

The Hamlet

Happy New Year!



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Golden Green Annual Fish & Chips Challenge!

Saturday 6 February Mission Hall 7 for 7.30pm start

£6 per person including fish & chip supper (or chicken—please say when you book)

Bring your own drinks and nibbles and a raffle prize

Teams of up to 8 maximum. If you don't have a team, you can join another on the night

To book, contact Jane Rogers on 850329 or email gjanerogers@aol.com

Always popular—book now to ensure your place!

Broadband Update

Superfast fibre optic broadband is now available in GG!! The new green cabinet installed by OpenReach by the bus stop is now connected. You have a choice of providers—doesn't have to be BT— have a look at a BB comparison website such as uswitch.com for deals. Your speeds will depend on how far you are from the cabinet; whether you're connection is wired or wifi; your device; and crosstalk interference from adjacent wires. [A graph](#) shows how the speed quickly drops off the further you are from the cabinet because the wire from the cabinet to your house is still copper (unlike Gigaclear's fibre-to-house but they seem to have disappeared from the equation!) Download speeds of 75Mbps (20 up) have been reported. Reliability? Time will tell.

2016 Golden Green 250 Club—Join Now!

The Golden Green 250 club is now being set up for the year. As a reminder, there is a draw each month for three prizes of £25 each—so 36 winning numbers each year. The draw is limited to 250 numbers costing £6 each for the year. The surplus makes an important contribution to Golden Green Association funds and helps towards upkeep of the Hall (we plan to refurbish the floor this year for instance) and other village events and causes. Please help us by participating in this year's 250 Club and returning the form below as soon as possible to be in the January draw. A list of 2015 prize winners is available on request.

Please allocate _ _ _ _ lottery numbers for 2016 to:

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Tel _____ Email (if possible) _____

Number of tickets _ _ _ _ Enclosed entry fee (£6 per number per year): _____

Please make cheques payable to Golden Green Association

Return to Alec Pelmore, The Old Farmhouse, Hartlake Road, Golden Green, Tonbridge TN11 0BL

Retirees' New Year Lunch

Annual lunch for retired residents in the Mission Hall on **Wednesday 20 January** at 12.15pm for 12.30 sit-down.

Enjoy gorgeous home-baked pies and desserts in good company. Bring a raffle prize if you can, and some money to buy raffle tickets – and a hearty appetite!

Contact Linda Daker (22 Sherenden Park, 851969) or Rob & Ros Seall (1 Bell Cottages, 850664) to book your place.

Please let them know about any special dietary requirements.

Please reserve _ _ _ _ places at the Retirees' New Year lunch on 20 Jan

Name(s) _____

Any special dietary requirements _____

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

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GG Women's Institute

by Iris Wilson

We were full of admiration for Mike Chantry as he began his talk at our meeting in December. He told us that he realised there was no cure for stammering but that it could be controlled.

It affects men more than women and some of our greatest orators have had a stammer, such as Sir Winston Churchill, Ed Balls and Rowan Atkinson to name just a few.

There is the 'overt' type of a stammer where every word is difficult and the 'covert' type where the sufferer tries to hide it. No one knows the cause, but it does create a lot of stress, especially when, for instance, going for a job interview or even asking a girl out!

Mike decided that, as there was no cure, he would learn to control it. He took the McGuire Programme *Beyond Stuttering*, which originated in America and can be found on the Internet. It involves breathing exercises, pausing between words and a lot more besides!

The course must have been good because to listen to Mike speak you wouldn't realise he had a stammer. He did admit that a talk lasting, say, 20 minutes on a good day could take two to three hours on a bad one.

Our Christmas meal was a huge success thanks to Wendy and Kate who arranged it all. There were other parties too at the Crown Point and it was really buzzing with chatter, laughter and giggles (and that was just from *our* table!) We had a lovely lad named Henry as a waiter, who really spoilt us and took lots of photos for us. Later on we had a visit from, yes—you guessed it—Father Christmas himself, who went round the table offering everyone a candy stick. Very strange that our Henry went missing at the same time! Wendy and Kate, give yourselves a pat on the back for a Christmas meal to remember.

Thanks to Marion's efforts, our programme for 2016 is now complete and we look forward with anticipation to another interesting year.

Don't forget there's no meeting in January. We meet again on Wednesday 17 February when we will be entertained by GG's own Howard and Jane Rogers giving us the lowdown on the 'The Life of a Mayor and Mayoress'.

Do come and join us—we'd love to see you, 7.30pm for 7.45pm at the village hall every third Wednesday of the month.

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
JANUARY				
Mon 11Jan	Bernie's Big Quiz (date change)	Bell	8.45pm	851748
Sun 17 Jan	Holy Communion	Hall	12 noon	850238
Mon 18 Jan	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850664
Wed 20 Jan	Retirees' Lunch	Hall	12.15pm	851969
Thu 21 Jan	GG Book Club	Bell	8.30pm	850329
FEBRUARY				
Mon 1 Feb	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8.45pm	851748
Sat 6 Feb	GG Fish 'n Chips Challenge	Hall	7pm	850329
Wed 17 Feb	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812

Village Pump

* Good news: after the Bourne Park resident's plea in the last issue, TMBC councillor Janet Sergison has arranged for a **dog fouling** campaign ('bag & flag' event) to be held soon.

* Most dog owners act responsibly but **Ann Day** reports that an unattended dog chased her sheep last week causing them serious stress while they are in lamb. Please make sure your dog is within your sight *at all times* and is always kept on a lead in fields with sheep.

* The **GG book club** meets in The Bell on 21 Jan at 8.30pm to discuss *Wild*. Bryson's *The Road to Little Dribbling* is postponed to April when the paperback comes out so the next title is tbc – please come with ideas. There's also a cinema trip to see *Suffragette* at the Trinity Theatre on 19 Jan.

* **East Peckham Silver Band** will be giving a free concert in St Mary's Church, Hadlow on 31 January at 3pm, with our own Alec Pelmore on trombone. Not to be missed!

* Everyone was in good voice at the GG **Carol Service** on 20 Dec, and a marvellous £90 was raised for Hospice in the Weald in the collection.

* Didn't the **Christmas lights** in GG look great last month? Loved the fact the street lights were gold 'n green!

GGA Lottery Results

December 2015
£25 Jo Ivell
£25 S Chilvers
£25 Sally Flanagan

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 16 Jan 9.30–10.30am
Next council meeting: 11 Jan 7.30pm
Golden Green Mission Hall

Hadlow Village Hall Events

Indoor Boot Fair
Sun 17 Jan 8.30am start.
Hadlow Village Hall, Williams Field.
£5 per boot/£1 entrance. Bacon rolls and hot dogs, tea and coffee.
Contact Caroline Elcombe on 851247 to book a pitch.

Dance through the decades
Sat 6 Feb 8–11.30pm Hadlow Village Hall, Williams Field. Tickets £6.
Bring your own refreshments.
Contact Caroline as above.

Hand in items for inclusion in the next issue to Anne Waddingham at 13 Sherenden Park (850048) or email gghamlet@outlook.com by 24 January.

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).



Indoor Boot Fair

Hadlow Village Hall

Sunday 17th January

Boots £5 to include a table and chair. Customers £1 entrance. Doors open for boots at 8.30. Bacon rolls and hot dogs, teas and coffees available.

Book with Caroline 01732 851247 or
caroline.elcombe@virgin.net