

# THE HAMLET



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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

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## Golden Green Summer Fete

Sunday 30 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 30th. Tombola donations collected in advance – contact Ali on 852733.

**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!

### 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

### Bernie's Big Quiz

Monday 3 June 7.45pm

All welcome. £3 Entry fee

Cash prize

### Every Saturday

Free juke box

### Red Tooth Poker

Tuesdays 7.30pm

Free to enter and play

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

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

## Our Green & Pleasant Land

... is under threat *again!* If it's not being dug up for gravel, it's being covered in houses. This time Tunbridge Wells are proposing, in their draft Local Plan, that 2800 houses should be built on Green Belt land near their boundary with TMBC. The location is at the bottom end of Hartlake Rd, next to the junction of Tudeley Rd (near The Poacher), and will swallow up much of Tudeley.

They're calling it a 'garden town', which sounds idyllic but it will despoil the lovely countryside between Tunbridge & Paddock Wood. And 4000 more houses are planned for Paddock Wood, which would double in size.

You can submit comments when TWBC's Local Plan goes out to consultation in Sep/Oct this year, and again for a final time in Sep 2020, before it's submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in December 2020. It will be examined formally in the spring/summer of 2021.

In the meantime, however, you can support those opposing the Plan by visiting [Save Capel](https://www.savecapel.org) or contacting the Capel Parish Council clerk.

## GGA AGM: A Good Year

At the annual general meeting last month, Chairman Alec Pelmore reported that the GGA had had an excellent year, in particular a very successful 2018 summer fete.

Expenditure for the year included defibrillator, a dog bin, poppy wreaths; and we are paying a gardener to maintain the grass on the triangle.

There is painting and repair of the hall to be paid for this year but funds are in good heart, and we have recently had news of a kind donation from Hadlow Tower Visitor Centre Association of Stewards.

As ever, if you have any good ideas about funds can be spent to enhance the community, please let a committee member know.

All those attending were voted on the Committee by block vote!

## Artists' Open Studios

SEOS Artists Open studios

7-23 June every weekend

Two venues in Hadlow. Pick up guides locally or visit [www.seos-art.org](http://www.seos-art.org) for more information

## Sofas Free to Collect in GG

Tim Dale has a three-seater recliner and a two-seater sofa in good condition that he wants to get rid of urgently. You must collect (breaks down into single units). Tel 851118 if interested.



## 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 & Ian Daker 851969, Andrew & Judith Deckers 850039, Stan Ellis 07711 014205, Graham Hargrave Smith 851576, Pete Hilborn 850278, Jo Ivell 850291, Michael Nobes 850768, Terry Parris 850725, Jane Rogers 850329, Pat Simmons 850257, Lee Stanley 851748, Sean Waddingham 850048, Nick & Ali Williams Walker 852733

## GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

It's that time of year again when we put on our 'serious hat' for our Annual Meeting. After welcoming our two tellers from East Peckham (Jackie and Sarah), we settled down for the business of the evening. Also present was our delegate Pat Leeds from North Tonbridge WI, who will vote on our behalf for the Resolutions at the Annual Meeting of the National Federation of Women's Institutes held in Bournemouth on 5 June. The Financial statement was read and passed, together with the Annual Report. We are so very lucky that Rosemary Blackburn was willing to carry on as President for another year and she was voted in with sighs of relief! The usual volunteers for the committee also agreed to stand again, namely Rosalind Seall, Rosemary Blackburn, Pearl Wagland, Marion Clarke and Sally Goldstone. They are the backbone of our WI and we all appreciate their commitment. Our thanks to Marion for all the great programmes we have enjoyed these past 8 years while she has been programme arranger. There's a rumour that she'd like a break—we think that she has earned it.

There were two resolutions to be voted on, both equally important. The first was about a call against the decline in the local bus services, particularly in rural and semi-rural areas. Not everyone can afford to run a car and a good bus service is a lifeline for the elderly. After extensive discussion, the vote was 10 in favour, 0 against and one abstention. The second resolution was about cervical smear tests, which save many lives each year. However, attendance is at its lowest for a decade. Entitled 'Don't Fear the Smear', everyone voted overwhelmingly in favour.

On 19 June we have an interesting talk by Mark & Pam Bathurst about the story of the *Medway Queen*. Doors open at 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start.

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
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
JUNE & JULY				
Mon 3 Jun	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	7.45pm	220811
Mon 17 Jun	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768
Wed 19 Jun	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Sun 30 Jun	<b>Golden Green Summer Fete</b>	Signpost Field	1-4pm	850739
No service in June				
Mon 1 Jul	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	7.45pm	220811
Thu 4 Jul	Book Club	Bell	8pm	850329

## Golden Green Village Hall for Hire

Do you need a space to hold a class, host a celebration, arrange a meeting or practise a hobby? Golden Green's listed Mission Hall is perfect for you! With plenty of tables and chairs, a kitchen, and toilet facilities with disabled access, it's spotlessly maintained by our managers Rob & Ros Seall. To hire at £10/hour, contact them on 01732 850664 or r.seall@gmail.com.

## The Village Pump

\* Watch out for **roadworks** with temporary traffic control on the A26 between Three Elm Lane and Cemetery Lane from 10 June for five days. This is bound to cause chaos, especially in the rush hour, so probably best to avoid if you can!

\* **Pierce Mill Farm** will be selling their delicious berries and cherries around the end of June—look out for the flags and announcements on Facebook and on their website

\* The next **Book Club** meeting will discuss *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan on Thu 4 July in The Bell

## GGA 2019 Lottery Results

*May*  
£25 Mr Bard  
£25 David Gittings  
£25 Jo Ivell

## Parish Council Contacts

Parish Office Tel: 851878  
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*Bulky refuse lorry & WEEE collection:*  
Victoria Rd cul-de-sac 15 June  
9.15–10.15am  
*Next council meeting:* 10 June 7.30pm  
Old School Hall, Hadlow  
*Next Borough Councillors' Surgery:*  
20 July, St Mary's Church, Hadlow,  
10–11.30am  
*Next Community Breakfast:*  
Sunday 7 July Old School Hall, Hadlow  
**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 (Jul/Aug combined) to Anne Waddingham, 13 Sherenden Park (850048) or email [gghamlet@outlook.com](mailto:gghamlet@outlook.com) by **24 June**. Subscribers' names and addresses and, where relevant, email addresses are held only for the purpose of distributing the newsletters. To sign up for the email edition or paper version, or to stop receiving them, contact Anne (details above) or Alec (850739). Please tell us if you have a new neighbour so we can update our list.