

THE HAMLET



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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

June 2018

Golden Green Summer Fete

Sunday 24 June 1–4pm
Signpost Field Recreation Ground

Tug-of-war, Egg & spoon, Pratt's sack races*

Plants, Home-made cakes

Books, Puzzles, 'Antiques of tomorrow'

Tombola, Coconut shy, Wheel of fortune

Piggy races, Hook-a-duck, Buzzer game, Giant jigsaw

BBQ, Cream teas, Strawberries & cherries (if ready)

Bar organised by The Bell

Wanted: Books, DVDs, CDs, vinyl (no VHS); saleable items for the White Elephant stall; donations for the tombola and raffle. Bring to Signpost Field after 11am on 24th. Tombola donations collected in advance – contact Jo on 07771 593227.

Help please! Volunteers needed to set up/take down, run stalls and serve in the tea tent. Please contact Alec on 850739

*Events entered at your own risk!

Beautiful Golden Green

Last month's GG Association and Mission hall AGMs highlighted some work needed in the hall, including repainting the roof and installing more efficient hand dryers. It was suggested that Signpost Field could benefit from a rubbish bin or two, and Chairman Alec has arranged for the grass on the triangle (where the village sign is) to be mowed more often.

Can you think of other ways GG could be improved? The perennial problem of speeding was raised (see Village Pump overleaf) but that's in the hands of KCC. The committee would welcome suggestions that the GGA could pay for and implement ourselves to make our community a brighter and better place. Some ideas at the meeting were a film club, more planters like the one outside the hall that's cheering up the place nicely, thanks to Rob & Roz) and a seasonal xmas tree on the triangle.

Please send us your ideas to make Golden Green an even more attractive place to live, whether they're social activities or environmental improvements. Contact Alec Pelmore, *The Hamlet* or any committee member listed overleaf.

Move it or Lose it: FABS Fitness Classes for Older Adults

After the success of her exercise class in Hadlow, instructor Carol is starting a new Tuesday Seated Class in the Old School Hall for those with less mobility. Free taster session. Contact carol.welfare@moveitorloseit.co.uk or 07941 345001 www.moveitorloseit.co.uk.

Artists' Open Studios

Every weekend in June 11am–6pm Studios in Hadlow, Goose Green and Tonbridge open for you to discover art on your doorstep. Find art trails in libraries, village shops or download at www.artistsopenstudios.co.uk.

Wine Tasting Evening and Raffle

(with cheese and nibbles)

Presented by Majestic Wine

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

Saturday 30 June 7:30 pm £15

Cockle Oast, Hartlake Road, Golden Green TN11 0BL

(Under cover outside, so please dress appropriately!)

Tickets & info from Howard and Jane gjanerogers@aol.com; 850329

On behalf of the East Peckham & GG Branch Conservative Association

The Bell News

Lee & Sammie Stanley
Tel 851748

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



New delicious menu 1pm–9pm

Freshly cooked pizzas, eat in/take away

Live Music! The Konks

Sat 2 Jun 9pm

This hugely popular band make a very welcome return—not to be missed!

Bernie's Big Quiz

Mon 4 Jun & 2 Jul 8pm

All welcome. £3 Entry fee

Bingo @ The Bell

29 Jun 7.30pm

and every last Friday monthly
Cash prizes to be won!

Family Fun Day

Sun 26 August

Details in next issue

Every Saturday

Free juke box and pool

Pizzas—buy one get second half price

Red Tooth Poker

Tuesdays 7.30pm

Free to enter and play

[Facebook/BellInnGoldenGreen](https://www.facebook.com/BellInnGoldenGreen)

New opening hours on Mondays:
12 noon



The Golden Green Association Committee

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GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

AGMs ... dull, tedious, boring? Not at Golden Green WI! The meeting was brought to order with an improvised gavel—a shoehorn, which was needed when a member tried on some shoes from the Bring & Buy table but couldn't get her boots back on!

We gratefully recognise that without the dedication of the present committee (Pearl, Rosemary, Rosalind and Marion), GG WI would struggle to carry on and we are so fortunate that they have volunteered to continue, with Sally now joining them. Rosemary was voted President again (she does the job so well!) and, with our small band of members who all have their own input, we are again viable for another year.

We discussed the proposed annual resolution, which concerns the serious issue of mental illness and its effect on sufferers and their families. It should not be confused with ordinary stress—which we all cope with at sometime or other—but mental illness can be devastating to the individual and their families. Among the most common conditions are schizophrenia, psychosis, bipolar disorder and anxiety disorders.

It was a very lively, in-depth discussion, with many questions and suggestions regarding the origins of mental ill health. We discussed various aspects at length, concluding that having someone to talk to and to listen is very important and that much more help should be available. We agreed the wording of the resolution is too vague and the voting reflected this, as many members abstained and it was only passed by a very narrow margin.

At the next meeting Sara Normand will be telling us about Beanstalk, a charity that aims to improve literacy across the UK. If you are interested then please do come and join us at 7.30pm on 20 June. We guarantee you'll be made most welcome. Hope to see you there.

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
Mondays	Natalie's Body Blast	Hall	7.30–8.30pm	⁰⁷⁷¹⁴ 429792
Tuesdays	Coffee Morning	Hall	10am	850768
Tuesdays	Colin's Art Group	Hall	8-10pm	464187
1st Sat month	Suzanne's Scrapbooking	Hall	9.15am-4pm	770906
JUNE				
Mon 4 Jun	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8pm	220811
Thu 12 Jun	Book Club	Bell	8pm	850329
Sun 17 Jun	Family Service	Hall	12 noon	850238
Mon 18 Jun	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768
Wed 20 Jun	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Sun 24 Jun	Golden Green Summer Fete	Signpost Field	1–4pm	850739
Fri 29 Jun	Bingo @ The Bell	Bell	7.30pm	851748
JULY				
Mon 2 Jul	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8pm	220811

The Village Pump

* Tarmac are giving a presentation about the **Stonecastle Farm** quarry extension to the parish council meeting on 26 Jun (7.30pm, Old School Hall). Contact the parish clerk (details in next column) by 20 Jun if you wish to attend and/or have questions.

* It was a year ago that *The Hamlet* reported KCC had allocated money for a **speed indication display** for GG but it's proving more elusive than a snowball in a sauna. We heard at the GG Association AGM last month that we might have to share it with East Peckham. Meanwhile the speeding (and the wait) continues ...

* A **dog poo bin** is to be installed close to Three Elm Lane next to the footpath that connects the Bourne with the Medway (near Barnes Place)—thanks to Cllr Janet Sergison for expediting. Let's hope the people who throw bags into the hedges use it!

* The next **Book Club** meeting is Tues 12 June at 8pm in The Bell, to discuss *Eva Luna* by Isabelle Allende.

GGA Lottery Results

May 2018

£25 Doey Colfer

£25 Anna Williams Walker

£25 Linda Daker

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Open Tue & Thu 9.30am–12 noon

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nicolins@btinternet.com

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ed.bright@talk21.com

Bulky refuse lorry & WEEE collection:

Victoria Rd, GG 16 Jun 9.15–10.15am

Next council meeting: 11 Jun 7.30pm

Old School Hall, Hadlow.

Hospital Car Service: Mike (852564)

Borough Council Surgeries

Hadlow & East Peckham ward (inc. GG)

Cllrs *Howard Rogers, Janet Sergison*

and *Jill Anderson*. Surgeries in St

Mary's Church 14 Jul, 15 Sep, 17 Nov,

all at 10–11.30am

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

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