

THE HAMLET



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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

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Above: What a load of rubbish – part of last month's haul. Right: TMBC councillors Matthew Balfour and Howard Rogers dish the dirt

Golden Green Spring Clean

Twenty bags of rubbish were collected in GG, along with four car tyres and sundry other goodies. Fourteen volunteers covered every road and most of the footpaths in the vicinity. Even the playground equipment was scrubbed down, and the area around the hall, bus shelter and defibrillator phone box tidied. The GGA and the Parish Council would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who turned out and helped make this event such a success.

St Mary's Easter Services

9 Apr Palm Sunday 8am Holy Communion, 9.45am Palm Procession
10 Apr 8pm Holy Communion
11 Apr 8pm Holy Communion
12 Apr 9.30am, 8pm Holy Communion
13 Apr Maundy Thursday 8pm Holy Communion and stripping of altar
14 Apr Good Friday 10am Walk of Witness St Peter's Chapel to St Mary's
12 noon to 2pm Readings on the hour & half hour, 2pm Good Friday Service
15 Apr Easter Sunday 6am Dawn Service, 8am Holy Communion, 10am Family Service with Communion, 12 noon Holy Communion at GG
Revd Paul White Tel. 01732 850238
www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk

Keep a Straight Bat

Hadlow Cricket Club's 2017 fixture list is available at hadlowcc.org.uk and on Facebook. They're looking for new members, either playing, umpiring, scoring or just come along and enjoy the cricket at their Common Road ground in Hadlow.

GGA AGM 24 May Mission Hall

and fete organising meeting
Contact Alec Pelmore 850739

Walkies! Help Needed

Victoria Road resident Radha Clelland is looking for an occasional dog walker and cat sitter. She says: 'Arthur is a Bergamasco, now 12 so a real old gent. He's very easy going and well behaved on a walk. Very good on and off the lead and will patiently wait for you to put his lead on. He's great with other dogs, super gentle but has not been castrated, which can sometimes be a problem for other dogs but he shies away from confrontation.

Our cat Titus is super-friendly too and will need a bit of love when we're on holiday. He's very friendly and affectionate.' Contact 07968 962533 or email radhaclelland@outlook.com

Global Dogs Unite 23 Apr

Join a sponsored dog walk celebrating the amazing work guide dogs do all over the world. Sign up on the website, do your walk on 23 Apr at a time and place that suits you, and take the fund-raising challenge: raise at least £35 to support a life-changing partnership for a week. Your dog has the power to give someone a new life. dogsunite.org.uk/global

Ding Dong! Bell News

Tel 851748

Facebook: Bell Inn Golden Green
Food served daily

Jazz Night

Saturday 8 April from 8pm
Excellent three-piece jazz band

Kevin Iverson

Saturday 13 May
Kevin returns with his band Old Time Souls, playing music from the 60s through to the 90s. Relive your youth!

Bernie's Big Quiz

Monday 8 May 8pm
All welcome. £2 entry

The new games room is a big success – come and try out the pool table, darts and table football. Function room hire is free for GG residents, and is available for parties, band practice etc.

Hadlow Tower Limited Opening

The Tower will be open to the public but only on these dates:

11–13, 22–23 April, 13–15, 20–22 June

First visit 11.00am; last visit 3.30pm. It takes about an hour to go round and look at the exhibition centre. The grounds are private and there's no public access without a ticket. To book email

visitors@hadlowtower.com or take a chance and turn up at the gate. See <http://www.hadlowtower.com> for details. Volunteer stewards are needed urgently! Please contact Caroline on 07399 938059/email visitors@hadlowtower.com



The Golden Green Association Committee

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GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

Did you know that in Saxon times seamstresses hung needles, threads, scissors etc. on long chains that were fixed to a waist belt? This ensured that all the necessary equipment for sewing, repairing and such like was ready to hand. The chains were made of steel or enamel or, for the wealthier ladies, silver. But with the change in fashion to high-waisted dresses, hanging the sewing equipment from the waist was no longer suitable.

What would you expect to find in the modern day needlework box? Needles, pins, cottons, of course; scissors plus a tape measure and maybe a thimble or two. It wasn't so different in great-grandma's day, except for the fact that the needles weren't as fine as today, and the pins were basic with just a flat metal head. The tape measure might have been a 'yard stick' in feet and inches of course. Remember those? Twelve inches in a foot and three feet in a yard? Those were the days!

The biggest change, our speaker Jean Surrey told us, was in cotton and cotton reels. When cotton reels were first introduced, they were made of ivory (for the wealthy) or bone and wood. The cotton had 'trails' or 'whiskers' and it was around 1835 that John Mercer found a way to remove these and so was born 'mercerised' cotton. Some reels had a levy on them, so you could take them back and get a refill.

The Industrial Revolution brought many changes, from hundreds of needles being made by hand, to thousands made by machine. Cotton, which had been handspun, now rolled freely off the machines. With cotton in short supply during WWI, the cotton reels were barrel shaped, so that people thought they were getting a full reel of cotton.

Our next meeting is on 19 April when Fred Lamont will entertain us with 'The Fabulous 50s'. Doors open at 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start; all are welcome.

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
1st Sat month	Suzanne's Craft Workshop	Hall	9.15am-4pm	770906
APRIL				
Sat 8 Apr	Jazz Night	Bell	8pm	851748
Mon 12 Apr	Book Club	Bell	8pm	850329
Sun 16 Apr	Easter Sunday Holy Communion	Hall	12 noon	850238
Wed 19 Apr	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Mon 24 Apr	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850664
MAY				
Mon 8 May	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8.45pm	851748
Sat 13 May	Live music: Kevin Iverson	Bell	8pm	851748

The Village Pump

* All 250 numbers in the Golden Green **lottery** have now been allocated. The list is available on request from Alec Pelmore

* Get set for the annual **GG fete** on **25 June** in Signpost Field. All the usual madness and mayhem!

* **Hadlow/GG Scouts** are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. Drop yours into 8 Sherenden Park, GG please, and they'll be put to good use. They also have a marquee for hire, 12m by 6m, available for a weekend for £300. It will be put up and taken down by the scout leaders at the hirer's convenience. Please contact Mike Lewis (07870 207140) for details

Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 19 April 7.30pm Old School Hall, Hadlow

This is not a Parish Council Meeting! Everyone is welcome – please come and discuss any local concerns or issues, and talk about what matters to you concerning your parish. Refreshments will be served.

Williams Field Mast Update

The Parish Council have rejected the proposal by Shared Access to build a mobile phone mast behind the hall. The official statement is at <http://hadlowpc.co.uk/shared-access-telecommunications-mast-proposal/>

Parish Council Contacts

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Bulky refuse lorry & WEEE collection:
Victoria Rd cul-de-sac, GG on 29 Apr 9.15-10.15am

Council meetings: 10 Apr 7.30pm
The Mission Hall, Golden Green
Annual Parish Meeting 19 Apr 7.30pm
Old School Hall, Hadlow

GGA Lottery Results:

<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>
£25 M Chapman	£25 J Ivell
£25 D Roberts	£25 A Clough
£25 B Everest	£25 M Hibbs

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

The GGA would like to wish all residents and their families a very
Happy Easter!