

THE HAMLET



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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

January 2018

Golden Green Xmas Present

As reported in November, the Hadlow & Golden Green litter picking teams were presented with a special Love Where You Live Environmental Champions award by the Mayor. Cllr Howard Rogers has now received our reward—£80 in shopping vouchers! Now we have the pleasant problem of deciding where the money should go. Here are a few ideas but please add your suggestions: spare batteries and pads for the defibrillator; replacement basket ball hoop in the playground, a new window for bus stop ... contact Howard (850329; howardsrogers@aol.com).

Floods—Be Prepared

It's that time of year again—make a plan in case of flooding and sign up for warnings. Lots of information can be found on the GOV.UK website:

- * Download a [personal flood plan](#) with advice about what to do if affected
- * [Find out if you're at risk](#)
- * [Sign up for warnings](#) and alerts
- * Keep an eye on river levels at [Hartlake Bridge](#) and other local monitoring stations.

Contact the Environment Agency if you're not online (0370 850 6506)

Feed (and Count) the Birds Big Garden Birdwatch 28-30 Jan

Half a million people take part in the annual RSPB bird count each year—will you join them?



It helps to highlight which birds are disappearing (song thrushes, starlings, greenfinch etc.) and what's thriving (goldfinches, pictured).

Put out nutritious food such as grated cheese, cake, cooked potato, fruit, pastry, dried porridge, oats or sultanas. (Avoid dried fruit if you have a dog, as it can be poisonous.) I find sunflower hearts are irresistible to goldfinches. Don't forget fresh water for birds to drink and bathe in. By the end of January, your garden will be full of birds to count!

Pick a convenient hour between 28th and 30th and count the highest number of each bird species that you see at **any one time**. That's important so you don't count the same birds twice. Record your findings online at rspb.org.uk/birdwatch or contact the RSPB for a survey form.

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



Bernie's Big Quiz

Mon 8 January 8pm

All welcome. £3 Entry fee

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Join us on New Year's Eve and keep an eye on our Facebook page for news of events, live music and more!

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

FABS Exercise Classes

FABS (Flexibility, Aerobic, Balance and Strength) are the four vital components of older adult fitness. Classes have exercises that are safe, enjoyable, effective and accessible to everyone whatever their ability, and can be done seated or standing. Age or ability are no longer barriers to an active lifestyle. Interested in a new daytime Hadlow or GG class? Contact Carol Welfare (07941 345001; carol.welfare@moveitorloseit.co.uk to let her know you're interested.

2018 Golden Green 250 Club—Join Now!

The Golden Green 250 Club is now being set up for the year. The monthly draw pays out 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 and other village events and causes. Please help us by participating in this year's 250 Club — contact Alec or return the form below as soon as possible to be in the January draw. (A list of 2017 prize winners is available on request.)

Please allocate _ _ _ _ lottery numbers for 2018 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*

The Golden Green Association Committee

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GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

We just love our social evenings, and our pre-Christmas get-together in early December was no exception. The hall was prettily decorated with Christmas lights and a tree, and looked very bright and festive.

The WI business was speedily concluded and the nibbles appeared on the tables. We were informed that the mulled wine was heating up so we got down to the serious business of—you guessed it—talking! The Bring and Buy tables were inspected for bargains and the books sorted for last minute additions. Raffle tickets were sold (always popular).

The mulled wine was served (lovely) and birthday cards for the coming weeks given out and then a surprise: one of our members was celebrating her 90th birthday on Boxing Day so a cake (made by Rosemary B) was brought out. Not with 90 candles on it, thank goodness (fancy trying to blow that lot out!), but a sedate '9' and '0'. A memorable collage of photos of past WI events was presented to her and everyone sang 'Happy Birthday'. I am not sure that she really deserved all the fuss but I must admit that I loved every minute of it!! Thank you everyone, it was a birthday to remember.

However our Christmas celebrations didn't end there as we met up again on the 13th for our Christmas meal at The Man of Kent in East Peckham. A miserable, dank day but not for us. We had a wonderful time again chattering away (did you know that WI members can talk the hind leg off a donkey?!) The food was exceptional and the venue couldn't have been better.

There will be no WI meeting in January 2018. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 21 February, and our guest speaker will be Richard Snow with his subject 'Ten Brave Men and True'. All are welcome so if you are interested please come along to the Mission Hall; doors open at 7.30pm.

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
Mondays	Natalie's Body Blast (starts 22 Jan)	Hall	7.30-8.30pm	07714 429792
Tuesdays	Coffee Morning	Hall	10am	850768
Tuesdays	Colin's Art Group	Hall	8-10pm	464187
1st Sat month	Suzanne's Scrapbooking	Hall	9.15am-4pm	770906
JANUARY				
Mon 8 Jan	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8pm	220811
Mon 15 Jan	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768
Wed 17 Jan	Retirees' Lunch	Hall	12.15pm	851969
(No Service or WI meeting in Jan)				
FEBRUARY				
Mon 5 Feb	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8pm	220811
Wed 21 Feb	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812

The Village Pump

* Our **carol service** raised £120 for the Hospice in the Weald. Despite the lure of mince pies and mulled cider, no cabinet ministers attended this time, unlike last year!

* A plea for help from Lorna Chislett—her grandson lost his remote-control **helicopter** on Christmas Day. The wind took it away while he was flying it in the field behind the hall. If you find it, please return it to 16 Victoria Road or phone 07818 410399.

* Good news: Tunbridge Wells Household **Waste Recycling Centre** at North Farm is now open again.

* No **road closures** to report this month! Does this mean all the high-way repairs are done? Just in time for this winter's potholes to appear!

* There is still time to book for the **Retirees' Lunch** on 17 Jan in the hall at 12.15pm. Volunteers also wanted for cooking/serving/washing up. Contact Linda Daker (851969) or Rob & Ros Seall (850664)

East Peckham Silver Band

Sun 28 Jan 2.30pm St Mary's Church
Concert of well-loved classics and popular tunes. Short interval with tea and cakes. Free admission with a retiring collection in aid of the church and the band.

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 20 Jan 9.30-10.30am

Next council meeting: 8 Jan 7.30pm

Mission Hall, Golden Green. The Parish Council will be finalising the annual budget and precept request.

GGA Lottery Results

December 2017

£25 Andrew Boakes

£25 Nick Watson

£25 Mike 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 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)

HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL IN GOLDEN GREEN!