

# THE HAMLET



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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

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## Golden Green Champions!



Those community-minded citizens who have participated in the annual litter picks can pat themselves on the back for landing an Environmental Champions Award from Veolia and TMBC Love Where You Live. (Hadlow got one too.) Cllr Ed Bright collected the awards last month at Tonbridge Castle. Here's our plaque and there's a voucher too.

Last year 20 bags of rubbish were collected, playground equipment was scrubbed down, and the area around the hall, bus shelter and defibrillator phone box tidied.

Well done to all the volunteers, and thanks for all your efforts in helping to keep our hamlet looking spruce.

Do come and join in next Spring!

## Hadlow Orchestra Concert

**Sun 26 November 3pm**

St Mary's Church, Hadlow

Well-known classics and show songs. Interval with cream teas. Admission free. Retiring collection in aid of St Mary's Church and Hadlow Orchestra

## Bacchus Wind Orchestra

**Sun 26 November 3pm**

Judd School, Tonbridge

Alec & Pat Pelmore will be playing in a concert in the main school hall. Avoid the High St closures for the Christmas lights switch-on but the concert will be over in time to enjoy the fireworks.

## The Lydian Orchestra

**Thu 21 December 7.30pm**

Pamoja Hall, Sevenoaks School-

Includes Rachmaninov's 2nd piano concerto and excerpts from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*

## Festive Fundraiser

**10 December 10am-2pm**

East Peckham Scout Hut  
Whitebine Gardens TN12 5PA

Refreshments, raffle,  
Tombola, homemade gifts,  
Children's activities  
Christmas decorations  
Arts and crafts

*Raising funds for  
1st East Peckham Rainbows and  
1st Five Oak Green Brownies*

## 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



[Facebook/BellInnGoldenGreen](https://www.facebook.com/BellInnGoldenGreen)

## Pub Quiz Night

**18 November 7-10pm**

See below for details

## Bernie's Big Quiz

**Mon 11 December 8pm**

All welcome. £3 Entry fee

## Live Music: On Edge

**23 December 8pm**

Celebrate with a great band

*We'll be posting our Christmas opening hours on our Facebook page in a couple of weeks*

## The Bell Inn Pub Quiz

in aid of the

**Royal British Legion**

**Poppy Appeal**

**Saturday 18 November 7-10pm**

£3 per person entrance fee

Teams of up to 6 people

Children welcome

Bring your own food if you like

All proceeds go to the charity



## Christmas Coffee Morning (and mince-pies!)



Bring & Buy Sale and Raffle

**Wednesday 6 December 10.30am-12.30pm**

**Cockle Oast, Hartlake Rd, Golden Green TN11 0BL**

in aid of the East Peckham & GG Branch Conservative Association

## The Golden Green Association Committee

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### GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

Let's hope that we haven't seen the last of Chris Stewart MIC as his talk on moles was funny, interesting and knowledgeable. He informed us that the MIC stood for 'Mole Instantly Caught' but I'm not sure I believe him!

Apparently there are 42 mole species worldwide—we have the European mole but there are none in Iceland. They are about 15cm long (6 inches in old money!) and have a lifespan of three to five years. They have very good hearing even though their ears are internal—but beware, as they have 44 teeth and also bite ... hard!

They do not hibernate in the winter but in the Autumn they scavenge for hundreds of earthworms for their 'larder' in one of the tunnels they have prepared. They bite the heads off the worms to stop them wandering and it keeps them fresh! They find food by sensing vibrations and eat about 20 worms and beetles etc. a day.

Apart from when they mate, they live alone in their own tunnels. They are only fertile for a short period of time between March and May. Apparently it is difficult to determine the sex of a mole as they look very similar. (I wonder how many mistakes the male mole makes!) The male doesn't stay with the female once she's pregnant; he just scarpers off and 'does his own thing'. The gestation period is about 30 days. They have one or two litters a year with three to six kits who are suckled for about four weeks. The kits leave the nest at about two months. About two-thirds of all moles die in their first year. I bet you didn't know that it still leaves 31 million in Britain!

Among their predators are owls, large birds, rats, dogs and cats. They need to be controlled because they damage drainage, flood banks and even crops and are classed as vermin. Moles are also hosts to fleas, lice etc. There are many types of traps used to catch them, some of which are quite cruel and Chris showed us a few. He uses a more humane type which just stuns them. A lively discussion followed ➡

### What's On in Golden Green?

More info:

Mondays	Zoe's Pilates	Hall	10–11am	771747
Mondays	Natalie's Zumba (not 20 Nov)	Hall	7.30–8.30pm	07714 429792
Tuesdays	Coffee Morning	Hall	10am	850768
1st Sat month	Suzanne's Craft Workshop	Hall	9.15am–4pm	770906
OCTOBER				
Wed 15 Nov	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Sat 18 Nov	Pub Quiz for RBL Poppy Appeal	Bell	7pm	851748
Mon 20 Nov	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768
Sun 26 Nov	Holy Communion	Hall	12 noon	850238
Tue 28 Nov	Book Club	Bell	8pm	850329
NOVEMBER				
Wed 6 Dec	Coffee Morning + Bring & Buy	Cockle Oast	10.30am	850329
Mon 11 Dec	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8pm	220811
Sun 17 Dec	GG Carol Service	Hall	4pm	850739

*WI Report continued from column 1* his talk which moved into conservation and arguments for and against the trapping of moles.

'Prevention and Cure' by Pat Mortlock is booked for our meeting on 15 November with doors open at 7.30pm and all are welcome.

For further information about GG WI, please contact our President Rosemary Blackburn on 850812.

### The Village Pump

\* **Three men with fake ID** claiming to be police officers stole money from a GG resident on 1 Nov. They were driving a dark blue VW Golf or similar. Call 101 if you've seen them

\* Congratulations to our very own **Debra Brindle**, our *Hamlet* printer, who was runner-up Best Individual Conveyancer of the Year in the LFS awards last month. You can find Debra at CTW Solicitors in Maidstone

\* Alec Pelmore would love to hear from you soon if you'd like to join the choir for the **GG carols** on 17 Dec

\* GG **Book Club** meets in The Bell on Tues 28 Nov to discuss *At the Edge of the Orchard* by Tracey Chevalier. All welcome—contact Jane Rogers (850329) or *The Hamlet* for more info

### Parish Council Contacts

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*Council meeting:* Mon 13 Nov 7.30pm  
Old School Hall, Hadlow

*Bulky refuse lorry & WEEE collection:*

Victoria Rd cul-de-sac, Golden Green  
Sat 18 Nov 9.15–10.15am. While North Farm recycling centre is closed, KCC advises using the bulky waste services

### GGA Lottery Results

*October*

£25 Peter Hilborn

£25 Marc Garcia

£25 John Hibbs

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