



The Hamlet

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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

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Victoria Road Closure

Victoria Road will be closed to traffic at the culvert by the bridge over the Bourne at the southern end of the road. This is to allow reconstruction of the culvert. KCC Highways says that it will last for up to 22 weeks(!) from 30 September. This will also affect access to the footpath.

The new bridge over the Bourne at Pierce Mill Lane is now finished (photo).



Autumn Village Quiz

As the January quiz was so popular this year, the GGA has decided to hold another on 12 October. More details in the next Hamlet.

The Bell Annual Golf Day

The 'Golden Green Open' will be held at Royal Tonbridge Links (aka Poulton Wood) on Friday 4 October, from 10.30am. Non-refundable deposits of £20.00 by 15 September to Julian Hill or Ray at The Bell. Please advise handicap claimed. Lots of prizes to be won!

Brunch, 18 holes and dinner: £45.00
Brunch, 9 holes & dinner: £32.00
Dinner only (non-golfers welcome): £13.00. Contact Julian on 07768 525298 or email julian.hill@hilloldridge.com.

Village Hall Centenary

Golden Green's 'tin tabernacle', originally called St Mary's Mission, was opened in late 1913. Its fortunes have waxed and waned since then but the building has always been an important part of village life. There is to be a special issue of *The Hamlet* in December and we'd like to include your photos and memories of the hall. Please write or email the *Hamlet* editor (details overleaf) by 15 November.

Grasstrack Update

Mick Chittenden and rider Andy Pack had a tough racing year this season with mechanical problems but still managed to get into the top four at most of the meetings. They even managed fourth again in the British ACU championships on a boiling hot day in Cornwall. Finally at a Donington exhibition race day they were on the pace at last, and fighting for a podium place when Andy caught his foot between their bike and another, which broke his ankle! Despite missing the last race, they still finished fourth, a great achievement. Mick also competed in a high-profile meeting sand-racing on a beach in Guernsey (photo), in a right-hand sidecar, which is the 'wrong' way round for him! (Photo by Gary Shorter)



Ding Dong! The Bell News

Football: Team manager and founding member Chris Newhouse reports that it was a nail-biting final 10 mins in the local derby last month, as The Bell scored two goals to snatch victory from Hadlow Utd, who only managed to net one. Kane Fairweather scored the winner, and was Man of the Match. Congratulations to the resurrected Bell team, who are now affiliated with the Kent FA and are poised to storm up the West Kent Sunday League. Watch this space for news of their first match against the Flying Dutchman (Cruyff?), along with their other fixtures in the coming season. Thanks to the Pool People for sponsorship, and to the supporters of the fundraising darts match last month.

Hamlet Snippets

- * **PA system** available for hire – the one we use in the Hall – contact Howard Rogers (850329)
- * We're hearing lots of praise about the excellent work done by our resident **window cleaner Lynsey** aka 'Blossom'.
- * The GG **carol service** is on Sunday 15 December at 6pm in the hall.
- * Are you missing a pet? A fluffy **black cat**, owners unknown, was sadly killed on 8 July on Three Elm Lane, near the Sherenden Park entrance.
- * **Hadlow Tower** is up for an English Heritage Angel Award for Best Craftmanship – please vote at www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/angel-awards/vote2013/ by 8 Sep.

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GG Women's Institute Report by Rosemary Blackburn

The 26th birthday celebrations, on a hot evening in July, went with a swing when we and our guests enjoyed tea à la The Ritz, and were then entertained by the Tonbridge Community Singers. Their repertoire was wide ranging and contained something for everyone, and left us feeling uplifted. It was an evening of relaxation among friends from other institutes.

The August meeting departed from our regular format when met in the afternoon to walk round the village guided by long-time resident Pearl Wagland, who pointed out some of the places that have changed dramatically over the years. She drew from her memory to tell us about the shops in the village and her time working at Crystalate. Members pooled photos of old Golden Green to make an interesting journey through time. We were joined by Anne Hughes of Hadlow Historical Society who added more details about the village. We all enjoyed a delicious cream tea at the home of one of our members where we were able to relax in the garden in the sunshine.

Our sewing efforts continue with at least four members having finished their needlework scenes of Golden Green.

The next meeting is on 18 September when Roger Smith will tell us about Kent village signs.

For more details of Golden Green WI, please contact President Rosemary Blackburn on 850812.

What's On in Golden Green?

More info:

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| 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 |
| Thursdays | Bat and Trap | The Bell | 7.30pm | 851748 |
| SEPTEMBER | | | | |
| Monday 9 Sep | Bell Quiz Night | The Bell | 8.45pm | 851748 |
| Wednesday 18 Sep | WI meeting | Hall | 7.45pm | 850812 |
| Monday 23 Sep | Bingo! | Hall | 8pm | 850768 |
| Sunday 29 Sep | Family Service | Hall | 11.50am | 850768 |
| OCTOBER | | | | |
| Monday 7 Oct | Bell Quiz Night | Bell | 8.45pm | 851748 |
| Saturday 12 Oct | GGA Village Quiz | Hall | 7 for 7.30pm | 850329 |

Patient Participation Group

The Patient Participation Group meeting will be on Monday 9 September at 6.30 pm in Hadlow Medical Centre and all patients are invited to discuss questions to be included in the draft 2013/2014 Patient Survey. Patients are reminded to contact the centre to make appointments for 'flu jabs as no letters are being sent out. Visit the website at: www.hadlowmedicalcentre.nhs.uk.

Gentle Exercise

Come and join in every Wednesday in Golden Green Village Hall from 10.30am. Just £2.50 per class. No need to book – just turn up.

Thirty minutes of gentle exercise and easy dances. Newcomers of any ability are most welcome.

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
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Bulky refuse and WEEE lorry: Victoria Road cul-de-sac Saturday 21 September 9.30–10.30 am. The August recycling leaflet should have said the lorry takes bulky plastic only not all plastic.

GGA Lottery Results 2013

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| <i>July</i> | <i>August</i> |
| £25 Mrs Mason | £25 J Kellett |
| £25 G Warren | £25 Waddingham |
| £10 P Shaw | £10 J Ivell |

Please hand in items for inclusion in the next issue to Anne Waddingham at 13 Sherenden Park or email gghamlet@hotmail.co.uk by 24 September