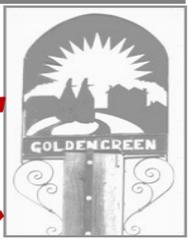


The Hamlet



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Anti-Speeding Motion Supported by Parish Council



Observations from the Roadside: It was a wonderful sight. On 11 April, as the 6pm deadline for the photocall with *The Courier* outside the Mission Hall approached, people emerged from all directions. Some walked up from their homes in small groups, others arrived in cars from Hartlake Road and the far end of Three Elm Lane, quietly sidling up to join the rapidly growing group. I counted at least 55 people outside the hall, as passing drivers looked bemused at this cheerful surge of people lining the pavement.

It felt like something that everyone wanted to see for so long—for decades, according to some longer-term residents—and it was actually happening.

The gathering was a show of solidarity of our determination to have the Highways Agency implement better speeding restrictions in the hamlet. Every age group was represented at the demonstration and placards were held aloft to show that we mean business. The story was printed in the [15 April edition](#) of *The Courier*. It was flagged up on the front page and reported in full on page 5.

Presentation of Petition: At the Parish Council meeting later that evening another 60 residents, mostly new faces, packed out the Mission Hall. It was bursting at the seams, with some people left standing. They were all there to witness the petition demanding more road safety measures being presented to HPC Chair David Carey to rapturous applause. The petition was organised by Sherenden Park residents Tim Dale and Viv Lawes, and was signed by almost every household in Golden Green—some 230 in total.

Residents were also there to back the motion, proposed by Clls Nick Collins and Ed Bright, that HPC should 'support the residents of Golden Green in their wish to implement measures to reduce the incidence of speeding traffic on Three Elm Lane' (amended at the meeting to include Hartlake Road and Victoria Road). They were not disappointed. The council carried the motion unanimously, and residents were given the opportunity to contribute their observations and recollections of the impact of speeding traffic over the years. TMBC Cllr Howard Rogers was also in attendance at the meeting and made an excellent speech pledging his support. The issue will now be considered by KCC. Matthew Balfour, KCC Member for Malling Rural East and Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, has pledged to visit GG with a road engineer to observe the speeding problem. The aim is to identify road safety measures that will be most effective.

Gathering the signatures took place over several weeks and thanks must be extended to Elaine Abbs and Terry Gibb for their help. Also a special thank you to Anne Waddingham for coordination and communication, and to Doug Newhouse for fine-tuning the press release.

Viv Lawes and Tim Dale

Tell us your story: During the meeting, Michael Nobes poignantly described encountering a tragic motor bike accident that happened near The Bell 35 years ago, when the young biker died in his arms. While Tim and Viv were collecting signatures last month, many people had their own stories to tell of near-misses and collisions in GG. And untold numbers of pets have been killed or injured here. Send your experiences to *The Hamlet* (contact details overleaf) by 31 May—they will be collated and we'll make sure that Matthew Balfour sees them.

How else can you help? Join **Speedwatch** to monitor traffic speeds: details of the next training session on 26 May overleaf.

Ding Dong! Bell News

Tel 851748

Food now served every day!
Tue-Sat: 12-5pm pub grub (Mon 3-5)
7-11pm Indian food from Golden Spice
(takeaway also available)
Sunday roasts (bookings only) 1-4pm

Kevin Iverson Live!

of Old Time Souls (60s & 70s)
7 May 8pm till late
All welcome! Just come along

Bernie's Big Quiz

Monday 9 May 8.45pm
Join turn up for a fun evening £1 entry

Soul/Motown Night

with DJ
4 June 8pm till late
A great evening of the best music

Wheelie Bin Stickers

Tim Dale writes: As part of the effort to reduce speeding through the hamlet, the GGA has backed an imaginative idea to highlight the 30mph speed limit to motorists.

Any householders who place their wheelie bins on roads within the 30mph speed limit will be given two stickers (see photo) to display on their green and black bins. Please make sure the area on the bin is clean and dry to ensure lasting adhesion.

Your support would be gratefully appreciated. If you'd like to join in but haven't had your stickers in the next two weeks, contact me (email timdale@totalise.co.uk), or leave your address at the Bell and I will deliver.



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GG Women's Institute

by Iris Wilson

WOW! What a voice—we had a lovely surprise at our April meeting when one of our guests sang for us. He sang three songs, one he wrote himself called 'Someone Like You', which had a lovely melody with thoughtful lyrics. The other two songs were familiar favourites, 'Love Changes Everything' and 'Bring Him Home'. He was from the Orpheus Centre charity based at Godstone, Surrey. His voice was powerful and rich and filled the little hall, much to our delight.

Founded by Sir Richard Stilgoe, Orpheus opened in 1998 with five disabled students moving into what was Sir Richard's family home. Now there are three separate residential areas, with 29 flats and a tenants' association run by the students themselves. They learn how to cook and to manage finances, in order to prepare them for life 'outside', so they have the confidence they need when they leave Orpheus.

The charity is an independent college for young (18–25) disabled adults with a passion for the arts and a wish to live independently. They usually stay at Orpheus for three years, learning skills such as literacy, numeracy and IT, and song writing and performing. They have performed at venues all over the country, including the Paralympics, Buckingham Palace and Glastonbury.

The talk was given by Selina Bartlett (not Ann Lovelace as advertised). She said that she used to work for the BBC and was sent to the charity for a story. However she was so impressed with Orpheus that she gave up her job and now works for them instead. She told us that this year the charity are fundraising for a new learning space, a library and iPads. We wish them well.

On 18 May we will be having our Annual Meeting. This is for members only; we'll also be discussing and voting on the two Resolutions to go forward to the final voting at the AGM in Brighton on 11 June.

For further information about GG WI, please contact our 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	850768
Tuesdays	Mobile Library	Vic. Rd	5–5.15pm	0300 333 6022
MAY				
Wed 4 May	Golden Green Association AGM	Hall	8pm	850739
Sat 7 May	Live music—Kevin Iverson	Bell	8pm	851748
Mon 9 May	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8.45pm	851748
Wed 18 May	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Thu 19 May	GG Book Club	Bell	8.00pm	850329
Mon 16 May	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850664
	No Family Service this month			
JUNE				
Mon 6 Jun	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8.45pm	851748
Sat 4 Jun	Soul/Motown Night	Bell	8pm	851748
Sun 12 Jun	Golden Green Summer Fete	Signpost Field	1-4pm	850739

Village Pump

* The **GG book club** meets in The Bell on 19 May at 8.00pm to discuss *The Road to Little Dribbling* by Bill Bryson. The next book will be *The Surgeon of Crowthorne* by Simon Winchester.

* Congrats to GGA vice-chair Linda Daker's lovely daughter **Libby** and fiancé Phil on their nuptials on 14 May.

Speedwatch Training Thursday 26 May 6.30pm

Speedwatch schemes help community volunteers reduce excessive speeds on their local roads. A short training session will take place this month. The more volunteers we have in GG, the more effective it will be. Contact Howard Rogers (850329 or email howardsrogers@aol.com) for details.

Hadlow Village Hall Event

Tickets: info@hadlowvillagehall.org or tel Caroline Elcombe 07399 938059. Visit Hadlow Village Hall Facebook page for more details & future events

Quiz Night Saturday 21 May

Tickets £10 each to include fish & chip supper. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Raffle, tea and coffees.

Parish Council Contacts

Parish Office Tel: 851878

Email: clerk@hadlowpc.co.uk

Open Tue & Thu 9.30am–12 noon

Website www.hadlowpc-kent.org.uk

Golden Green Councillors:

Nick Collins: 850968

nicolins@btinternet.com

Ed Bright: 850590

ed.bright@talk21.com

Bulky refuse lorry & WEEE collection:

Victoria Rd, GG 21 May 9.30–10.30am

Next council meeting: 9 May 7.30pm

Old School Hall, Hadlow

GGA Lottery Results

March

£25 Lauren Garcia

£25 Pat Pelmore

£25 Nick Collins

April

£25 Mark Bailey

£25 Kate Peerless

£25 Lauren Garcia

Hand in items for inclusion in the next issue to Anne Waddingham at 13 Sherenden Park (850048) or email gghamlet@outlook.com by 26 May.

Sign up for the email edition or ask for the paper version if you're not on the circulation list.

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).

**Coffee Morning
Bring & Buy and Plant Sale
Thursday 12 May 10:30am–12**



**82 Hale Street, East Peckham
(Courtesy of Penny and Clive Carden)**

**In aid of Golden Green & East Peckham
Conservative Association**

Please come along—everyone welcome!