



The Hamlet

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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

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Golden Green Association Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 30 April 8pm
Mission Hall

The GGA and Mission Hall Charity AGMs will be held immediately after a talk on the benefits of having a portable defibrillator (AED) in the village. All are welcome – drinks in The Bell afterwards.

Great, Great Grandad Peter

Congratulations to Bourne Park resident Peter Harlock who recently became a great-great-grandfather, after the birth of baby Max. You may have seen last week's *Courier*, which featured an interview with Peter, as well as a lovely photograph of him along with four more generations of his extended family.

Home-Based Business?

Free support is available – come and meet a business mentor.

For those working from home, there are myriad issues that could benefit from a helping hand.

Come and get one-to-one advice on marketing, sales, legal issues, finance and business growth.

For an appointment in your area contact us on 01233 653974 or email: info@homebasedkent.biz. www.homebasedkent.biz

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Recycling Improvements

What's hundreds of miles wide and consists of hundreds of thousands of bits of man-made debris? The North Atlantic Garbage Patch is mostly plastic waste that's found its way to the ocean via our rivers and seas. And if it goes into landfill instead, plastic takes a long, long time to decompose (if at all).

So it's great news that from 1 May we can recycle a lot more plastic. It was limited to plastic bottles now we can take a much wider range to the recycling centres – anything labelled 1, 2, 4 or 5 in the triangular 'PET' symbol (*right*) that you can find on most packaging (usually on the bottom of the container).



This includes things like soft drinks bottles, yoghurt pots, soap dispenser bottles, margarine tubs, and most of those clear plastic containers that supermarkets and shops use to package food such as strawberries. Even things like carrier bags, six-pack rings, plastic cups, buckets and laundry baskets are recyclable, as they are mostly PET 4 or 5!

I've been separating such items for the past month, and it's amazing how much of a difference it makes to what goes in the black bin.

(PET 3 – in case you're wondering why it's missing from the list – is PVC, such as window frames, and although they can be recycled, it has to be done by a specialist, so don't take PVC to the recycling bank yet.)

Local Rarities

We're incredibly lucky in this small part of Kent that we can see (and hear) three bird species that are disappearing very fast worldwide, so watch out for cuckoos, nightingales and turtle doves (*right*) returning from Africa. They can be heard now right here in Golden Green, but who knows for how much longer?



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208 Bus Service – Timetable Changes

The 208 service is now run by a company called Autocar with financial help from KCC. (Tel 01892 833830.) Ask a driver for a timetable.

Please note the service times have changed: the mornings are straightforward – 40 minutes past the hour going to Tonbridge, and 55 minutes past the hour at the station coming back. However, after 1.40pm, the times are more sporadic: from Golden Green at 3.01pm, 3.40pm, 4.53pm, 5.48pm, 6.48pm. Return from Tonbridge station: 3.35 (school days only), 4.12pm, 5.05pm, 6.05pm, 7.05pm. On Saturdays from Golden Green at 13 minutes past the hour, return from the station at 30 minutes past the hour. No buses on Sundays or bank holidays so you'll have to stay at home!

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GG Women's Institute Report by Iris Wilson

As some members were unwell our numbers were a bit depleted at our meeting this month.

However, it was great to see Wendy at our meeting again – she seems to be improving all the time after fracturing her leg. I don't think that she will be up to going on the District Walk on Wednesday 21st May though!

By the end of this year all the individual projects for our banner should be finished (fingers crossed). Then comes the gigantic task of arranging it all into a banner that we can be proud of.

We are so fortunate that we have Rosalind (a founder member) who has been our guiding light in all this and on whose shoulders will fall the final collation.

I managed to have a peek at some of the projects and the workmanship is amazing. (Mustn't say any more as I shall get into trouble.)

Happy birthday to Doreen Cole!

Our President introduced our guest speaker, Mr Van Greaves, who is a financial advisor. 'Van' as he asked to be called, covered quite a bit of legal information and advice, including the following points.

Marriage will invalidate a will, which most people do know. Leaving a will if you are married means there is no tax on the inheritance – not so for a partner though, as that inheritance *is* taxed. Did you know that the safest place to leave all your money is in a trust as the taxman can't touch it?

With regard to Power of Attorney, apparently there are three stages:

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
MAY				
Mon 12 May	Bell Quiz Night	The Bell	8.45pm	851748
Wed 21 May	WI Meeting (members only)	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Sun 25 May	Family Service	Hall	11.50am	850238
Mon 19 May	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850664
JUNE				
Sun 22 Jun	Holy Communion	Hall	11.50am	850238
Sun 15 Jun	GG Summer Fete	Signpost Field	1pm	850739

first, there the Court of Protection, then the Enduring Power of Attorney which can be abused. The best one is the Lasting Power of Attorney. If anyone is in any doubt, go to the Citizens Advice Bureau for free advice.

Our meeting next month is on Wednesday 21 May and will be for members only, as this is our Annual Meeting and we shall also be discussing the WI resolutions.

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

GGA Lottery Results 2014

February
 £25 Mrs Giles
 £25 Fiona Lee
 £25 Mrs Wenham

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Bulky refuse and WEEE lorry:
 Victoria Road cul-de-sac Saturday
 10 May 9.30–10.30 am.

Please hand in items for inclusion in the next issue to Anne Waddingham at 13 Sherenden Park or email gghamlet@hotmail.co.uk by 23 May.

The Hamlet and the parish newsletter can be emailed as a PDF on request.