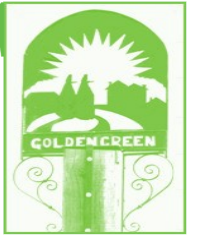


THE HAMLET



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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

April 2019

Spring Clean Golden Green Saturday 6 April 9.30am

Meet outside the Mission Hall

Our fifth annual litter-pick and spring clean around Golden Green. Please help make our community a nicer place to live.

Equipment provided. More details from Howard Rogers (850329) or just turn up.



Easter Services

Palm Sunday 14 April

9.45am Hadlow Square: Palm Procession to church followed by Parish Eucharist with blessing of palms

6pm Fauré Requiem, St Mary's

Good Friday 19 April

10am Walk of Witness from St Peter's Chapel, Maidstone Rd to St Mary's. Stay afterwards for coffee and hot-cross buns

12-2pm Interactive Prayer stations

2pm Good Friday service

Easter Sunday 21 April

6am Dawn service with renewal of baptism vows

8am Holy Communion

10am Family Service with Communion

12 noon Holy Communion at Golden Green

GG Association AGM

Wed 8 May 8pm Mission Hall

Every resident is a member of the Golden Green Association, so all are welcome to attend the AGM. Along with the election of officers and committee, this is your chance to hear about what the GGA has done in the past year, and decide what happens this year. The AGM of the Hall Management Committee follows, then we'll adjourn to The Bell!

Contact Secretary Howard Rogers for details (850329)

Easter Waste Collection

There will be **no changes** to your normal collection day over the Easter Bank Holiday as the new contractors Urbaser will be working on Good Friday 19 April and Easter Monday 22 April. Put your bins out at the usual time on your normal day.

Coffee Morning

Tonbridge, Edenbridge & Malling Conservative Association Hadlow Branch

Fri 31 May 2019 10.30-12 noon

Corneys, The Square, Hadlow
(courtesy of Bobby & Sue Barnes)

An invitation to meet and chat with your local MP Tom Tugendhat.
Contact Janet Sergison to book (tel 851663; janetsergison@onetel.com)

The Bell News

Lee & Sammie
Tel 851748

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



Delicious menu 1pm-9pm

Freshly cooked pizzas
Eat in/take away

Thai Street Food Night Wed 24 April 7.30 for 7pm

Back by popular demand!
See Lee or Sammie to book

Bernie's-Julian's Big Quiz Monday 29 April 7.45pm

All welcome. £3 Entry fee
Cash prize

Live music! Sticky Tyres Saturday 11 May 8pm

Popular local band playing live
Keep an eye on our Facebook page for news of events, live music etc!
[Facebook/BellInnGoldenGreen](https://www.facebook.com/BellInnGoldenGreen)

Local Elections

Don't miss your chance to vote in the Borough Council and Parish Council elections on Thursday 2 May

Congratulations to the Rogers, Peerlesses and Whites, aka 'The Mongrels', who won the 2019 GG Fish & Chip Challenge. Their superlative knowledge of Mamma Mia films, pop music and modern art took them to a solid victory in February.



The Golden Green Association Committee

Chair Alec Pelmore 850739 Secretary Howard Rogers 850329 Treasurer Gabrielle Lear 851252 Hall Bookings Rob & Ros Seall 850664 Newsletter Anne Waddingham 850048 Committee John Allen 851462, Chris Blackburn 850812, Ed Bright 850590, Nick Collins 850968, Linda Daker 851969, Andrew & Judith Deckers 850039, Stan Ellis 07711 014205, Graham Hargrave Smith 851576, Pete Hilborn 850278, Lee Stanley 851748, Jo Ivell 850291, Michael Nobes 850768, Terry Parris 850725, Jane Rogers 850329, Pat Simmons 850257, Sean Waddingham 850048, A Williams Walker 852733

GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

Bob Appleton at our February meeting showed us postcards of Old Hong Kong that he has been collecting for years. They showed a green countryside with rolling hills and mountains behind, with lots of trees and no skyscrapers. The contrast between what the old postcards showed and what it's like today is startling to say the least. There are now high-rise flats where cats and dogs are not allowed—instead people keep birds. They even take them for a walk and hang their cages in trees while they chat over a drink.

Kai Tak Airport was built on reclaimed land in 1925 and in 1958 a new runway was added. It was notorious for tightness of landing and take-off space: coming in to land, on sighting a 'marker'—possibly an advert on the side of a building—the pilot would turn sharp right at 200mph just a couple of miles from the runway, flying low over apartments, some of which were built right next to the runway. Taking off was just as hazardous, with the pilot having to make a sharp turn once airborne to avoid a small mountain. In 1998 a new international airport, Chek Lap Kok, was opened.

Bridget Wood visited us in March to tell us all about Medical Detection Dogs. These dogs are trained from puppies to smell out various illnesses. Their sense of smell is many times better than our own so they can sense type 1 diabetes, some cancers and malaria for example. The dogs are a mixture of breeds, labradors being the most popular. It usually takes about 6–8 months to train a dog, who lives in a family home, not a kennel. They train at the Great Horwood Centre for up to four days a week, working for about 20 mins at a time. They love it as they think it's a game with treats at the end! The charity does not receive government funding and relies on donations from trusts and the public. Bridget brought along books and goodies for sale, together with the cutest little beanie dogs that we couldn't resist.

What's On in Golden Green?

More info:

Mondays	Zoe's Pilates	Hall	10–11am	771747
Tuesdays	Coffee Morning	Hall	10am	850768
Tuesdays	FABS Fitness for Older Adults	Hall	12-30-1.30pm	07941 345001
Tuesdays	Colin's Art Group	Hall	8-10pm	464187
1st Sat month	Suzanne's Scrapbooking	Hall	9.15am-4pm	770906
APRIL & MAY				
Sat 6 Apr	Golden Green Spring Clean	Hall	9.30am	850329
Mon 15 Apr	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768
Wed 17 Apr	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Sun 21 Apr	Easter Sunday Holy Communion	Hall	12 noon	850238
Wed 24 Apr	Thai Street Food Night	Bell	8pm	851748
Mon 29 Apr	Bernie's Julian's Big Quiz	Bell	7.45pm	220811
Wed 8 May	Golden Green Assoc AGM	Hall	8pm	850329
Sat 11 May	Live music—Sticky Tyres	Bell	8pm	851748

WI report continued

If you like strawberries then come along to our meeting on Wed 17 April, as Marion Regan of Hugh Lowe Farms will be there talking about life on a fruit farm. Will there be samples, I wonder? Doors open at 7.30 for a 7.45pm start in the Mission Hall opposite The Bell.

For further information about GG WI, please contact our President Rosemary Blackburn on 850812.

The Village Pump

* The April **Book Club** book is *Our Endless Numbered Days* by Clare Fuller. The next meeting is Thursday 18 April at 8pm in The Bell

* The **GG Summer Fete** is on Sun 30 June—keep the afternoon free!

* **Scam alert!** If a 'police officer' calls you about suspicious activity in your bank account and tells you to withdraw and hand over your money to a 'courier'—end the call, wait at least 5 mins for it to clear, then call 101, or 999 in an emergency. Hadlow and Tunbridge Wells have recently been targeted so don't be the next victim

GGA 2019 Lottery Results

<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>
£25 D Kerry	£25 S Revell
£25 S Toop	£25 C Cattermole
£25 O Chilvers	£25 A Williams Walker

Parish Council Contacts

Parish Office Tel: 851878
Email: clerk@hadlowpc.co.uk
Open Tue & Thu 9.30am–12 noon
Website hadlowpc.co.uk
Golden Green Councillors:
Nick Collins: 850968
nicolins@btinternet.com
Ed Bright: 850590
ed.bright@talk21.com

Bulky refuse lorry & WEEE collection:
Victoria Rd cul-de-sac 20 April
9.15–10.15am

Next council meeting: 8 Apr, 7.30pm, Mission Hall, Golden Green

Next Borough Councillors' Surgery:
18 May, St Mary's Church, Hadlow, 10–11.30am

Hospital Car Service

If you need transport to a hospital or medical appointment, please contact Mike Harvey on 01732 852564 or email rev.nickyharvey@gmail.com

Hand in items for inclusion in the next issue to Anne Waddingham 13 Sherenden Park (850048) or email gghamlet@outlook.com by 20 April.

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