

# THE HAMLET



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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

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## Golden Green Clean and Gleaming



The weather might have been dull but the smiles were bright as the 2019 GG litter-pick team assembled last month.

The clean-up crew (above) worked tirelessly to collect 20 bags of rubbish, spruce up the bus stop and defib booth and pressure-wash the playground.

Discarded clothes were a notable feature of the garbage!

Thank you to all who participated.

### 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! There will also be a discussion about the GG summer fete, so come along if you want to be involved in that.


Agenda, accounts and 2018 minutes available from GGA Secretary Howard Rogers (850329).

Chair Alec Pelmore is also looking for a couple of extra people to be on the Hall committee—not onerous, no commitment to doing any work!

### May Bank Holidays Waste Collection

There will be **no changes** to your normal collection day over the May Bank Holidays as the new contractors Urbaser will be working on 6 & 27 May. Put your bins out at the usual time on your normal day.

### Follow the Country Code

 A dog doesn't have to make contact with sheep to cause them harm—it's stressful for a prey animal to have a predator in its environment.

If you see or hear sheep, or think there might be sheep nearby, please put your dog on a lead.

### Coffee Morning & Plant Sale

Tuesday 14 May 10:30–12:00  
28 Old Road, East Peckham

East Peckham & Golden Green  
Conservative Branch Association

Come along for a coffee and chat and buy from a variety of vegetable & flowering plants

Everyone is welcome!  
We hope to see you there

### 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

### The Bell will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 6 May

(for Lee & Sam to have a well-earned day off!)

### Live music! Sticky Tyres

Saturday 11 May 8pm

Popular local band playing live

### Bernie's Big Quiz

Monday 3 June 7.45pm

All welcome. £3 Entry fee

Cash prize

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for news of events, live music etc!

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

### T&M in Bloom

TMBC and Coolings Nurseries are offering prizes for green-fingered residents in the borough. Enter your pot or plot before 30 June and Coolings will send you a £5 voucher. Judging is in July. Application forms, details and T&Cs can be found in Tonbridge at the Castle, the Angel Centre and online at [www.coolings.co.uk](http://www.coolings.co.uk). The Sealls should enter their beautiful planter outside the hall—public spaces are also eligible.



## The Golden Green Association Committee

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## GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

YES!!! Oh yeeeeesss! We DID have samples, large juicy samples, when Marion Regan came to tell us all about Hugh Lowe fruit farm that she runs with her husband. It is family owned, started by her great-grandfather Bernard Champion in 1893, who was passionate about fruit growing and sold his fruit on his Covent Garden stall. It then passed to his grandson Hugh Lowe in 1955 and then on to Hugh's daughter Marion Regan. Their main crop is strawberries, and they have been famously supplying Wimbledon for over 26 years. They also have outlets in several supermarkets and M&S. Strawberries used to be planted on the ground and had to be packed with straw to stop mildew etc., entailing a back-breaking job picking them. Now they are planted in recyclable polythene tunnels, waist-high in troughs and need no straw, which makes the picking so much easier. Hugh Lowe also grows raspberries and blackberries (not like your hedgerow variety but 2-3 times as big—real whoppers!)

Farming is mixed, including cereals and even a vineyard, the crop contributing to make Chapel Down sparkling wine. Several environmental organisations are involved in the farm, such as the RSPB and LEAF (Linking Environmental And Farming). Uncultivated borders are left next to the hedgerows for wildlife, and overall, 15-20% of their land is for wildlife. Water supply can be a problem and they have reservoirs and storage tanks. High-tech equipment in the tunnels ensures that only the water required is filtered through to the plants. At the peak of the crop they employ over 700 people, mostly from abroad, who come over for the season (3-4 months). As it's not enough work to see locals through the year, it's a global problem to find enough seasonal workers. They live on the farm (as work starts at 5am) in modern huts and are well taken care of but they work hard.



## 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
MAY & JUNE				
Wed 8 May	Golden Green Assoc AGM	Hall	8pm	850329
Sat 11 May	Live music! Sticky Tyres	Bell	8pm	851748
Wed 15 May	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Mon 20 May	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768
Thu 23 May	Book Club	Bell	8pm	850329
Sun 26 May	Family Service	Hall	12 noon	850238
Mon 3 Jun	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	7.45pm	220811
Sun 30 Jun	Golden Green Summer Fete	Signpost Field	1-4pm	850739

### *WI report continued*

And yes, we took a punnet of strawberries home and yes, they tasted out of this world—there's nothing like a locally grown English strawberry!!

Our next meeting on Wednesday 15 May is our Annual and Resolutions meeting for members only.

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

## Community Breakfast

Sun 5 May 9-11am  
Old School Hall, Hadlow  
£4 adults £2 children

Contact the parish office to book a place. Tel 851878 or email [clerk@hadlowpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@hadlowpc.co.uk)

## The Village Pump

\* Hartlake Road will be **closed** all day on Wed 8 May. Hopefully Kent Highways will be filling in the many pot-holes that appeared over the winter

\* The May **Book Club** book is *The Piano Tuner* by Daniel Mason. The next meeting is Thursday 23 May

## GGA 2019 Lottery Results

<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>
£25 Julian Hill	£25 K Waddingham
£25 Linda Wolfe	£25 Matthew Crane
£25 Jo Ivell	£25 Theresa Curtis

## Parish Council Contacts

Parish Office Tel: 851878  
Email: [clerk@hadlowpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@hadlowpc.co.uk)  
Open Tue & Thu 9.30am-12 noon  
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*Bulky refuse lorry & WEEE collection:*  
Victoria Rd cul-de-sac 18 May  
9.15-10.15am

*Next council meeting:* 13 May, 7.30pm,  
Old School Hall, Hadlow  
*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](mailto: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](mailto:gghamlet@outlook.com) by 24 May.

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