

THE HAMLET



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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

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VIP Guest at Mission Hall Carol Service

Would you believe it, none other than the Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond swelled our congregation this year (honest!)— he was visiting relations, apparently. (Sorry that he's just out of frame in Alec Pelmore's discreet photo taken from the choir.) We raised £125 for Hospice in the Weald, which is about £25 more than usual, so I guess Mr Hammond must have loosened his purse strings a little, or the economy's on the up, or both! Anyway, he's very welcome to come again—we could do with some more baritones in the choir.

2017 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 2016 prize winners is available on request.)

Please allocate ___ lottery numbers for 2017 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*

Ding Dong! Bell News

Tel 851748

Food now served every day!
Free hire of function room

Karaoke

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

Ted Beaumont

21 January from 8pm
Top jazz pianist plus guests with the
very best of trad jazz

Paul Crisp

28 January 8–10pm
Solo singer from The Parkers perform-
ing covers and hits

Bernie's Big Quiz

Monday 30 January 8.45pm
All welcome. £2 entry

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★ **Golden Green** ★

★ **Annual Fish & Chips** ★

★ **Challenge!** ★

★ Saturday 4 Mar Mission Hall ★

★ 7 for 7.30pm start ★

★ £7 per person including fish ★

★ & chip supper ★

★ (or chicken/sausage— ★

★ please say when you book) ★

★ Bring your own drinks and ★

★ nibbles and a raffle prize ★

★ Teams up to 8 maximum. If ★

★ you don't have a team, join ★

★ another on the night ★

★ To book, contact Howard ★

★ Rogers on 850329 or ★

★ howardsrogers@aol.com ★

★ *Always oversubscribed—* ★

★ *book now to ensure you* ★

★ *don't miss out!* ★

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The Golden Green Association Committee

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GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

There was an air of excitement about the hall when we arrived for our last meeting of 2016 on Wednesday 7th December. The tiny Christmas lights that were strung all around the hall made it look like fairyland and were really welcoming.

Our usual exchange of Christmas cards took place (it saves such a lot on postage!) and it adds to the excitement of the evening. For a small WI we surely make a lot of noise—but being small has its advantages as everyone knows everyone else. If you want to join a WI then join Golden Green's, where you will be sure a of welcome and lots of new friends. Try us!

The speaker for the evening was Barbara Stevens with her talk 'Stoic Past Presidents of Downe WI'. We wondered, 'A talk about the WI at a Christmas meeting?' It didn't sound as if it was going to be much fun. But how wrong we were! She was such a good orator, and was really hilarious with her asides. We were so pleased that she stayed on afterwards to enjoy mulled wine and nibbles with us.

A reminder to all that our first meeting this year is on Wednesday 18 January; it's a social evening, and subscriptions for the coming year will be collected by Pearl.

A full programme of speakers has been arranged for 2017 by Marion, who has done a wonderful job as usual of selecting and booking interesting people with a wide variety of subjects.

We continue in February with our own secretary Rosalind who spent several weeks in China in 2016. This is a fascinating country with a culture so different from ours and she is going to talk about her experiences.

All are welcome and with a charge of just £3 for visitors, which includes tea/coffee and biscuits and great company of course, this is an evening not to be missed!

For further information about GG WI, please contact our 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 |
| JANUARY | | | | |
| Mon 16 Jan | Bingo! | Hall | 8pm | 850664 |
| Wed 18 Jan | Annual Retirees' Lunch | Hall | 12.15pm | 851969 |
| Wed 18 Jan | WI meeting | Hall | 7.45pm | 850812 |
| Sat 21 Jan | Live Music: Ted Beaumont | Bell | 8pm | 851748 |
| Sat 28 Jan | Live Music: Paul Crisp | Bell | 8–10pm | 851748 |
| Mon 30 Jan | Bernie's Big Quiz | Bell | 8.45pm | 851748 |
| FEBRUARY | | | | |
| Sat 4 Feb | Karaoke | Bell | | 851748 |
| Sat 11 Feb | Wine Tasting Evening | Goldhill Hse | 7.30pm | 850329 |
| Mon 6 Feb | Book Club | Bell | 8pm | 850329 |

The Village Pump

* It's not too late to book your place at the **Retirees' New Year lunch** on 18 Jan at 12.15pm. Phone Linda (851969) or Rob/Ros (850664)

* **Victoria Road** will be closed for up to five days from 6 February, from Court Lane to outside number 44, to allow KCC Highways to patch the tarmac and repair verges.

* There's a **wine tasting evening** on 11 Feb at 7.30pm at Goldhill House in aid of the local Conservative Association branch. Contact Howard & Jane Rogers (email gjanerogers@aol.com or tel 850329). Tickets £15

* **GG book club's** next meeting in The Bell on 6 Feb will be to discuss *No Time for Goodbye* by Linwood Barclay. Next: *Spectacles* by Sue Perkins
* I spotted this in the Neighbourhood Watch e-bulletin: 'Booths is recalling its Free Range Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich because it contains undeclared egg ...'. Who'd have guessed an egg sandwich would have egg in it!

East Peckham Silver Band

Sun 29 Jan 2.30pm St Mary's Church
Concert of well-loved classics and popular tunes. Short interval. Tea and cakes afterwards. Free admission with a retiring collection.

Parish Council Contacts

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Open Tue & Thu 9.30am–12 noon
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Nick Collins: 850968
nicolins@btinternet.com
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ed.bright@talk21.com

Bulky refuse lorry & WEEE collection:
Victoria Rd, GG 21 Jan 9.30–10.30am
Next council meeting: 24 Jan 7.30pm
Old School Hall, Hadlow

Snow wardens needed in GG to clear snow from priority areas. Contact the parish office for information.

GGA Lottery Results

December 2016
£25 Andrew Thomas
£25 Anne Waddingham
£25 Terry Vidler

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.

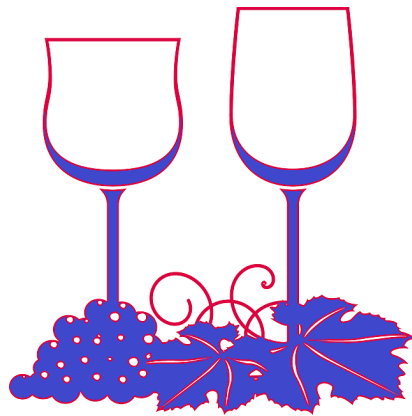
Please tell us if you have a new neighbour so that we can be sure they get the newsletters. Contact Anne (details above) or Alec (850739)

WINE TASTING EVENING

(with cheese, artisan bread and nibbles)

Presented by Majestic Wine

By popular demand, and following the success of last year's event, your chance to come along for some fun and find how much you do/don't really know about wine!



Saturday 11 February 7:30 pm

£15 per ticket

to be held at:

**Goldhill House, Hartlake Road,
Golden Green TN11 0BL**

(Courtesy of Chris & Debbie Salter)

**tickets / further information from
Howard and Jane Rogers**

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on behalf of the

East Peckham & Golden Green Branch Conservative Association

