

# THE HAMLET



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The Golden Green Association Newsletter July/August 2019

## Summer Fete!



## Mission Hall Services

Rev. Paul White writes: 'It has been decided, with much sadness, to suspend monthly Sunday services in Golden Green.

However, we are considering whether there is another schedule of services that may better meet the needs of Golden Green, such as a mid-week service, perhaps with lunch or refreshments. **Do please let us know your thoughts.** In any event, Rev. Nicky Harvey and I are here for you. The parish office number is 850238; email [pauljohnwhite@gmail.com](mailto:pauljohnwhite@gmail.com) or [rev.nickyharvey@gmail.com](mailto:rev.nickyharvey@gmail.com).'

The carol service will continue to be held in the hall.

GG fete was blessed with perfect weather last month, contributing to the carnival atmosphere. Over £1000 was raised, a very welcome boost to the funds needed for the hall repairs that are planned this year. Thanks to all who contributed and helped to make it a success

## The Village Pump

\* The next **Book Club** meeting will discuss *The Spire* by William Golding on Tuesday 30 July 8pm in The Bell  
\* Let's hope the owner of the **drone** that was flown obtrusively around the Victoria Road/Bourne Park/Goldhill Mill area is aware of the consternation it caused, regardless of what the law says on the matter

## 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 8 July & 12 Aug 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)

## Ripe! Cherries Ripe!

**Pierce Mill Farm's** soft fruit stall on the corner of Three Elm Lane and Pierce Mill Lane is now open Tuesdays to Sundays (closed Mondays) from 10.30am to 4.30pm until late July

## Summer Coach Trip to Whitstable

### Wednesday 7 August

**Meet outside the Bell at 9am  
Depart Whitstable around 4.30pm**

Come along to Whitstable for a day at the seaside!

All GG residents and guests welcome.

£3 per person for residents of Golden Green - £10 per person for non-residents

Please call to book a place —  
Angela McSheehy – 851974

## 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; Chris & Rosemary Blackburn; Ed Bright; Chris & Sue Cadell; Jeannette Charnock, Nick Collins; Linda & Ian Daker; Andrew & Judith Deckers; Stan Ellis; Stan Evans; John & Lynn Fuller; Graham Hargrave Smith; Pete Hilborn; Julian Hill; Jo Ivell; David Lear; Michael Nobes; Mary Norris; Terry Parris; Jane Rogers; Pat Simmons; Lee Stanley; Sean Waddingham; Nick & Ali Williams Walker

## GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

What an exciting history the *Medway Queen* has had, as related to us by Mark and Pam Bathurst. Also known as the 'Heroine of Dunkirk', she was built in Troon, Scotland in 1924 for service as a paddle steamer on the Medway and in the Thames Estuary.

In her early days she steamed routes from Strood and Chatham to Sheerness, Herne Bay and Margate, and in 1937 she was converted to oil-fired steaming. At the beginning of the war she was requisitioned by the Royal Navy as a minesweeper protecting the English Channel. In May 1940, Operation Dynamo was launched to rescue British soldiers stranded at Dunkirk. The *Medway Queen* became part of the flotilla of 'little ships' and was fitted with a 12-pounder gun and two machine guns. On her first return journey to Dover, which coincided with an air raid, she shot down a German aircraft outside the harbour.

She also rescued all the passengers and crew from the *Brighton Belle*, which had begun to sink after running over sunken wreckage but the *Queen* managed (heavily overloaded) to get them to safety. On her second trip she went right in close, taking soldiers directly off the beach as it was much quicker than waiting for the rowing boats to bring them out. Later on still she took men off from a concrete jetty or mole. On 3 June Vice Admiral Ramsey gave the order that all ships were to leave Dunkirk at 2.30am the following morning. By that time the *Medway Queen* had done seven trips across the channel, her final one to bring 400 French soldiers back to Dover. She gained four awards for gallantry, having shot down three enemy aircraft and rescued 7000 men.

In 1942 she was converted to a mine sweeping training ship until the end of the war. She was due to be scrapped in 1963; however, the Belgium ship-breaker refused to put her to scrap after finding out her history. She next

## What's On in Golden Green?

More info:

**Mission Hall hire: Rob & Ros Seall 1 Bell Cotts 01732 850664 r.seall@gmail.com**

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

### JULY & AUGUST

Mon 8 Jul	Bernie's Big Quiz (date change)	Bell	7.45pm	220811
Mon 15 Jul	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768
Wed 17 Jul	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Tue 30 Jul	Book Club	Bell	8pm	850329
Mon 12 Aug	Bernie's Big Quiz (date change)	Bell	7.45pm	220811
Mon 19 Aug	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768
Wed 21 Aug	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Mon 2 Sep	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	7.45pm	220811

Sunday services: see notice on front page

### WI Report Continued

became a nightclub and marina clubhouse on the Isle of Wight. Eventually she fell into disrepair and in the early 1970s, sprang a leak and sank. In 1978 she was bought privately with a view to saving her. After several more years and sinking *again*, the Medway Queen Preservation Society was formed and, with the help of the National Lottery, in 2013 she was re-dedicated and restoration is still going on today at Gillingham Pier and 'she's looking good'!

On 17 July we shall be celebrating our 32nd birthday. The evening is by invitation only, with Melanie Gibson-Barton giving us the history of Teddies and other Bears. Watch out if you go down to the woods! Our summer garden meeting will be on Wednesday 21 August, this year in Carol's garden.

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

## GGA 2019 Lottery Results

### June

£25 Donald McLennan  
£25 Anne Waddingham  
£25 Richard Clarke

### Parish Council Contacts

Parish Office Tel: 851878

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Bulky refuse lorry & WEEE collection:

Victoria Rd cul-de-sac 20 July, 17 August  
9.15-10.15am

Next council meeting: 8 July 7.30pm Golden Green Mission Hall. None in August

Next Borough Councillors' Surgery:

20 July, 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 (September) to Anne Waddingham, 13 Sherenden Park (850048) or email [gghamlet@outlook.com](mailto:gghamlet@outlook.com) by **23 August**. 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.



# Update Meeting

**SAVECAPEL 9th July 2019 7.30pm**

Please join us for an update from the Capel Parish Local Plan Working Party, following their first meeting on June 4th. We will also be launching the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

At this meeting, you will hear an update on **progress**, our **next steps** and learn more about ways in which you can **help us**.

This is an information evening open to all members of the public. It will be held at The Schools at Somerhill Dining Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th July.

If you have any questions before the meeting please email [savecapel@gmail.com](mailto:savecapel@gmail.com)

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# ***Hadlow Family Fun Day***

MUSIC | BBQ | CAKES  
FACE PAINTING | GLITTER TATTOOS  
TOMBOLAS | RAFFLES  
BOUNCYCASTLE  
& MUCH MORE

***HADLOW VILLAGE HALL,  
WILLAMS FIELD, TN11 0HQ***

***17 AUGUST  
11.00AM***

A day of fun for everyone, we'll be fundraising on the day and all proceeds will go to the Lauren Robinson Benefit Fund.

For enquiries contact [sarobinson15@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sarobinson15@hotmail.co.uk)