



The Hamlet

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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

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The Hamlet: Future Issues

Did you enjoy last month's six-page issue? No? It included an extra four pages of Howard Rogers' fascinating account of his and Jane's year as Mayor and Mayoress of Tonbridge & Malling, with full-colour photos taken at exciting events such as The Queen's Garden Party. Unfortunately it would have been too expensive to print the 250 copies needed to distribute a paper version to every GG household, so only those lucky people on the PDF email list got the extra four pages. You don't need to miss out, however, as it is available to download from the Hadlow Parish website, at hadlowpc.co.uk/village-newsletters.

It underlined the limitations of distributing this newsletter on paper, not just for 'specials' but also for community events such as the summer fete. Residents are often kind enough to send me photos but because of limited space and printing costs, I'm only able to include a few. It's so frustrating! The PDF version, however, could include more news and photos at no cost. Even printing just two pages per month has to be paid for out of GGA funds.

Nowadays almost everyone uses the internet so the GGA proposes to do away with the paper copies and change to PDF-only of *The Hamlet* and the parish newsletter from January 2015. *Those people who can't access the internet can ask to continue with paper copies* but we'll assume that you're happy with PDF unless we hear otherwise. So to continue receiving local news, send your email address to alecpelmore@btinternet.com or gghamlet@hotmail.com and you'll get a monthly email when it's ready.

Changeover at The Bell

We're very sorry indeed to hear that Ray will be retiring in October – more in the next issue.

Unrelated to Ray's decision, The Bell has been bought by Hawthorn Leisure, a new pub company established to acquire, invest in and support pubs across the UK. The sale was part of a deal that saw 275 UK pubs acquired from Greene King for £75.6m. Hawthorn has signed a three-year agreement with Greene King for the continued supply of cask and premium ales.

Eastbourne Coach Trip

Wednesday 6 August

Meet outside the Mission Hall at 9am and keep fingers crossed for good weather! More details from Blanche Kemp, 2 Bourne Park, tel 852761.

Duck Eggs for Sale

Jackie Edwards at Goldhill Mill keeps ducks and at the moment she has a surplus of their eggs to sell. They're great for baking cakes! Contact Jackie on 07957 426847 or email je233north@yahoo.co.uk

Another Successful Fete

This year's summer fete was a roaring success, raising £1100. Thanks to all hands who helped with organising, setting up, stall holding, clearing up and especially turning up and taking part. No room for pics here but a great selection can be viewed on our new Facebook page 'THE Golden Green Fete'. There's an unclaimed raffle prize won by 'Lisa' pink ticket 140. Please contact Alec Pelmore (850739) to claim it.

Darts Knockout Competition

Fundraiser for The Bell Football Club
11 July at 8pm in The Bell
Trophies! Cash prizes! Raffle!

Never mind the World Cup – the action is here on this exciting evening of flying fevers all in aid of our local footie heroes.

Donations wanted for raffle prizes – please hand in to Ray at The Bell.

Victory Tea Party

Hadlow Primary School

Monday 21 July 2014
1.45–3.15pm

Games, songs, dance, tea and cakes

Children and adults – come dressed up in 1940s/World War II wear

For further details contact
Hadlow School (850349)

Fishy Business

KCC Trading Standards is warning residents to beware of fish sellers trying to persuade householders to pay hundreds of pounds for fresh fish. The sellers commonly use non-refrigerated vans so the buyers have no way of knowing if the fish is safe to eat. KCCTS recommend residents only buy fresh fish from an established fishmonger. If you have been approached by a fish seller like this, please report it at kent.gov.uk/tradingstandards or call the Citizens Advice consumer service on 0345 4040506 (office hours).

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GG Women's Institute

Report by Iris Wilson

We were delighted that we could welcome so many ladies from other local WIs to our meeting on the 18th. The talk promised to be an interesting one and we weren't disappointed. Anna Astin spoke about how the First World War improved the lot of women. Until then they had only been regarded as good for housekeeping and bringing up children. But when the men were recruited for war, someone had to keep the industry going at home. Women filled the posts of engineers, drove buses and trams etc. and made arms – by 1918 there were 700,000 women in munitions. The women working for the war effort at home were very proud to wear their special badges with the words 'On War Service'. This also was the time when the Women's Land Army was born, along with the Women's Royal Naval Reserve, the Women's Army and the Women's Air Force.

There was also the story of Nurse Cavell who worked in Europe and treated friend and enemy alike. However she also helped some soldiers to escape and was shot by the Germans. Like Florence Nightingale before her, Cavell was an inspiration to the nurses who risked their lives tending the wounded in Europe. There were so many lives lost whose bodies were never found after the terrible battles in France that the Unknown Soldier was buried in Westminster Abbey on 11 November 1920. Anna Astin was congratulated on her talk and kindly spent time answering questions from the audience.

We also heard the report from our representative who went to the AGM where the resolution was passed.

Note: on 17 July the TV programme *Flag It* will be visiting Chiddingstone.

Our birthday party on 16 July will be by invitation only. On 20 August we will be visiting Tudeley Church to hear about Marc Chagall.

For details of GG WI, please contact 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
Wednesdays	Gentle Exercise	Hall	10.30am	850768
Thursdays	Bat and Trap	Bell	8.00pm	851748
JULY				
Friday 11 Jul	Bell Darts KO Comp	Bell	8pm	851748
Wednesday 16 Jul	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Sunday 20 Jul	Family Service	Hall	11.45am	850768
	No Bingo in Jul or Aug	Hall	8pm	850768
AUGUST				
No church services in Golden Green in August				
Monday 4 Aug	Bell Quiz Night	Bell	8.45pm	851748
Wednesday 6 Aug	Eastbourne Coach Trip	Hall	9am	852761

The Village Pump

* Cemetery Lane will be closed from 14 July 2014 for up to five days for carriageway repair works. The whole road will be closed.

* Hot on the heels of the Naked Cyclist, we hear reports of two nude men encountered on the river footpath from Hartlake Bridge to Porter's Lock, in the unseasonably warm April weather. Perhaps they wanted to 'take the air' before the nettles grew any higher. Lucky the trouserless duo didn't encounter the lost ferret reported here last month!

* Speaking of finding lost pets, Sherenden Park resident Tim Dale was cycling down Pierce Mill Lane in June when he came across a *lizard* lounging in the middle of the road basking in the sun! It was about 45cm (18") long with a brightly coloured head. He managed to catch it and gave it to the RSPCA. Please claim it if you're the owner or know someone who's lost one.

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GGA Lottery Results

May

£25 Lauren Garcia
 £25 Edie Saxby
 £25 Ann Hargrave Smith

June

£25 Dot Singer
 £25 Adrienne Knowles
 £25 Caterina Boulter

No Hamlet in August so please hand in items for inclusion in the September issue to Anne Waddingham at 13 Sherenden Park or email gghamlet@hotmail.co.uk by 23 August.