

# The Hamlet



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## Barnes Street Triumph in Fish & Chips Challenge!



*The quiz victors display their trophy and prizes: Patricia & Ian Groome from Barnes St Cottages, David & Juliet Roberts from Barnes St Oast, Chris & Jane Brown from Tonbridge and Chris & Alwina Rigby from Oxted, who now have the 'honour' of setting next year's questions!*

Congratulations to the Barnes Street (Oast/Cottages) consortium, helped ably by their friends from Tonbridge and Surrey. There were some tough questions but they topped the points table with their magnificent performance. We raised £159 for village funds. Thanks to all who took part and helped out, and thanks especially to Linda Daker's team for setting the brain-teasing questions and to Howard Rogers for taking bookings and ordering fish & chips. See you next year!

## Retired Residents' Lunch

Another very successful Annual 'Retirees' Lunch was held on 21 Jan in the Mission Hall. The enthusiasm of Linda Daker – who usually 'runs the day' – was greatly missed, but the GGA committee pulled together and managed pretty well in providing a delicious range of steak and chicken pies and a variety of really scrummy puds, all washed down with a few bottles of wine. The fifty or so attendees were all smiling when they left with arms full of raffle prizes! Well done to everyone for raising £144 in the raffle – it was decided to split the donation equally between The Scott's Project Trust ([www.scottprojecttrust.org.uk](http://www.scottprojecttrust.org.uk)) and Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance ([www.kssairambulance.org.uk](http://www.kssairambulance.org.uk)). A big thank you to all the cooks, waitresses, barmaids, washers- and dryers-up, raffle ticket sellers and clearers up!

*Jane Rogers*



Does anyone know when the tradition of the Retirees' Lunch started? It used to be a Christmas 'do' back in the 1980s, according to the *Hamlets* in the archives. AW

*'Please sir, can I have some more?' Diners tuck in with gusto at the annual retirees' lunch in the Mission hall last month.*

## Ding Dong! The Bell News

Plenty happening at The Bell in Feb:

- \* 10, 17 & 24 Feb Curry & Quiz Night £8 or quiz only, £1. Cash and bottle prizes
- \* 14 Feb Valentine's Dinner. Three courses with a glass of Prosecco £21.95. Live music from Off the Cuff—booking essential
- \* 19 Feb Chinese New Year. Join us for an evening meal—booking essential

Plus all the live action from the RBS Six Nations rugby with bar snacks and bottled beer deals. Call in The Bell or tel 851748 for more details or to book.

## No DD for Gigaclear sign-up

Regarding last month's article, Gigaclear sales manager Richard Lunn reassures us that we don't need to provide direct debit details when you sign up online. 'No monies are taken until the service is live in your property (aside from any installation costs through either our approved installers BoxCom or your own contractors - but this will be after the target [of 30% of Hadlow and GG signed up] is achieved.' If the target is not met, 'all contracts are null and void and no monies are due or owed.' Please pop by the Two Brewers this Wednesday 4 Feb anytime between 6.30 and 8.30pm or contact [richard.lunn@gigaclear.com](mailto:richard.lunn@gigaclear.com) if you have questions or concerns.

I make no apology for mentioning superfast broadband again, because for those who use the internet, it's important. The government is advocating it too. See their video at <http://youtu.be/Rs0v8geQDK4>. But you don't *have* to have broadband – fast or slow – or a computer at all! It's your choice. But it can make life so much easier. It's one of life's conveniences, like a washing machine or a phone. Can you imagine life without them now? Hadlow Library has a computer buddy on Thursday mornings from 10am to 12 noon. Just drop in for help and advice if you're a nervous 'newbie'.

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### GG Women's Institute Report by Iris Wilson

With no GGWI meeting in January, it rather limits the amount of news I can write about. However, I don't expect there will have been any complaints about not having to go out on these cold evenings!

We are looking forward to the February speakers Alan Austen and Linda Smith who will be telling us about the folk songs of Kent and Sussex. I just hope they don't expect us to sing-a-long!

I googled 'folk songs Kent and Sussex' to get some background information and I was surprised to see how extensive the subject is. Now I can't wait for Alan and Linda to explain it all to us on the 18 February.

We are in need of donations of books again please girls, as the few that remained after our open day were donated to charity. So if you have any paperbacks or hardbacks etc. that are taking up valuable space and you wish to get rid of them, please bring them along to the meeting; they will be gratefully received for our Bring & Buy stall. And many thanks for your support in the past.

May I again remind everyone that the subs are due at the next meeting in February, and we will also find out who our speakers are for the rest of the year. I am sure that Marion Clarke has some interesting guests booked for us. Visitors are always welcome. We meet every third Wednesday at 7.30pm until 10pm. For further information please contact our President Rosemary Blackburn on 850812.

### Get Moving

Now's the time to remember that New Year's resolution to get more exercise this year. Every Wednesday in GG Mission Hall from 10.30am you can do 30 minutes of gentle movement, followed by some easy dances. Just £2.50 per class. Any ability welcome – just turn up. And on Mondays at 10–11am in the hall you can try Pilates, which is an exercise system that improves flexibility, balance and posture, and can help with joint problems. Give it a go!

### 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
Wednesdays	Gentle Exercise	Hall	10.30am	850768
FEBRUARY				
Tue 10 Feb	Curry & Quiz Night	Bell	8pm	851748
Sat 14 Feb	Valentine's Dinner	Bell	8pm	851748
Tue 17 Feb	Curry & Quiz Night	Bell	8pm	851748
Wed 18 Feb	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Thu 19 Feb	Chinese New Year	Bell	8pm	851748
Mon 23 Feb	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768
Tue 24 Feb	Curry & Quiz Night	Bell	8pm	851748
MARCH				
Sun 1 Mar	Family Service	Hall	11.45am	850768
Mon 2 Mar	Bernie's Monthly Quiz (no quiz in Feb)	Bell	8.45pm	851748

### The Village Pump

\* Katie Peerless has suggested starting a book club. The plan is to meet monthly, nominate a title and then discuss it the following month. The inaugural meeting is in The Bell 8pm Thurs 12 Feb. Bookworms welcome.

\* Victoria Road will be closed (again!) from 20 Feb for up to 10 days. This is to do maintenance work on BT service ducts and cable pulling.

\* Flood risk advice booklets for residents and businesses are available in the Old School Hall, Hadlow.

\* Are there any GG groups who would like to participate in the Annual Parish Meeting at Hadlow village hall on 22 Apr or the Community Country Fayre at the cricket ground on 28 June? Both are great opportunities to show case your group. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

\* Seed swap: Keen GG gardeners might be interested to swap your well-saved and labelled seeds for new varieties (or donate 50p per packet) at Tonbridge farmers' market on 8 Mar 9.30am–1pm. The stall is organised by Hadlow Carbon Community.

### Parish Council Contacts

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*Bulky refuse/WEEE lorry:*  
Victoria Rd, GG 21 Feb 9.30–10.30am  
*Next council meeting:* 9 Feb 7.30pm  
Old School Hall, Hadlow

### Parish Council Elections

If you're putting yourself forward at the 2015 elections for Parish Council, an information board will be set up in Golden Green, Hadlow and on the parish website on which applicants may put a headshot and short explanation about themselves and what they can contribute to the parish. Please send details to the Parish Office.

Please hand in items for inclusion in the December issue to Anne Waddingham at 13 Sherenden Park or email [gghamlet@outlook.com](mailto:gghamlet@outlook.com) by 21 February. PDF edition available.