

THE HAMMLET



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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

December 2019

Golden Green Carol Service

Sun 22 December 4pm
Mission Hall

With mince pies and mulled cider
Choir singers and lesson readers
needed (any age)
Contact Alec Pelmore (850739)

Hadlow Services

St Mary's Church

Sunday 8 December

3.30pm Messy Church

Sunday 15 December

12 noon Carol Service

All welcome, especially those with and
caring for those with dementia

Sunday 22 December

10am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve

4pm Crib & Christingle Service

6.30pm Carols in The Square

11.30pm Midnight Communion

(Carols from 11pm)

Christmas Day

10am Family Eucharist

*Wishing you a peaceful and joyful
Christmas, with every blessing
for the New Year*

Hall Repairs

You will have noticed scaffolding going
up round our village hall. The project
will see the roof repainted and some
rotten windows repaired or replaced.
Luckily we have funds to cover it from
the money raised by everybody for the
GGA (fete/lottery etc) and since the
hall is well used we have also built up
some surplus in the Hall funds. The
work should not disrupt any hall book-
ings and should all be complete for our
carol service. *GGA Chair Alec Pelmore*

Bell ACV Meeting

Mon 9 Dec 7—8pm The Bell

Five years ago the GGA asked TMBC
to include The Bell on the register of
assets of community value (ACV). At
the time, the future of our pub was
uncertain and there were concerns
that it might close and go the way of
many pubs around the country. Being
on the register gave the GGA a Right
to Bid should the pub have been put
on the market. Its place on the regis-
ter is now due to expire and the GGA
needs to decide whether to register
for a further five years.

The Bell is now thankfully in a much
happier place and there are no con-
cerns about its immediate future un-
der the current management. At this
meeting we shall discuss the options
available and how best to protect this
valuable asset. All are welcome.

GGA Secretary Howard Rogers

Recycling Xmas Waste

Recycle real Xmas trees (up to 6ft) in
your brown bin or at [Pierce Mill Farm](#)
(now selling lovely trees, wreaths
etc.) or take to the recycling centre.
Non-sparkly wrapping paper and
cards can go in your green box. If
you're not sure if the paper's recycla-
ble, if you can screw it up and it stays
that way, it's ok. Same with tin foil!

Court Lane Closure

The road is scheduled to be closed at
the junctions with Cemetery Lane and
Victoria Road from Mon 9 Dec for up
to five days for BT ducting works.



Happy Christmas!

The Bell News

Tel 851748

Games room * Function
room hire for parties, band
practice etc. * Free for GG
residents



Live music! Adele Tribute

Sat 7 Dec 7pm for 8.30 start

Tickets £10 from The Bell. Listen and
dance to your favourite Adele classics

Bernie's Big Quiz

Mon 9 December 7.45pm

All welcome. £3 Entry fee
Cash prize

Christmas Jumper Party

Sat 21 Dec 7.30pm

Get out those Christmas jumpers and
join us for a night of good music and
Christmas cheer!

New Year's Eve Party

Tue 31 December 8pm-2am

Join us for a good night of drinks and
laughter. Free entry. Children welcome

Every Saturday

Free juke box

Red Tooth Poker

Tuesdays 7.30pm

Free to enter and play

Pool

The pool table is back!

[Facebook/BellInnGoldenGreen](#)

Retirees' New Year Lunch

Wed 15 Jan 12.15pm for 12.30

Mission Hall, Golden Green

A big welcome is extended to all re-
tired residents of GG—do come and
join in. Meals can be delivered to any-
one housebound—just let us know
Ring Linda to book on 01732 851969
(preferably after New Year's Day)

All free, but please bring a nice prize
and some money for raffle tickets. Pro-
ceeds to a charity of the diners' choice
Helpers wanted too! Contact Linda

The Golden Green Association Committee

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GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

At our November meeting we had a real treat when member Carol Markwick delivered her talk on Moorcroft pottery, usually found as display plates, vases, dishes and lamp bases, and smaller items of various shapes and sizes. Carol brought in some of her lovely collection and we could see why she is so passionate about it. The designs are exquisite and so very colourful, with beautiful shapes. We were allowed to handle some of the smaller items which she trusted us to pass around, most of us holding on to them with *two* hands! Larger items were displayed on the table for us to admire.

In 1897 William Moorcroft, at 24 years of age, was employed as a designer by Staffordshire pottery James Macintyre. So successful that he was put in charge of the company's studio, he outshone his employers, who closed him down in 1912. Undaunted, William set up his own company and a year later opened a new factory. Queen Mary, a collector of his work, granted him a royal warrant in 1928. William died in 1945 and his eldest son Walter took over the business. The London store Liberty had a financial interest but in 1962 Moorcroft bought them out. However, the production costs of such high-class work created financial problems and the factory had several new owners. Walter retired as design director in 1987 but he continued to design, with his last, 'Rock of Ages', being launched in 1999. Finally, Carol gave us a tip: 'If, on the base of the item, the Moorcroft signature has a silver slash through it, that means it's classed as "seconds".'

The next meeting on 11 December is our Christmas social evening, when we will be entertained by Doreen and Beverley Hulm 'In Harmony'.

Golden Green WI wishes everyone a very Happy Christmas and all good wishes for the New Year.

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

What's On in Golden Green?

More info:

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

Mondays	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

DECEMBER & JANUARY

Sat 7 Dec	Adele Tribute	Bell	7pm for 8.30	851748
Mon 9 Dec	Bell ACV meeting	Bell	7-8pm	850329
Mon 9 Dec	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	7.45pm	220811
Wed 11 Dec	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Mon 16 Dec	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768
Sat 21 Dec	Christmas Jumper Party	Bell	7.30pm	851748
Sun 22 Dec	GG Carol Service	Hall	4pm	850739
Tue 31 Dec	New Year's Eve Party	Bell	8pm	851748

GGA 2019 Lottery Results

November

£25 Sylvia MacClennan
£25 Millie Williams Walker
£25 Adrienne Knowles

2019 RBL Poppy Appeal

Our total this year for Hadlow & Golden Green, Plaxtol & Shipbourne will be over £7000. Our grateful thanks to all who donated and who gave their time to support the Poppy Appeal.

Sean Waddingham

Macmillan Coffee Morning

You may remember we held a very successful coffee morning a few weeks ago, raising around £430. As well as sending their immense thanks, the charity was delighted to report that over £25.7 million was raised. Well done all! *Linda Daker*

Pet sitter/Tutor/Babysitter

My name is Coco and I am in sixth form at Weald of Kent. I'm a friendly, patient, enthusiastic teacher offering tutoring to GCSE students. I also offer babysitting and pet sitting services. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you're interested or have any questions. Mobile 07794 553851; email cococlelland@gmail.com

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Bulky refuse lorry & WEEE collection:

Victoria Rd cul-de-sac 14 December
9.15-10.15am

Next council meeting: 9 December

7.30pm Old School Hall, Hadlow

Parish office closed 20 Dec to 2 Jan

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

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Email gghamlet@outlook.com or hand in items to Anne Waddingham, 13 Sherenden Park (850048). 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. **Happy Christmas to all in GG!**