

THE HAMMLET



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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

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We are the Champions!
Bell Bat & Trap Team Triumphs again

Susan Donlevy writes: The Bell team have had a memorable year in Bat & Trap, becoming League Champions for 2016 and winning the Knock-out Cup for the third time in four years—and, to complete the hat trick, being winners and runners-up of the All Day Fours [The Bell has two teams—AW]. Team Captain Alec Donlevy, who is retiring from the game after 27 years, would like to thank all team members past and present for their contributions over the years and to wish the team the best of luck for the future. He would also like to thank The Bell for their support. [It's worth pointing out that The Bell has won the league trophy more times than any other team, and has what many regard as the best pitch in Kent. The season runs from Apr to Sep on Thursday evenings—AW]

Refuse Collections

You may have seen the news reports of the fire at North Farm Waste and Recycling site on 22 Oct, which has closed the facility. This means that TMBC's black-bin waste is being diverted direct to the Allington plant so refuse collections may be delayed for a while. Scheduled collections should be completed but may be later in the day than usual because the lorries have to go to Allington each time the vehicles have to be emptied. Green waste and recycling collections are not affected. TMBC say please still have your bin out at 7am as usual. More information: <http://www.tmbc.gov.uk/extreme-weather/waste-service-updates>

** Local Plan Exhibition **

Parish Office, Old School Hall, Hadlow
8-15 Nov (closed Sun) 9.30am-3pm

Have your say on the future of the borough—TMBC are consulting on a potential development strategy for the borough. You have until 5pm Fri 25 Nov to give them your comments.

* www.tmbc.gov.uk/localplanconsult

* Email: localplan@tmbc.gov.uk

* Write to: Policy Planning Team, TMBC, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling ME19 4LZ

This is important for all of us—this is your chance to make your views known about future housing development in GG and Hadlow

Ding Dong! Bell News

Tel 851748

Food now served every day!

Sunday carvery launching 13 Nov

Free hire of function room

Karaoke

Saturday 5 November
and first Saturday of every month
A chance to let your hair down and sing or dance your stresses away!

The Crystalates

Saturday 19 November 8-11pm
Electronic duo on keyboards—great for Gary Newman fans

Bernie's Big Quiz

Monday 5 December 8.45pm
Xmas Special. All welcome. £1 entry

Lee and Sammie say: 'We would like to thank all of our loyal customers for their continued support. It means a lot to us and we value each and everyone of them. If local residents have any good input about what they would like from us as a pub and community hub we will be very happy to welcome any new ideas.'

"Support live music"

Christmas Coffee Morning

Tuesday 6 December
10:30am to 12:30pm

28 Old Road, East Peckham
(courtesy of Liz & Dave Holland)

Come along for some festive cheer, Christmas gifts, raffle, coffee/tea and mince pies—and a chat!

On behalf of Golden Green & East Peckham Branch Conservative Association

Got Local News?

Let our local reporter Sarah Chilvers know so your event/news can be published in the *Kent Messenger* and *The Courier*—send in at least 10 days ahead to sarahchilvers@btinternet.com

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GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

The hall had a different look about it at our October meeting. Two tables were set up with large boards, dice, cards and coloured miniature plastic cars. Not what we were expecting! Gill and Sandra from the Sevenoaks and Tonbridge branch of Age UK soon explained why. They had come to discuss dementia, an 'umbrella' term for loss of memory such as in Alzheimer's disease—as we live longer nowadays, it's becoming more common. Their aim is to improve our approach to the illness and the care of sufferers. The games, which looked like Monopoly, were to get us discussing problems and suggesting solutions. The talk's title—'Whose Shoes'—became apparent as we threw the dice and moved our 'cars' round the board while following footprints. On the way we picked up cards (no, not 'Go to jail' or 'Do not pass Go!'). These were serious questions on the treatment of patients with dementia. This prompted us to put our own ideas forward, and we found ourselves really getting into the problems and coming up with solutions. The main consensus was that the patients deserved respect, and there are not enough nurses to give the time and consideration each person needs. It was shocking to learn that, whereas 1 in 10 people die from cancer, 1 in 6 die from dementia. This was a serious discussion but a necessary one, given any one of us could be affected in later life. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 16 November. We will be welcoming Pat Mortlock with 'A Country Christmas'. All are welcome; doors open 7.30 for 7.45pm, finishing about 10pm. Next month's meeting is earlier than usual: Wednesday 7 December, because members are busy in the run-up up to Christmas. And Kate and Wendy have been organising our Christmas meal on Thursday 8 December, 1pm at Crown Point Inn. It's the same venue as last year, where we had such a good time. Please contact them if you'd like to join us (members only please).

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
Tuesdays	Coffee Morning	Hall	10am	850768
NOVEMBER				
Wed 16 Nov	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Sun 20 Nov	Holy Communion	Hall	12 noon	850238
Mon 21 Nov	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850664
Tues 22 Nov	GG Book Club	Bell	8.00pm	850329
DECEMBER				
Mon 5 Dec	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8.45pm	851748
Wed 7 Dec	WI Meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Sun 18 Dec	GG Carol Service	Hall	4pm	850238
JANUARY				
Wed 18 Jan	Annual Retirees' Lunch	Hall	12.15pm	851969

The Village Pump

- * Many congratulations to resident **Joan Singer**, who'll be celebrating her 90th birthday later this month!
- * Many thanks to **Linda Daker** who did a great job on last month's Hamlet. (The 'mystery photo' was of the new swings in Signpost Field playground)
- * At this time of year, Lynn Bunt asks people to be mindful of other people, pets and domestic animal when setting off **fireworks**. Please check bonfires and leaf piles for hedgehogs too!
- * **GG book club** meets on 22 Nov at 8pm in The Bell to discuss *The Men Who Stare at Goats* by Jon Ronson. Come and help choose the next book
- * Ashley Scriven has suggested a monthly GG **'pop-up' tearoom**, as an opportunity for the community to get together over coffee and cake. This would be as well as the regular Tuesday sessions in the hall. Interested? Reply on GGA's Facebook page or contact *The Hamlet* (see next column)

Free Concert in Hadlow

Hadlow Orchestra's annual concert of popular light classics and show songs is at St Mary's Church on Sunday 20 November at 3pm. Interval refreshments and a retiring collection in aid of St Mary's, charity and new scores.

Parish Council Contacts

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Bulky refuse lorry & WEEE collection:
 Victoria Rd, GG 19 Nov 9.30–10.30am
Next council meeting: 14 Nov 7.30pm
 Old School Hall, Hadlow.
Snow wardens needed! Contact the parish office for information or to sign up again for this year.

GGA Lottery Results

October
 £25 Mrs Wenham
 £25 Dawn Kerry
 £25 Bernie Simmonds

Hand in items for inclusion in the next issue to Anne Waddingham at 13 Sherenden Park (850048) or email gghamlet@outlook.com by 25 November.

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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).