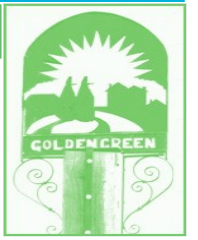


THE HAMLET



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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

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Hartlake Road Floods

After weeks of gales and rain, when Hartlake Road was impassable for days on end, and dozens of vehicles had to be towed out, thankfully it is clear at last. The problem was caused as much by the lack of drainage to take the water away as by the river overflowing.

Hartlake Road resident Alan Chilvers has persisted in trying to get the essential maintenance done to solve the problem, and is now relieved to report that Hadlow Estates have cleared the ditches and culverts and KCC Highways and Conway Drainage have cleared all the drains, which, it is hoped, will stop the flooding. The drainage team also found a collapsed culvert that the Highways team have been informed about.

Alan would like to thank KCC Cllr Michael Payne of the Highways and Transport department and his team, and Hadlow Estates and the Conway Drainage team (who recently worked all night to finish the job!)



Hartlake Road on 18 February.
Photo by Victoria Meyritz

Help Make Golden Green Clean & Gleam

Saturday 4 April 10am
Meet outside the Mission Hall

Our sixth annual litter-pick and spring clean around Golden Green. Please help make our community a nicer place to live.

Equipment provided. More details from Howard Rogers (850329) or just turn up.

GG Easter Sunday Service

Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Mission Hall at 8am on Easter Sunday 12 Apr. Enquiries to Rvd Nicky Harvey (rev.nickyharvey@gmail.com; tel 852564). (St Mary's Easter services will be included in the next *Hamlet*.)

GG Annual Fish & Chips Challenge Quiz Night

Saturday 18 April 7pm
Mission Hall, Golden Green

To book: tel Howard on 850329; email howardsrogers@aol.com £8.50 a head payable on the night

Your annual chance to give your brain cells and memory a workout while enjoying the delights of local produce and great company! Yes, the annual quiz is back and last year's winning team (The Mongrels) are preparing a set of fiendishly easy questions to test you out.

Choice of meal is fish, sausage or chicken 'n' chips. Bring your own refreshments, raffle prizes and lots of friends!

Social Activities for Seniors

A volunteer has produced a leaflet for the older residents in the Tonbridge area promoting the services and activities available locally. Please pass on to anyone you think might be interested. The [Social Activities in Tonbridge for Older Folk in 2020](#) leaflet is being distributed locally or can be downloaded from the TMBC website.

The Bell News

Tel 851748

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



Bernie's Fun Quiz

Mon 2 Mar & 6 Apr 7.45pm

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

A26 Speed Limits - Ashes Lane to Three Elm Lane

KCC are planning to reduce the speed limits by 10mph on the A26 between the junction with Ashes Lane (the Rose Revived) and the BP garage at the junction of Three Elm Lane. (You may recall there have been two fatal accidents there over the past year or so.)

The 40mph limit at Hadlow will be extended past the Ashes Lane junction to just past Faulkners. From there to the BP garage, the current 60mph limit will be reduced to 50mph. At the Three Elm Lane junction, it remains 40mph heading into Tonbridge.

You can look at the relevant documents ("Deposit Document Amendment 36 Tonbridge & Malling") [online](#) or examine them at KCC's offices in Maidstone and Ashford from 21 February to 16 March.

You can support or object to the proposed changes at www.kent.gov.uk/highwaysconsultations or write to The TRO Co-ordinator, Schemes Planning & Delivery Team, Highways, Transportation & Waste, Kent County Council, Ashford Highway Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD by 12 noon Monday 16 March 2020.

The Golden Green Association Committee

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GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

On a damp, blustery Wednesday evening we gathered in the warm Mission Hall. Our speaker Elise Goldstone turned out to be a lovely lady with a wicked sense of humour, who came to explain reflexology to us. She started by telling us that reflexology, which is thought to have originated in Egypt, China or India, is *not* a medical treatment—it is used as an alternative therapy. Anyone can receive it, at any age. She was honest enough to state that it doesn't work for everyone. Where one person might say it was a wonderful treatment, another would say they didn't notice any difference.

Massaging can be done on the face, ears, back, neck, shoulders and of course feet, wherever any tension has built up. One of our members has been having reflexology treatment for some time and says that she feels so much better and is much more relaxed. The most common massage is on the feet, and two of our members received a sample treatment, using a special chair that Elise had brought with her. She went on to say that we can help ourselves in these stressful days by cutting down alcohol, tea and coffee and drinking plenty of water. At the end of her talk, Elise kindly answered our many questions in detail.

One of our members is training to be a WI advisor and she was assessed at the end of the evening, when she gave a talk and answered questions on the change in charity status of the Federation. We were delighted to welcome Federation Chairwoman Jane Backshall, who came to do the assessment.

Our 18 March speaker will be Carol Welfare with 'Move or Lose it'—join us for a gentle exercise session, when even the oldest of us can participate!

Doors open 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start. Come early and browse our bring and buy stall. Lots of bargains!

For further information about GG WI, please contact our President Rosemary Blackburn on 01732 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	Sharon's Pilates	Hall	10–11am	07754 371472
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

MARCH & APRIL

Mon 16 Mar	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768
Wed 18 Mar	WI Meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Sat 4 Apr	Golden Green Spring Clean	Hall	10am	850329
Mon 6 Apr	Bell Fun Quiz	Bell	7.45pm	220811
Sun 12 Apr	Easter Sunday Holy Communion	Hall	8am	852564
Sat 18 Apr	GG Fish & Chip Challenge Quiz	Hall	7pm	850329

The Village Pump

* The Hadlow Parish **minibus** is now available for community use, the cost being £45 plus fuel. Alec Pelmore has completed the necessary training to use it for GG—could we have some suggestions please? Contact Alec or *The Hamlet* (details in next column)

* The next **book club** meeting is 8pm Tues 3 March in The Bell to discuss Paulo Coelho's *The Alchemist*. As *the Crow Flies* by local author Elaine Venus is deferred to the next meeting

* There are only five GG **lottery numbers** left—contact Alec (850739) if you haven't got yours yet. The first draw is imminent! Results next month

* '**Charrette**' or 'charade'? See savecapel.com's response

* It's **lambing weekend** at Hadlow College on 14 & 15 Mar—expect the roads to get very busy—probably best to avoid unless you're going!

* Several locals are involved in **Shake It Up**, an entertaining fundraiser for the Scotts Project on 27 Mar 7.30pm at Delarue Hall, Tonbridge TN11 9NN. For tickets, contact Elaine Harris: harris.hadlow@easynet.co.uk

Annual Parish Meeting

9 Mar 7.30pm Old School Hall, Hadlow
This is a community meeting and a chance for everyone to put forward ideas for the parish. Do come along!

Parish Council Contacts

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Website hadlowpc.co.uk
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nicolins@btinternet.com
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ed.bright@talk21.com

Bulky refuse lorry & WEEE collection:
Victoria Rd cul-de-sac 21 Mar 9.15–10.15am

Next council meeting (annual parish meeting): 9 March 7.30pm Old School Hall, Hadlow

Borough Councillors' Surgery

10–11.30am 21 Mar, 16 May, 18 July, 19 Sep, 21 Nov 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

Community Warden Drop-in Surgery

First Monday monthly 11am–12 noon
Old School Hall, Hadlow

Deadline for next issue: 21 March. 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.