Mobile Library	Vic. Rd	5–5.15pm	0300 333 6022
Wednesdays	Gentle Exercise	Hall	10.30am	850664
MARCH				
Mon 3 Mar	Bell Quiz Night	The Bell	8.45pm	851748
Sat 8 Mar	GG Quiz Night	Hall	7.30pm	851252
Wed 19 Mar	WI Meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Mon 24 Mar	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850664
APRIL				
Mon 7 Apr	Bell Quiz Night	Bell	8.45pm	851748
Easter Sunday 20 Apr	Holy Communion	Hall	9am	850238

Hamlet Snippets

* New resident and dance teacher Karen Fleetcroft would like to start an Active Armchairs class for over 60s in the Hall. This involves music, movement, singing and socialising. If interested, email Karen at karenfleetcroft@googlemail.com or call her on 01732 667396.

* Does anyone know where the new cream oven gloves for the Hall kitchen are? Could you have you taken them home by mistake? Please return or give to Ros at 1 Bell Cotts.

* Last call for buying your 2014 GG lottery tickets from Alec (850739).

* Say 'Yes' at the till to Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers—Ray at The Bell is collecting for a local nursery.

* Report potholes to Kent Highways Services, responsible for gritting, fixing potholes, overhanging branches, street lights, traffic lights and drains. Phone Streetline on 03000 419191 or report online at tinyurl.com/KentPotholes. In an emergency phone 03000 418181.

River Bourne Working Group

Thursday 6 March at 7pm
Hadlow College, Tonbridge Rd, Hadlow

'Medway Valley Countryside Partnership would like to invite you to a workshop to identify ways of improving the River Bourne and to become part of a working group.

'All issues will be covered, including positive and negatives about the river. Further meetings will decide on an action plan for the River Bourne.'

Please contact Mary Tate by Monday 3 March if you plan to attend. Tel: 01622 683695 or email mary.tate@kent.gov.uk

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Please hand in items for inclusion in the next issue to Anne Waddingham at 13 Sherenden Park or email gghamlet@hotmail.co.uk by 26 March