

THE HAMMLET



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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

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The Bell News

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Food served daily *
Games room * Function
room hire for parties,
band practice etc. free
for GG residents



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Halloween Ska 'n Reggae Night

28 October 8pm
Fancy dress optional

Bernie's Big Quiz
Mon 30 Oct & 11 Dec 8pm
All welcome. £3 Entry fee

Friendly, Fun and Fund Raising

Becca Hill, Communications and Marketing Manager for Hospice in the Weald sent this lovely photo of The Bell's Lee & Sammie presenting a giant cheque for £1078 to the hospice chairman (centre) last month. She writes: 'A huge thank you to everyone who helped to organise and attended the Bank Holiday Fun Day at The Bell Inn, which raised over £1000 for Hospice in the Weald. This is an incredible achievement for a pub situated in such a small village. Chairman Simon Lee said: "I am thrilled the event was such a success. As Hospice in the Weald is a local charity and not part of the NHS, we depend on the support of our community to help us fund our vital services and raise the £7 million needed every year to ensure our services can continue. Thank you so much for your support. I know that the Hospice in the Weald Chief Executive, Rob Woolley, appreciated the warm welcome everyone gave him. He very much enjoyed judging the impressive fruit and vegetable entries! I look forward to next year's Bank Holiday Fun Day." Becca goes on to say: 'Many people have commented on the friendly atmosphere at the event at The Bell Inn. Thank you again to everyone involved in the success of this event.' Well done, Lee and Sammie!

School Bus Services

MP Tom Tugendhat has set up an [online survey](#) to discover which schools are worst affected by poor bus services. Complete and share if concerned

Hopping Around the UK

Ros Seall saw this in the National Brewery Centre in Burton-on-Trent, Staffs last month. Simply the best!

Floored!

Someone should give caretaker **Rob Seall** a medal for all the work he did putting hundreds of rubber seals on the chair legs (inset) to protect the beautiful new hall floor!



The Golden Green Association Committee

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GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

Who'd have thought that a pineapple could turn out to be so interesting! If you look carefully at some trophies—say the one Andy Murray won at Wimbledon last year—you will notice a tiny pineapple on the top of it. Then when you start looking for pineapples, they seem to be everywhere. They were so named because of their resemblance to the pine cone. They originally came from southern Brazil and Paraguay and are considered to be a fruit—but fruit generally comes from trees (unless it's a berry) whereas pineapples actually grow on a plant low on the ground.

Our speaker Sally Berkeley explained how the pineapple came to be grown in this country. It became a status symbol and it was the stately homes with their kitchen gardens that built the large greenhouses to cultivate them. They are a very fussy plant and need warm earth to grow in and constant attention. Some greenhouses were built against a wall where, on the other side, fires were kept going at intervals in a type of miniature furnace with the hot air being wafted through.

It takes about 13–16 months to bring the pineapples to fruit and each plant can fruit three times during its lifetime before the plant needs to be replaced. The head gardeners must have had their work cut out watching over them.

Pineapples are very beneficial, containing large amounts of vitamin C and manganese and are a good way to get dietary fibre. Manganese is essential for healthy bones and nervous systems and proper brain functioning and has many other medicinal benefits. To my shame I've never prepared fresh pineapple but perhaps I should start now, as I rather fancy having 'proper brain functioning' and my bones could do with a fresh intake!

Next month Chris Stewart will tell us about the 'Fascinating and Secret Life of the Mole'. Doors open at 7.30pm and all are welcome.

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
1st Sat month	Suzanne's Craft Workshop	Hall	9.15am-4pm	770906
OCTOBER				
Wed 18 Oct	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Sun 22 Oct	Family Service	Hall	12 noon	850238
Sun 23 Oct	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768
Tue 24 Oct	Book Club	Bell	8pm	850329
Sat 28 Oct	Halloween Ska & Reggae Night	Bell	8pm	851748
Mon 30 Oct	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8pm	220811
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER				
Mon 11 Dec	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8pm	220811
Sun 17 Dec	GG Carol Service	Hall	4pm	850739

The Village Pump

* Look out—there's a **red thief** about! Mr(s) Fox is busy after dark: a horse fly mask disappears from Gold-hill Mill, while in Medway View, a dog harness is stolen and chewed; a pear is pinched from the tree, buried and then retrieved the next night; and a B&Q gardening glove is found. Have you lost or found any items recently? Let us know ...

* Pauline Egginton is looking for old **water butts** in any condition to grow trees in. Contact her via the GGA Facebook page or *The Hamlet*

* GG **Book Club** meets in The Bell on Tues 24 Oct. The book is *H is for Hawk* by Helen Macdonald. November's book is *At the Edge of the Orchard* by Tracey Chevalier. All welcome—contact Jane Rogers (850329) or *The Hamlet* for more information

* **Hadlow Tower** has been sold to a private buyer for a reputedly bargain price. It's now closed for the winter but to fulfil the conditions of the £2m Heritage Lottery Fund grant for the restoration, the tower must be open to the public 28 days a year for another 21 years. Watch this space for news of 2018's open days, if and when they happen.

* Many thanks to **Linda Daker** for producing a great *Hamlet* last month

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Council meeting: Mon 9 Oct 7.30pm
Mission Hall, Golden Green

Bulky refuse lorry & WEEE collection:

Victoria Rd cul-de-sac, Golden Green

Sat 21 Oct 9.15–10.15am. While North Farm waste recycling centre is closed, KCC are encouraging us to use bulky waste services as Maidstone & Seven-oaks centres are busier than usual

GGA Lottery Results

September

£25 Kathryn McKerlie

£25 Colin Charnock

£25 Anne Hargrave Smith

Hand in items for inclusion in the next issue to Anne Waddingham at 13 Sherenden Park (850048) or email gghamlet@outlook.com by 27 October. 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 (850048) or Alec (850739)