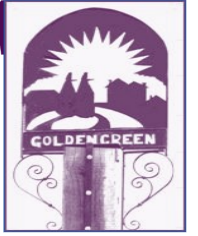


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Doesn't The Bell Look Smart in its New Livery?



Above: The stylish new look. Below: last year and over 100 years ago



GG Association AGM

24 May 8pm Mission Hall
and fete organising meeting

Every resident is a member of the Golden Green Association, so all are welcome to attend the AGM. Along with the election of officers and committee, this is your chance to hear about what the GGA has done in the past year, and decide what happens this year. There will also be a discussion about the fete.

The AGM of the Hall Management Committee will follow, then we'll adjourn to The Bell!

Contact Secretary Howard Rogers for details (850329)

Swift Action

Nothing spells summer more than the screaming of swifts overhead, catching insects on a warm, sunny evening. They'll be arriving any day now from South Africa, after flying 6000 miles non-stop. They eat, sleep and mate on the wing, and the only time they land is when on the nest. After a few short weeks they fly back, one of the longest migrations in the world. We've lost half our swifts in the past 20 years for several reasons – one is blocking up of the cracks in our eaves where they like to nest. They're not messy birds like martins because they fly straight into the nest hole. Put up a swift box (RSPB shop or [make your own](#)). New houses can have [swift bricks](#) incorporated (HPC take note!)

The Bell News

Lee & Sammie Stanley
Tel 851748

Food served daily *
Games room * Function
room hire for parties,
band practice etc. free
for GG residents



Kevin Iverson's Old Town Souls

Saturday 13 May 8pm

Live music from the 60s to the 90s

Bernie's Big Quiz

Monday 15 May 8pm

All welcome. £2 entry

Old Guns vs Youngens

Saturday 3 June 7.30pm

Reggae, Ska, Rocksteady

Crystalate + DJ Sulphur

Saturday 10 June 8pm

Live electronic band

Northern Soul & Motown

Friday 23 June 7pm

Bacchus Wind Orchestra

Sunday 21 May 3pm

St Mary's, Hadlow – free concert

After an absence of several years, Bacchus will be performing a programme of well-known tunes in good bandstand style. Tea and cakes in the interval and maybe cream teas if the weather's good and the strawberries are ready! Support your local church and community music. Retiring collection in aid of St Mary's and band funds.

Summer Fete

25 June 1-4pm

Signpost Field, Three Elm Lane

Traditional fun-filled village fete with stalls, games and refreshments. Sack races, tug-of-war, egg-and-spoon, coconut shy, tombola, plants, BBQ, beer and tea tents and much, much more

Volunteers needed – contact
Alec Pelmore 850739 or come to the
AGM on 24 May

The Golden Green Association Committee

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GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

The Fabulous Fifties! Oh yeah! What an era: spirits were high, we were full of optimism, rationing finished and all was right with the world. Fred Lamont guided us through the years with his slides of days gone by that didn't really seem that long ago. He started with the mid-1940s, with memories of utility furniture with that special logo (right).



Next came imports of Danish-style furniture, and Formica became very popular. Remember the stand-alone kitchen cabinets with the drop-down work-top? Great idea – some are still used today. Then there was the paraffin stove, black and round—used to smell a bit but it kept us warm before central heating. Commenting 'Remember not to use the shiny side!', Fred showed us a slide of Izal medicated toilet paper. Those were the days!

Children were given a third of a pint of free milk every day; bomb sites were their main playgrounds. There was the 1951 Festival of Britain on the South Bank of the Thames. Next was a slide of a hospital ward with patients in iron lungs, when the polio epidemic was at its height, before immunisation.

Remember Radio Rentals? If you were not connected to electricity, a battery was the answer, recharging it at the local garage. There was just the Home, Light and Third services on the radio. It was such a simple, stress-free life. The height of fashion was Christian Dior. GPlan and Ercol were the 'in' thing for furniture.

1954 saw the end of 14 years of rationing, with Fred showing a stampede to the local sweet shop! Music of the day was Elvis Presley's *Hound Dog* and Bill Haley with his *Rock Around the Clock*. Those years were certainly fabulous.

May 17th is our Annual Meeting and resolutions will be voted on. This is a members-only evening.

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
MAY				
Sat 13 May	Live music: Old Town Souls	Bell	8pm	851748
Mon 15 May	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8.45pm	851748
Wed 17 May	WI meeting (members only)	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Mon 22 May	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850664
Tue 23 May	Book Club	Bell	8pm	850329
Wed 24 May	GGA/Hall Committee AGMs	Hall	8pm	850329
Sun 28 May	Family Service	Hall	12 noon	850238
JUNE				
Sat 3 Jun	Old Guns vs Youngens	Bell	7.30pm	851748
Sat 10 Jun	Live: Crystalate+DJ Sulphur	Bell	8pm	851748
Fri 23 Jun	Northern Soul & Motown	Bell	7pm	851748

The Village Pump

* In case you hadn't heard, Conservative Cllr Matthew Balfour was returned in Malling Rural East with 74% of the vote. The turnout was 31%

* Despite a successful 2015/16 season, sadly **The Bell football team** has disbanded. Both the senior and junior Hadlow teams have folded as well, which means the Williams Field football pitch is no longer used. Are there any enthusiasts who could revive the sport in our parish?

* The GG **book club** meets at 8pm on Tue 23 May to discuss *A Boy Made of Blocks* by Keith Stuart

* Can we start a campaign to repaint the **Kent shield** that sits atop the GG road sign as you enter the hamlet from the western, Tonbridge end? It should show the white Invicta horse rearing up on a vivid red background but all the paint has worn away. Is anyone handy with a paintbrush?

Furever Towers

19 & 20 May 8pm
Village Hall, Williams Field, Hadlow
Spring show written specially for Hadlow Amateur Dramatic Society.
Tickets £7.50 from Hadlow Pharmacy

Parish Council Contacts

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Bulky refuse lorry & WEEE collection:
Victoria Rd cul-de-sac, GG on 20 May 9.15–10.15am

Council meetings: 23 May & 7 Jun 7.30pm Old School Hall, Hadlow

GGA Lottery Results

March
£25 Jeff Wood
£25 Eileen Worrow
£25 Claire Cattermole

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

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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)