

# The Hamlet



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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

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## Clean for the Queen

Saturday 5 March 10am–12

Meet outside The Bell for a litter pick and spring clean around Golden Green. TMBC is providing some equipment.

'Clean for the Queen' is a Keep Britain Tidy campaign to clear up Britain in time for HM The Queen's 90th birthday.

To help make it more fun, dress up with a royal theme: wear royal-family masks, make your own crowns and dust off your tiara! More details from Howard Rogers (850329)

## Free Microchips for Dogs

**Wed 17 Feb 12-2pm**  
**Hadlow Village Hall, Williams Field, Marshall Gardens**

Does your dog have an identity chip? If not, why not take advantage of a **free** chipping service this month? We quite often have loose and stray dogs found and reported in GG. Did you know that microchipping will be compulsory from 6 April?

TMBC have 200 microchips courtesy of a Dogs Trust campaign, Stay Together Forever For Free.

There will also be 'Responsible Dog Ownership' information, flyers and giveaways, including material from Royal Mail's 'Dog Awareness' campaign to keep your dog safe and secure around delivery people.

## Ding Dong! Bell News

The GGA would like to extend a very warm welcome to a nice bloke, The Bell's new manager, Lee Stanley—do drop in and say hello soon. Lee lives in Ashford with his wife Sam and young family. We hope he'll be very happy.

And a heartfelt thanks to Julian and Doey for stepping in at short notice in our hour of need to keep The Bell open over the Christmas and the New Year.

## Not-the-Bernie's Big Quiz

The monthly quiz will take place on Monday 7 March—but without our Bernie! He's away so it will be a DIY quiz organised by the regulars—should be interesting! Come along to the not-so-serious quiz at 8.45pm and have a good laugh. Normal 'Bernie service' will resume on Mon 4 Apr.



Retirees' January Lunch

As can be seen from these photos, courtesy of Janet Sergison and Peter Harlock, the annual lunch was greatly enjoyed and appreciated. Even residents who were unable to get to the Mission Hall didn't miss out, as they had their lunches delivered to their homes. Thanks to all the helpers who made it possible. *Top row left:* 'What's on the menu?' *Top right:* there was lots to chat about. *Bottom row left:* 'Perhaps just a little more ...' *Centre:* delicious desserts. *Right:* satisfied customers.

## The Golden Green Association Committee wishes everyone a Happy New Year!

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## GG Women's Institute

### by Iris Wilson

With January's sudden cold spell, I think that most of us were grateful that we did not have a meeting last month. However, referring back to December 2015 at our early meeting on the 9th, I did not mention in my last report that, through the efforts of Rosalind and Robert, the hall was made to look so pretty and inviting by the stringing of tiny lights of different colours all around the walls. We also had our Christmas tree with the knitted baubles on show too.

After Mike Chantry gave his talk in December, we had sandwiches and cakes followed by the usual 'hot toddy' or tea or coffee if preferred. Our thanks to all those members who arranged this for us, and also to Rosalind and Robert for the hall decorations—it was much appreciated by everyone.

It seems a long time ago that we had our last meeting, so I would like to remind everyone about our Bring and Buy table and our usual book table where one can get good quality books at very cheap prices. There will be about a dozen new titles on show in February so don't forget to come and have a browse.

The Bring and Buy is exactly that, so do come along with those unwanted Christmas presents and anything else you may have that is no longer wanted but please remember to put a label on it with the price.

Don't miss the meeting on Wednesday 17 Feb, as we have as our guests hamlet residents Howard and Jane Rogers who will be telling us what it was like to be Mayor and Mayoress in 2013/14. It will be extremely interesting to find out exactly what their duties consisted of. Do pop in if you'd like to find out too! Doors open at 7.30pm for 7.45pm and we usually finish our evening at about 10pm.

Don't forget that subscriptions are due at our next meeting.

For further information about GG WI, please contact our President Rosemary Blackburn on 850812.

## Spring Seed Swap

For all you keen gardeners out there, Hadlow CARBON Community is running its fourth Seed Swap at Tonbridge Farmer's Market on 13 March from 9.30am to 1.30pm.

Bring well-saved seeds from last year's harvest to swap free of charge with the vegetable varieties.

If you don't have any seeds, just give a donation of 50p per packet.

## What's On in Golden Green?

More info:

Mondays	Zoe's Pilates	Hall	10–11am	771747
Tuesdays	Coffee Morning	Hall	10am	850768
Tuesdays	Mobile Library	Vic. Rd	5–5.15pm	0300 333 6022
FEBRUARY				
Tue 9 Feb	'Bag & Flag' event	Bourne Park	9–10.30am	851663
Wed 17 Feb	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Mon 15 Feb	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850664
Sun 21 Feb	Family Service	Hall	12 noon	850238
MARCH				
Sat 5 Mar	'Clean for The Queen'	outside Bell	10–12 noon	850329
Mon 7 Mar	Not-the-Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8.45pm	851748
Thu 10 Mar	GG Book Club	Bell	8.30pm	850329

## Village Pump

\* Do you use the **Mobile Library** when it visits here? KCC are proposing to end visits to Golden Green to save money. Does this matter to you?

If so, tell Nick Collins or Ed Bright as soon as possible please (contact details on the right).

\* Dog fouling will be targeted at a **'Bag & Flag'** event on 9 Feb from 10.30am, starting at Bourne Park then Victoria Road.

\* A Bourne Park resident is complaining about **loud booms** that she can hear day and night, which are keeping her awake. There's a suggestion that it might be a mole scarer or bird scarer. Does anyone know what it is, or also find it a problem?

\* The **GG book club** meets in The Bell on 10 Mar at 8.30pm to discuss *The Tea Planter's Wife* by Dinah Jefferies. The next book will be *Beside Myself* by Ann Morgan.

\* January's draw for the **GGA lottery** will take place shortly, when all this year's numbers have been allocated. Results in the next *Hamlet*.

\* Many thanks to **Ben Revell** who printed *The Hamlet* last month while Debra Brindle was away.

\* **Stop press:** The Fish & Chip Challenge raised £175 and was won by Medway Streakers. More next month!

Earn a gift and host a demonstration of an amazing piece of kitchen equipment in your home. Invite three friends or neighbours and be ready to be astonished at the power and versatility of the Thermomix!

For details call or text your GG advisor Jane Kellett on 0790 90 50 759.

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*Bulky refuse lorry & WEEE collection:*

Victoria Rd, GG 20 Feb 9.30–10.30am

*Next council meeting:* 8 Feb 7.30pm

Old School Hall, Hadlow

There are still vacancies on the Parish Council. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

## Annual Parish Meeting

*Old School Hall, Wed 20 April 7.30pm*

This meeting is an ideal opportunity to have your say on future plans and to be updated on the progress being made with existing projects, including the cemetery extension, parking facilities, play areas, buildings and the Hy-Arts Centre.

Please do come along and contribute your views and ideas for the Parish and its future.

Hand in items for inclusion in the next issue to Anne Waddingham at 13 Sherenden Park (850048) or email [gghamlet@outlook.com](mailto:gghamlet@outlook.com) by 27 February.

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Please tell us if you have a new neighbour so that we can be sure they get the newsletters. Contact Anne (details above) or Alec (850739).