

# The Hamlet



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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

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Community Clear Up Day is a national event taking place on Sat 21 Mar. It's a great opportunity to show that you care about Golden Green. We all know that most of the litter in our neighbourhoods is caused by a small group of selfish people. The mess they make limits how much we can enjoy our spaces, damages the environment, affects house prices and costs us all money to clear. We can do something about this! By coming together on Community Clear Up Day, we can take small actions to make our hamlet a better place to live and work – and together make a big difference across the country. Contact Howard Rogers for more details (850329; howardsrogers@aol.com).

Meet outside the Mission Hall at 9.30am Sat 21 March

## Bernie's Bell Quiz

Why not join us monthly at The Bell for a great evening of quizzing?

Usually the first Monday of each month (but the next one is 23 March because of Easter) at 8.30 for 8.45pm start.

Teams of 2–6 people, £1 per person entry fee, which goes in the pot for the prize. Monthly roll-over too.

Everyone welcome—no need to book. It's very informal and you're guaranteed to have some good laughs. AW

## Hadlow Tower Flyers

Encouraging visitors to Hadlow Tower helps the community generally. Caroline Elcombe (caroline.elcombe@virgin.net) has flyers she'd like distributed to B&Bs, hotels, etc. Contact her and she'll drop some round.

## Keep Registering for Ultrafast

Still time to register at [gigaclear.com](http://gigaclear.com) for ultrafast broadband. Despite the appearance of a new green BT cabinet, there's no indication that it'll be connected anytime soon!

## Ding Dong! The Bell News

At The Bell in March

It's **Comic Relief** Night!

Friday 13 March

Come in 1980s fancy dress for an evening of fun and frolics with prizes for the best costumes!

# COMIC RELIEF

Othr events:

*Curry & Quiz*: Tues 10, 17, 24 Mar

*Bernie's Quiz*: Mon 23 Mar

Plus all the live action from the RBS Six Nations rugby with bar snacks and bottled beer deals.

No need to book—call in The Bell or tel 851748 if you need more details.

Sarah is also looking for bar staff—experience is preferred but training is available for the right person. Contact her on 851748.

## Millennium Memories

The West Kent Sunday Football League ([www.wksl.org.uk](http://www.wksl.org.uk)) is asking for old team photos—here's one from their collection—The Bell team from the 2000/01 season. What a handsome bunch!

*Bottom row, left to right*: Bob Gillham, ???, Ian Rye, Perry Giles, Steve Dyke, Jason Kerry.

*Top row*: Ben Hubble, Rodney Mitchell, Andy Seymour, Steve Homewood, Fred Giles, Daniel Harris, Steve Prior, Roy Aldous. (Who's the missing name?)

The current Bell FC are soldiering on in the WKSFL; they're just ahead of Hadlow Utd, that's the main thing!



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### GG Women's Institute Report by Iris Wilson

Gathering for the first time since Christmas, we had lots to talk about before the meeting even started. Our guest speakers were folk song experts Alan Austen and Linda Smith. Alan began by playing us a tune on his mandolin and then told us about folk songs in general. Folk singing goes back generations and always told a story; for example—of interest to locals—the tragedy of Hartlake Bridge in 1853 was put to song. During his talk Alan Austen played various folk tunes on his mandolin or accordion and sang. He has a very strong voice; I sat at the back and it went way past me! His partner sang a few songs with him, playing the autoharp, and as she also had a strong voice, they harmonised extremely well. Luckily we were not asked to sing along this time!

Guess what? We ended a good evening for all with a glass of mulled wine, which we missed out at our Christmas meeting!

On 18 March Derek Hodge is bringing us his 'Auctioneer's Tales'. Don't miss it, as it sounds interesting.

For further information please contact our President Rosemary Blackburn on 850812.

### Calling Road Reps ...

Are you a road representative or would you like to be one? A road rep welcomes new people to our neighbourhood and helps them with any local information they might need (or directs them to the Hadlow Parish website). There's very little time or effort involved, and it's a good excuse to find out who your new neighbour is!

I'd like to coordinate current coverage and plug any gaps—if you're already a rep (Howard Rogers, Terry Gibb, Judith & Helen Deckers, Linda Daker, Road Belsey and I are on HPC's list) please let me know which area you cover. If you'd like to become a road rep, please contact me (see right for details).

*Anne Waddingham*

### 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
MARCH				
Tue 10 Mar	Curry & Quiz Night	Bell	8pm	851748
Fri 13 Mar	Comic Relief Fancy Dress Night	Bell	8pm	851748
Tue 17 Mar	Curry & Quiz Night	Bell	8pm	851748
Wed 18 Mar	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Mon 23 Mar	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768
Mon 23 Mar	Bernie's Quiz Night	Bell	8.45pm	851748
Tue 24 Mar	Curry & Quiz Night	Bell	8pm	851748
APRIL				
Sun 5 Apr	Easter Sunday Holy Communion	Hall	9am	850768

### The Village Pump

- \* The GG book club meets at The Bell on Wed 11 Mar at 8pm to discuss *We are all completely beside ourselves* by Karen Joy Fowler. Next month's choice is *To kill a mockingbird* by Harper Lee.
- \* It was a case of beginner's luck for new GG resident Adrienne Knowles, who won Tonbridge's Loyalty Scheme prize last month, with her first entry—well done!
- \* The work on the solar farm should be finishing shortly, so thankfully running the gauntlet of huge lorries on Hartlake Road should end soon.
- \* Dog owners: please keep your pet on a short lead during the lambing season. And there have again been complaints about dog mess on the footpaths—*please* bag it and bin it.
- \* The GGA AGM is on Wed 6 May.
- \* Flood risk advice booklets for residents and businesses are available in the Old School Hall in Hadlow.
- \* If your group would like to participate in the Annual Parish Meeting at Hadlow village hall on 22 Apr or the Community Country Fayre at the cricket ground on 28 June, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

### Parish Council Contacts

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*Bulky refuse/WEEE lorry:*  
 Victoria Rd, GG 21 Mar 9.30–10.30am  
*Next council meeting:* 9 Mar 7.30pm  
 Old School Hall, Hadlow

### Parish Council Elections

If you're putting yourself forward at the 2015 elections for Parish Council, an information board will be set up in Golden Green, Hadlow and on the parish website on which applicants may put a headshot and short explanation about themselves and what they can contribute to the parish. Please send details to the Parish Office.

Please hand in items for inclusion in the April issue to Anne Waddingham at 13 Sherenden Park (850048) or email [gghamlet@outlook.com](mailto:gghamlet@outlook.com) by 26 March.  
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