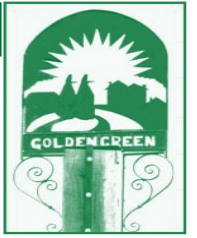


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Retirees' New Year Lunch Wed 15 Jan 12.15pm Mission Hall

A big welcome is extended to all retired residents of GG—do come and join in. Meals can be delivered to anyone 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. Proceeds to a charity of the diners' choice. Helpers wanted too! Please contact Linda.

Joan Busby



We're saddened to report that Joan Busby—for many years Golden Green's oldest resident—passed away peacefully on 18 December aged 100 years. Her daughter Wendy Gardner writes: 'Our amazing Mum was 100 years old on 3 December. Born in Devon, as a child she helped her Dad deliver milk around Cullompton. She would run and get the jugs people left on their doorsteps and fill them with milk from a large churn in the back of a cart pulled by their pony 'Dolly'. She later became an apprentice hairdresser in Exeter and learnt her trade there. She was a WAAF (Women's Auxiliary Air Force) during the war and worked on fitting out aircraft. She met my Dad when he was a soldier stationed in Cullompton, after he returned from Dunkirk. Before the war, Dad had trained as a gardener at the Rothchilds' Waddesdon Manor estate in Buckinghamshire near to where he was born. Because of this training, they were able to run a market garden at Golden Green, after moving here in 1959. Even though it was hard work, it gave them a happy living. How different life was 100 years ago, and all the changes she saw! She loved thinking back on all she experienced in her long life, and all the happy memories. She said her family were the most important part of her, and she had a large photo of us all on her wall. She eventually needed full-time care and recently settled into Chestnut Lodge care home in Tonbridge, which she said she loved as the staff were all very kind and looked after her so well. So what more can I say about this lovely, caring lady, head of our family, who saw so much and received a well-deserved card from HM The Queen?' *Funeral arrangements:* Tuesday 14 Jan at 11.45am at Vinters Park Crematorium, Maidstone. All welcome. Family flowers only please. Donations in Joan's memory to Viner & Sons Ltd 54 High Street, West Malling ME19 6LU; cheques payable to 'Wendy Gardner' to support activities at Chestnut Lodge.

The Bell News

Tel 851748

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



'New Season—New Fun Quiz'

Mon 14 Jan 7.45pm

(not 7 Jan)

All welcome. £3 Entry fee
Cash prize

Every Saturday

Free jukebox

Red Tooth Poker

Tuesdays 7.30pm

Free to enter and play

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Newsletters—Print Edition

Delivery of the paper copies of the January newsletters was delayed because a combination of holidays and illness has prevented the colour printing of *The Hamlet*. We hope this has not caused any inconvenience. There were no such problems with the email delivery, however, which went out before Christmas, so if you would like to switch to receiving the newsletters by email, contact gghamlet@outlook.com. The newsletters are also available to download from the GGA Facebook page and the Hadlow Parish website.

2020 Golden Green 250 Club—Join Now!

The Golden Green 250 Club is now being set up for the year. The monthly draw pays out three prizes of £25 each—so 36 winning numbers each year. The draw is limited to 250 numbers costing £6 each for the year. The surplus makes an important contribution to Golden Green Association funds and helps towards upkeep of the Hall and other village events and causes. Please help us by participating in this year's 250 Club—contact Alec or return the form below as soon as possible to be in the January draw. (A list of 2019 prize winners is available on request.)

Please allocate _ _ _ _ lottery numbers for 2020 to:

Name(s) _ _ _ _ _

Address _ _ _ _ _

Tel _ _ _ _ _ Email (if possible) _ _ _ _ _

Number of tickets _ _ _ _ Enclosed entry fee (£6 per number per year): _ _ _ _ _

*Please make cheques payable to Golden Green Association.
Return to Alec Pelmore, The Old Farmhouse, Hartlake Road, Golden Green, Tonbridge TN11 0BL*

The Golden Green Association Committee

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GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

On a cold December evening we hurried into the warmth of the Mission Hall, there to find colourful fairy lights complete with the traditional Christmas tree. It was a welcoming sight and after exchanging Christmas cards, we settled down to listen to our guest singers.

Mother and daughter Doreen and Beverley Hulm started the evening's entertainment with a medley of Christmas favourites and then sang individually some lesser known songs, all the time accompanied by the piano on a DVD, played by 'Kevin', we were told! With song sheets, there was no excuse for not joining in, finishing with the 'Twelve Days of Christmas', actions and all! Amid laughter, the singers were thanked for their entertaining evening and joined us in sausage rolls, mince pies and mulled wine.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 19 February at the usual time of 7.30 for 7.45pm in the Mission Hall, Golden Green. Therapist Elise Goldstone will be our guest speaker, explaining the benefits of reflexology. A wire workshop (jewellery making) has been arranged for 26 February and further details will be emailed to members.

Visitors who would like to see how we operate and what sort of people we are(!) are most welcome. Please come along to any meeting that interests you, because for just £4 you will get a cup of tea/coffee, biscuits, an interesting speaker and our scintillating company! What more could you ask for?

GG WI has 19 confirmed members and at the February meeting the programme for 2020 will be distributed.

In the meantime, seats have been booked at The Hazlitt Theatre in March for members to see *Sister Act*. Remember the great film with Whoopi Goldberg?

Finally ... *A Happy New Year to all.*

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

JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Mon 13 Jan	Bell Fun Quiz	Bell	7.45pm	220811
Tue 14 Jan	Book Club	Bell	8pm	850329
Wed 15 Jan	Retirees' Lunch	Hall	12.15pm	851969
Mon 20 Jan	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768
Mon 3 Feb tbc	Bell Fun Quiz	Bell	7.45pm	220811
Wed 19 Feb	WI Meeting (none in Jan)	Hall	7.45pm	850812

GGA Lottery Results

December 2019

£25 Rena Pope

£25 Kathryn McKerlie

£25 Shirley Toop

The Village Pump

* It's a good job we're fixing the hall roof at the moment, because we certainly raised it at the **carol service!** Many thanks to the Pelmores for organising it and contributing in such a fine style to the music. Special mention to the lesson readers and Richard P for stepping in to play the organ. The Hospice in the Weald benefited to the tune of £214—a record amount!

* The next **book club** meeting is on Tuesday 14 January at 8pm in The Bell. The book is *The Doll Factory* by Elizabeth Macneal.

Parish Council Contacts

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Ed Bright: 850590

ed.bright@talk21.com

Bulky refuse lorry & WEEE collection:

Victoria Rd cul-de-sac 25 Jan? (TMBC eformsprod.tmbc.gov.uk was wrong last month!) 9.15-10.15am

Next council meeting: 13 January 7.30pm Mission Hall, Golden Green

Next Borough Councillors' Surgery:

10-11.30am 18 Jan, St Mary's Church

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

FABS Exercise Classes

Tuesdays 12.30-1.30pm GG Hall



Fun classes for older adults that are safe, effective and accessible to everyone whatever their ability, and can be done seated or standing. Age or ability are no longer barriers to an active lifestyle. Especially good if recovering from illness or injury. Contact Carol Welfare (mob 07941 345001; carol.welfare@moveitorloseit.co.uk)

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Email gghamlet@outlook.com or hand in items to Anne Waddingham, 13 Sherenden Park (850048).
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