

The Gazette

The newspaper of Gamlingay, East Hatley and Hatley St. George

Merry Christmas to Everyone From the Gazette

Gamlingay in the Snow Winter Special



1 Church End
looking back
into the village
c 1954



2 Cottages on the
right hand side of Heath
Road 1927 with Ebenezer
Croot and his daughter
Madge



3 Colin Knibbs
in the family
butchers shop
for many gener-
ations. Taken at
Christmas with
all the ordered
Turkeys

4 Motorist caught in a snow
drift in Church End 1957
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Gamlingay History Society

December 12th
Christmas Party &
Archive Evening

Gamlingay Village College
7-30 Room 2

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The Committee of the Gazette wish to thank all of the Distraction team for all their hard work through this last year taking the Gazette around to every house and business in the village. We also wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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News from the Churches

Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin

Gamlingay with Hatley and Everton cum Tetworth

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69 Green Acres, Gamlingay - 650178

Reader and Churchwarden - Chris Miller
11 Bunyan Close, Gamlingay - 650779



Key E -Everton G -Gamlingay H-Hatley St George December 2016

04-Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion	G
04-Dec	10.00am	First Sunday	G
11-Dec	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	G
11-Dec	11.00am	Holy Communion	H
11-Dec	11.00am	Word and Worship	E
		Parish Eucharist with prayers for healing	
18-Dec	9.30am		G
18-Dec	4.00pm	Christmas Carols	E
18-Dec	6.00pm	Christmas Carols	G
21-Dec	7.00pm	Christmas Carols	H
24-Dec	4.00pm	Christingle	E
24-Dec	4.00pm	Christingle	G
24-Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	G
25-Dec	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	G
25-Dec	10.00am	Lessons and Carols	E
25-Dec	11.00am	Holy Communion	H

It is now less than a month before Christmas and I am sure that the children (at least!) are beginning to get excited. But what, I wonder, are they getting excited about? Probably all those presents which they are hoping for.

All this takes me back to the story of St Nicholas who was a fourth century bishop living in Myrna in Asia Minor (now modern day Turkey). He was a very rich man but was also kind and did a lot to help the poor, giving secret gifts to those who needed help.

One of the stories about St Nicholas goes like this:

There was a poor man who had three daughters. He was so poor, he did not have enough money for a dowry, so his daughters couldn't get married. One night, Nicholas secretly dropped a bag of gold down the chimney and into the house, which meant that the oldest daughter was then able to get married. The bag fell into a stocking that had been hung by the fire to dry! This was repeated later with the second daughter. Finally, determined to discover the person who had given him the money, the father secretly hid by the fire every evening until he caught Nicholas dropping another bag of gold. Nicholas begged the man to not tell anyone what he had done, because he did not want to bring attention to himself. But soon the news got out and when anyone received a secret gift, it was thought that maybe it was from Nicholas.

Many countries, especially in Europe, celebrate St. Nicholas' Day on 6th December. In Holland and some other European Countries, children leave clogs or shoes out on the 5th December (St. Nicholas Eve) in the hope that they will be filled with [presents](#). They also believe that if they leave some hay and carrots in their shoes for St Nicholas' horse, they will be left some sweets.

In 1822, Clement Clarke Moore (1779 - 1863) wrote the poem 'Twas the night before Christmas, also called "A Visit from St. Nicholas" in which St Nicholas is mentioned in the first verse:

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there.

When I was at secondary school, the name of my school was St. Nicholas Grammar School and the badge contained a bishop's mitre together with three money bags. Christmas is a wonderful time for both children and adults and we all get excited about receiving (and giving) presents. But let us not forget the most important present of all that we receive at Christmas and that is the babe in the manger who was God in human form, Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world.

Hopefully many of you will feel moved to come to church this Christmas – details of all the services are at the top of this page.

With very best wishes at this season of the year!

Chris Miller Licensed Lay Minister and Churchwarden

Gamlingay Baptist Church

Stocks Lane, Gamlingay

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December 2016

'Silent night, holy night. All is calm, all is bright.'

Christmas is here, whether you like it or not. I am not sure about you, however, our Christmases never quite reflect many of the lyrics above. In fact, Christmas tends to bring the opposite of silence and calm. There is the manic racing to the shops to make sure the right presents are gathered for the right friends and family members (and only after having the lengthy debate of what the 'right present' even is). Following the pushing through crowds for presents comes the pushing through the crowds for the food, be it turkey, ham, pheasant, or the slightly different variation 'three bird roast' (or Turducken as it is known in the U.S.). With the completion of the shopping comes of course, the careful balancing of wrapping (and hiding) presents, cooking the food (hopefully remembering to get it all out of the oven), and making sure that everyone is content. Christmas is anything but silent and calm...

However, when I intentionally take a moment to stop, and think about why it is we even celebrate Christmas, everything changes. You see, it is because of the birth of this history-changing, revolution starting, incredible little baby that we have this CHRISTmas. Suddenly, it is a holy night. For many of us today, Jesus Christ was just 'some guy', a great leader maybe, but not much more. However, to me, Jesus is more than that, He is my Lord, my Saviour and dare I say it, my friend. I know that is a strange concept for many to take on board, and that probably raises questions as to why and how that is even possible. But, I and many others would love the opportunity to share with you what Jesus means to us. Be it over a coffee, or after a Sunday morning service, or at one of the many events we have planned this month.

Regardless of where you are in terms of faith and belief, one thing is for sure, this Jesus changed much of this world. Could that be worth some of your time this season?

Having just moved to Gamlingay, and the church, there is still much I and the family are getting to know, but we welcome the opportunity to meet many of you, and plug into this fantastic community. An opportunity for this could be the annual Christmas Concert happening on December 6th. Do come join us, and kick the season off with a bang. We are also very excited to be hosting the Gamlingay First School Carol Concert this year. And there will of course be our Carols by Candlelight as well, immediately after the Messy Church Christmas party.

Do please get in touch should you require more details about any of the events we are holding.

Looking forward to getting to know you all.

**Adrian Semerene
Lead Pastor
Gamlingay Baptist Church
adrian@gbchurch.org.uk**



Diary

Church Services
Worship every Sunday Morning
10.45am (with J.A.M for children)

Communion is always celebrated on the first Sunday of each month

Weekday Meetings
Wednesday 7.30pm
and as advertised

For Children
J.A.M. Every Sunday 10.45am
(Apart from Family Service)

"Messy Church" Christmas Party
Sunday 18th December at 3.30pm
Leading into Candlelight Service

Women's Prayer Brunch
No Meeting this month

Craft Group-
No Meeting this month

Coffee Morning
In aid of Gamlingay BC and 2016
Charities
Thursday 8th December 10am-11.30am
Enjoy tea/coffee and a cake.

Please join with us at our
[CHRISTMAS SERVICES](#)

EVENING OF SONG & VERSE
7.30pm
Tuesday 6th December

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
6pm
Sunday 18th Dec

CHRISTMAS DAY
10.30am
Sunday 25th Dec

Councillors' column

District and County Council Issues



Cambridgeshire
County Council

District Council issues by Sebastian Kindersley and
Bridget Smith
County Council issues by Sebastian Kindersley

Councillors Report – South Cambridgeshire District Council & Cambridgeshire County Council – November 2016

Your Councillors are always ready to help. If you have any questions about these - or indeed any other - matters, please do not hesitate to contact County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley on 01767 651982 or skindersley@hotmail.com or write to the Manor Barn, East Hatley, SG19 3JA. District Councillor Bridget Smith is on 01767 650510 or bridget@glockling.com. You can also follow your councillors on Twitter: @Cllrbridget @Seb4SouthCambs

Budgets

Last month we mentioned that Budget time was here again. You'll be aware (vaguely) that every Authority gets a lump sum settlement from the Government which is then added to by Council Tax and so on. As part of the last budget the Chancellor indicated an offer would be made to local authorities that would enable them to accept a multi-year grant settlement – jolly good idea as it would enable them to plan ahead, be prudent and so on. This would cover the forthcoming four financial years and it was made clear as part of this announcement that it was likely that those accepting the offer were likely to favour more favourably than those that did not.

The only requirement that we had to agree to was to develop an efficiency plan. Given our agreed transformation programme this was relatively straightforward.

Alas. Yet again HMG does the dirty. It turned out that the way the settlements were calculated would mean Cambridgeshire would actually receive a negative settlement in year 4 to the tune of £7.5m or so. In other words, we would be giving cash to other authorities - to subsidise them. Appalling. In any event the General Purposes Committee voted not to accept the government offer of a 4-year settlement. But the vote was only by one – in other words some Councillors were happy to accept a deal which would have left Cambridgeshire taxpayers paying for services in other areas.

Last year we did not ask Cambridgeshire taxpayers to pay £2 a month extra in Council Tax to keep our own services, (gritting, street-lights, children's centres etc) - but were prepared this year to ask Cambridgeshire taxpayers to pay £3 a month to subsidise central government and other councils. Just appalling.

Local Plan

Bad news on the Planning front as South Cambridgeshire District Council moves ever onwards in the Local Plan process. It intends to release another parcel of land south of the Cambridge Bio-medical campus from the Green Belt and thus allow the Campus to extend almost into the Nine Wells Nature Reserve. Apparently 'New evidence by leading experts' has confirmed no damage will be caused. Apparently said experts have misunderstood both the definition and purpose of the Green Belt – which is to protect Cambridge from sprawl development.

Also bad news are some modifications to the development at Bourn Airfield – "small revisions" which it turns out take up the employment area within the main body of the Airfield and some around the entrance to the new village and near Highfields Caldecote – signalling an effective ribbon of development from Caxton into the centre of Cambridge.

Just to remind you what is proposed in the Local Plan: North of Waterbeach (new town) – 8,000-9,000 homes, 1,400 of which by 2031. Bourn airfield new village – 3,500 homes, 1,700 of which by 2031.

Cambourne West – 1,200 homes, all by 2031 (with planning application already in!) in addition to the 14,000 homes already committed to in locations such as the edge of Cambridge and the new town of Northstowe.

Robinson Court

The Planning Committee at South Cambs met on November 2nd to consider the proposed redevelopment of the site. They visited the site the day before and took into account the neighbour concerns about parking, foul and surface water drainage and issues around the construction phase. The Committee voted to agree the application unanimously but added a further condition that the green space be protected and not used for car parking. Housing has agreed that households will be leafleted before both the demolition and construction phases with contact details of the site managers and Council officers so that if there are any issues they can be dealt with quickly and easily.

The contract to redevelop Robinson Court has now gone out to tender. We are hopeful that things will start to happen in the early spring, initially with the demolition of the flats, soon to be followed by the building of 14 new houses and flats. Whoever wins the contract will be required to hold monthly meetings with residents to explain what is going on and to listen and respond to any problems. We are aware that access to the site will be an issue and have requested that no lorries go beyond the access to the field. We also know that residents with health problems are concerned about dust and we will be having discussions about how this can be managed. There will be restrictions on the hours during which activity will occur and we are also asking for clarification about security of the site. We are also hopeful that we will be able to provide some extra parking spaces for existing residents.

City Deal

As you've read over and over one Mrs B Smith has been creating merry hell about various City Deal proposals and it does now look as if proposals to fine drivers using key roads in and out of Cambridge in peak hours may be for the scrap heap.

It's excellent that the huge volume of objections appears to have forced the Cambridge area's City Deal Board into a rethink. But such a plan shouldn't have seen the light of day in the first place, especially without proper exploration of other ways to achieve the very necessary aim of reducing traffic congestion in Cambridge.

The decision two years ago to introduce parking charges for the park and rides into Cambridge resulted in a drop of 14 per cent in passenger numbers. That clearly needs to be mended. And we need an open and wide-ranging conversation including all who live or work in Cambridge, or visit the city for whatever purpose, about how to make travelling into the city more sustainable.

But the whole fiasco is also an object lesson in what happens under remote boards like City Deal, consisting of representatives selected by councils to make decisions at an extra remove from the public. And it's an alarm bell about how decisions on all sorts of matters will be taken by the new 'powerful Mayor' of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough and his or her 'combined authority', which will be foisted on us by the Government from May next year.

Concessionary Bus Fares

Over the next 12 months around 80,000 people across Cambridgeshire will need to renew their concessionary bus pass. If

Councillors' column District and County Council Issues

everyone calls then our Call Centre will collapse. We know around 50% of those who use bus passes use online services as we have their e-mail addresses. If you are comfortable renewing online we urge you to do so. The County has improved the process and form on the website to make it easier, so people can use their own photos and even see what it looks like on a mock bus pass. Using the online form provides a speedier and cheaper process in the contact centre – so please do use the online form at http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20017/buses/124/free_bus_pass so we can better deal with those who aren't online. Thank you!

Gamlingay Village College

Mr Birkett kindly invited Sebastian to GVC to view some lessons and meet some pupils including the fab Head Girl and Head Boy who interviewed him about being a Councillor. It was a really interesting visit and both teachers and pupils were most impressive.

Winter Gritting

From October 25th 26 gritters will be on standby, day and night, to grit the roads when necessary.

However gritting routes across the county have been revised and the Council will be reducing its gritting routes. Last year we covered 44% of the County's roads – this year (and onwards) it will be 30% only. (The M11, A14, A1, A1 (M), A11, A47 and A428 are gritted by Highways England.)

There is no longer any attempt to cover school bus routes. The map is available online and it would appear that most of the Gamlingay Division routes remain unchanged.

New Integrated Urgent Care Service

Ever dialled 111? To help simplify access for patients, NHS 111 services have been extended to provide patients with access to a wider range of services and specialist clinicians such as GPs, pharmacists and health advisors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. NHS 111 enables patients and health professionals to get quicker access to the right health advice, at the right time and in the right place.

For patients who become unwell when their GP surgery is closed, dialling 111 will enable a clinical assessment to be made and referral to the most appropriate service for their needs. For patients who are in need of mental health support, dialling 111 and selecting option two will enable them to speak directly to a member of the mental health crisis team.

By having one single point of access it also prevents patients having to contact multiple different services to receive the care they need. All calls from both mobiles and landlines to 111 are free.

New Monthly Housing, Police and Councillor Surgery

We have now run 3 surgeries at the Eco Hub and so far no one has been to see us. We will struggle to keep these drop-in sessions running if they are not used. It is an opportunity for you to talk to us about any problems you have, get advice on housing matters or access help from the police, all in one place. They are held on the first Monday of the month from 9.30am until 10.30am. Please do come along if you are living in one of South Cambs houses or a housing association house just to let us know how things are for you. As always it is a case of 'use it or lose it'.

Avenells Way

We are aware that the lack of a dropped kerb to the alleyway leading to Church St is causing problems for residents using mobility scooters. We are asking council officers to see if something can be done to make this safer.

It has been lovely to see the communal flower beds looking so well tended recently. We are aware that this is due to the not inconsiderable efforts of some of the residents. We would just like to say thank you very much to them, for being so community minded.

A428 Busway

The last meeting of the City Deal Assembly discussed the proposal for a busway running along or adjacent to the A428 from Caxton Gibbet. The City Deal Assembly made some very sensible suggestions for the route this should take so as to avoid damage to the Green Belt. They also suggested a far less damaging site for a new park and ride to the one which was being put forward which overpowered Coton. Despite a good and rational argument, the final decision made by the City Deal Board appeared to be a done deal and they rejected all the changes put forward by the Assembly. One can't help but wonder what the point of the Assembly is. On top of this the Board, of 5 members, has just had its 5th resignation in 2 years which says a lot about how well the governance of this project is going.

Grass Cutting

We must apologise for the wild flower areas on Manor Rd and Murfitt Way being left uncut for so long. They are the responsibility of the District Council who have arranged for them to be done by a contractor but not until early December. We shall be reviewing what happens to these areas for next year in order to avoid the inconvenience that has occurred this year.

South Cambs Magazine Delivery Problems

Please do keep letting us know if you do not receive the South Cambs magazine and also let us know if you have complained and are now receiving it.

Boundary Review

The review of the District Boundaries has now completed and we are going to see big change. Currently Gamlingay is a 2 member ward (Bridget and Sebastian as councillors) consisting of Gamlingay, Hatley, Arrington, Croydon, Little Gransden and Longstowe. The Boundary Commission have reduced the number of district councillors from 57 to 45 and so the number of wards has had to be reduced by a similar 20%. The upshot for us is that Gamlingay is being made a single member ward by itself, Little Gransden and Longstowe will be part of Caldecote, and Arrington, Croydon and Hatley will be part of The Mordens ward.

Devolution

All the Cambridgeshire Councils will meet in November to vote on whether to accept the government's devolution deal. A recent press release advised that the directly elected mayor will have the power to build on the Green Belt which only adds to our grave concerns about this.

Land South of West Road Planning Application

Bridget and Sebastian held a meeting of West Road Action Group to discuss how we are going to manage both the appeal for the original refused application for 28 houses on this site which is outside the village boundary. This was followed by a meeting arranged by the parish council and the promoters to discuss a second application which is likely to be heard by the District Council's planning committee in December. Both meetings were very well attended. If the new application, which differs little from the original one, is approved, then the appeal will not happen. If it is refused then the appeal will go ahead in the New Year. The council are still accepting representations from residents on this proposal so if you want to add anything please send your letters to lydia.pravin@scambs.gov.uk

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St Denis' Church East Hatley

It's brilliant to be able to report – finally – that the Church has now been handed over by South Cambs to the Friends of Friendless Churches. This is a national charity which aims to restore and maintain derelict churches and turn them into community assets. The negotiations have been extremely lengthy and have involved numerous parties from the Diocese to the neighbours to the Parish Council with three sets of lawyers working on it at one point. So a big thank you to all those who committed to making this project happen.

Got a problem? Issue? Something you'd like to discuss?

Your Councillors are here to help you. Please do feel free to contact us with comments, questions, problems or complaints. We hope we can help but if we can't we are likely to know someone who can!



Cubs 100 Promise Party

On the 16th December 2016 Gamlingay & Gransden Scout Group will be celebrating 100 years of Cub Scouts. The celebration will take place at the Scout HQ on Cinques Road at 7pm.

The evening will start with the Cubs performing the original Wolf Cub Grand Howl followed by the Cubs renewing their promise at 7.15. The Cubs will entertain with a selection of activities followed by the Cubs Scout Grand Howl.

The evening will end with refreshments.

If you were a Wolf Cub or Cub Scout at any time and would like to take part in the party, please let us know. Contact deekirby@talktalk.net or telephone/text: 07973 624485

Boy Scouts was started by Robert Baden-Powell in 1907 following an experimental camp on Brownsea Island.

Following the camp, he wrote a book originally published in 6 fortnightly parts called Scouting for Boys. Boys started scouting in patrols across the country and Boy Scouts were originally restricted to boys aged 11 to 17.

Soon girls wanted to take part so in 1910 another organisation was set up called Girl Guides, this was set up by Agnes Baden-Powell (Baden-Powell's sister).

In 1914 Rosebuds were set up for younger girls, this was renamed to Brownies as the girls didn't like the name.

Brownies and Girl Guides were set up as being separate to Boy Scouts and this remains the case today.

In 1914 a trial scheme was set up for boys aged 8 to 10 years old. This was to develop into a section called Wolf Cubs and was officially launched in December 1916. Wolf Cubs used the Jungle Book as a theme and adult leaders adopted the names of the characters from the book, Akela being the leader in charge.

In 1918 Rover scouts were introduced for older boys / young men aged 18 – 25. In 1967 the name changed to Venture Scouts and in 2001 the name changed again to Explorer Scouts or Explorers which caters for 14 to 18 year olds and Scout Network was set up to cater for 18 to 25 year olds.

In 1986 Beaver Scouts was set up for younger boys aged 6 to 8 years old.

In 1991 girls were admitted to all sections of Scouting.

In 2007 Scouts celebrated it's centenary with celebrations around the world and a World Jamboree held at Hylands Park in Chelmsford. Scouts renewed their promise on 1st August both locally and globally including a ceremony broadcast from Brownsea Island.

Scouting is enjoyed in Gamlingay at the Scout HQ on Cinques road, we have two Cub Packs, two Scout Troops, an Explorer Unit and a Scout Network. If your children would like to join any of the sections please contact the section leaders listed at the back of the Gazette.

A big thank you for all the flowers that brightened Church Street this summer

I am writing to the Gazette to say a huge thank you to the person who did the wonderful displays of flowers outside the Sandwich Bar, Hairdressers and the Cock this summer. They have lifted my spirits and made me smile every time I have passed them.

Kay Palmer

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Details of the times of various performances on each day will be displayed in church and on our Facebook page. Come along and support your Parish Church. Looking forward to seeing you all at this lovely Christmas event.

Gamlingay W.I.

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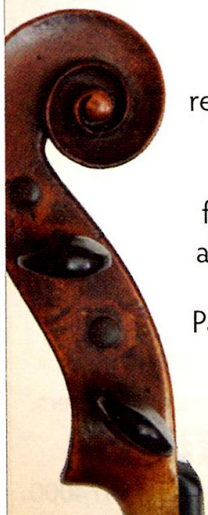
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Gardening Tips for December

by Karen Aitkins of All Green Landscapes Ltd

'Tis the season to be jolly' as we all know and love the coming of Christmas. Do I hear a groan of despair out there? We are probably spending more time indoors at this time of year now the days are at their shortest. But the 21st is the Solstice and the days will slowly be getting longer as we bravely march into winter.

Rain has been in short supply over the Autumn months so make sure ponds are kept topped up and put water out for the birds. Hopefully we will get more rain through the winter to top up the water table. I noticed on some of my walks that streams are very low at the moment, which doesn't bode well for the Spring.

Now is the time to bring some colour into the home with bright house plants, such as the traditional poinsettia and the amaryllis, which also make lovely house gifts. The Christmas tree began as a German custom and was introduced here by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. Mistletoe was a druid and roman custom which was hung to bring good fortune, peace and love.

Everything slows down in the garden at this time of year but there is still plenty to do. This is a good time to crack on with any maintenance jobs that have been hanging around. Treat the fence and shed with a good preservative. Make sure you use a good reputable creosote as some brands contain toxins which are harmful to plants. Do minor repairs. Clean inside and out of the green house with a mild disinfectant to discourage disease.

Continue to rake up fallen dead leaves and collect any prunings except diseased cuttings for compost. Be careful not to disturb any hibernating hedgehogs.

Protect any vulnerable plants, and if you have room in your shed take in potted plants that are not happy in the cold weather. Wrap insulation around garden taps as this could cause a burst pipe if we have a cold snap.

Look out for farms or riding stables selling well rotted down manure to dig into the soil in preparation for next year. If the ground is particularly boggy, use planks of wood to get about on the lawn and earth so as to minimise damage.

If we do have particularly heavy snow this year, make sure you shake off the branches as it can do a lot of damage. Conifers and fir trees are especially designed to resist damage so don't worry about them. Also low plants will sit comfortably under a protective blanket of snow, safe from the frost.

As long as the ground is not frozen you can continue to plant trees, shrubs and climbers. Protect if the weather changes.

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The Christmas Ghost Story

The Wheel Tappers Ghost

There are many Ghost stories of Gamlingay; some true; some false, but which ones are which?

This story starts in 1911 and is all about the Ghost of what was thought to be a Railway Wheel Tapper who lived in the Village, or so it was thought by some, but no one knew where exactly or what his Name was.

He was first seen in October 1911 by a well to do Woman of the Village, coming back from visiting relatives in Pottton. She got into a Railway Carriage with her four year old Daughter, just after dark. The wind and rain were blowing right across the Platform and she didn't know until she turned around to sit down that there was anyone else in there. It came as a shock to find a Worker sitting up the corner, smoking away on his pipe.

The Worker was smartly dressed in his work clothes but was slightly dirty after his day's toil; slight stubble around the chin, but nothing out of the ordinary. He smiled and said hello which put the Woman at ease. Not much was said through the journey back to Gamlingay. The Woman asked if he came from the Village to which he replied that he did and he had just moved here from London to work the local Lines. He had been made a Foreman and had taken up renting a place at the other end of Gamlingay..

The Woman thought nothing more as their journey ended and she and her Daughter walked about fifty yards behind him to their House near the Cross Roads. They walked up Station Road, down Church Lane and into Church Street, but as they turned the corner the man was nowhere to be seen; he had completely vanished.



Some six years later, the Woman had forgotten all about the incident and she hadn't seen anything of the Worker again, even though she had travelled that journey many times and was around the Village every day. One October evening, just as before, as it was getting dark, in the driving rain, the Woman with her now ten year old Daughter, got into what they thought was an empty Carriage on Pottton Station. On turning around to sit down, they saw the Railway Worker; with his pipe, but not looking a day older. For a moment the Woman thought about changing Carriages but it was too late as the Train was pulling out. The Woman and her Daughter were nervous, but it wasn't a long ride and they would soon be home.

The Worker spoke first; asking if the Woman and her Daughter were well. The Woman asked if he had been away as she hadn't seen him, to which he said he hadn't and that he travelled this way six days each week.

At Gamlingay, the Workman got off first, as the Woman made as if to look for her Ticket. She and her Daughter followed him up the Platform and down Station Road but, as they turned the bend at The Lodge House half way down the Road, he had again vanished. They carried on, then, looking across the field, they saw him crossing the brook at Block Bridge, but how did he get there so fast.

The Woman decided they would run and beat him into the Village and just as they passed the Church on the road way, he was half way through the Churchyard. They hurried and waited in a Shop just in Church Street but there was no sign so the Woman left her Daughter and took a look around into Church Lane and he had vanished yet again. As she stood there, another Woman that she knew well came along Church Lane so she plucked up the courage to ask her friend if she had seen this man. Her friend said she had been speaking to the Church Warden just down the Lane and no one had come out of the Churchyard in half an hour. She had seen the Woman and her Daughter but that was all; the Woman shivered and hurried home with her Daughter.





Some eight years later, the Woman was still making the journey regularly but although she expected to see the Railway Worker again she hadn't. Her Daughter was now Eighteen and only made the journey a few times each year with her Mother. It was October, in the Evening at Potton Station; with the light fading and the wind and rain howling down the Platform it happened for a third, but, final time.

As the Train pulled in and came to a halt, the two Woman both looked into the Carriage and it was definitely empty. They got in, turned to sit down - again they caught sight of the same Railway Worker smoking his pipe. He greeted them with the same hello as the first time they met, followed by "your Daughter has grown so much since we first met." The two Women didn't know what to do but, as if nothing was wrong, they sat down but stayed silent this time until they reached Gamlingay;

where they hoped someone they knew would be getting off the Train, but no one did, only the two of them and the Workman.

He walked in front, as before, at a steady pace, down Station Road to The Lodge House, over the Merton Grange drive way, over Block Bridge and through the Churchyard. Something made the Mother and Daughter follow the Worker; up Church Street to the Cross Roads and down Green End but seeing no one on their way. They rounded the corner near Wrights Works and all three stopped together at the door of a rundown Cottage. The Railway Worker opened the door and stood to one side and took his flat cap off and said "Welcome home to you both". At this, the two Women smiled and walked steadily inside. As they passed the Workman, the elder Woman said "thank you, we may rest now" they went inside, the door closed and they were never seen again.



The people of the Village all wondered where they had gone but remembering the first time they arrived in the Village there was never anyone else with them and they never talked about their trips to Potton or of any relatives, so who were they or the Railway Worker. Can you guess?



To get the most feeling for this story with the help of hand tinted pictures go to our website gamlingaygazette.uk and read or download the Gazette in colour.

Parish Council

Information about the parish council, including agendas for meetings, can be found on our website www.gamlingay-pc.gov.uk or on the village notice boards. To contact the Parish Council:

email clerk@gamlingay-pc.gov.uk or telephone 01767 650310 or by post to Gamlingay Parish Council, The Eco Hub, Stocks Lane, Gamlingay, Beds, SG19 3JR.

Parish Council office public opening hours 9-12 Mon, Wed and Fri.

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We have also given donations to Gamlingay Village College in appreciation for the use of their facilities and to The Gazette for their support throughout the year.

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We are a very small committee who work hard all year to produce an event that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Unbelievably next year will be the 25th Gamlingay Show and will be on Saturday 16th September 2017. We hope that all our plans will mark this special 'Silver' anniversary.

Thank you for your support this year and we look forward to seeing you in 2017.
The Gamlingay Show Committee

‘GAMLINGAY IN (SUPER) MOONLIGHT

Some pictures of Gamlingay by the light of the large, very bright, ‘supermoon’ on Monday, 14th November 2016, the closest full moon to Earth since 1948. It’ll be 2034 before we see another ‘supermoon’ like this.’

by Ed Newman



St Mary's Church in Gamlingay celebrates the completion of essential repairs.

In December 2014 the church received a grant of £181,700 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for a project to carry out essential repairs to the church roof and drainage system.

In addition the grant funded a new heating boiler and improvements to the heating system.



Work on the drainage started in February 2015 with the excavation of two new soakaways as well as the associated new drainage pipework. The rainwater downpipes from the roof were removed for shot blasting and repainting. The excavations were overseen by archaeologists and all findings, of which there were many, have been documented and, where necessary, reburied.

In April through to June work was carried out on the roof. The coverings on the vestry roof were replaced. The capping along the length of the nave was also replaced. A significant amount of repair work was carried out on both the north and south transept roofs to resolve long-term damp problems. Inside the tower improvements were made to roof access. At this time the rainwater downpipes were re-fitted along with the hoppers that were, in some cases, beyond repair and had to be replaced.

In October through to January 2016 work was carried out to improve the heating system. This included new trench heaters in the chancel and nave, new radiators in the vestry and at the base of the tower and a new boiler that is now sited at the base of the tower.

Repairs were necessary to the south porch. The walls have been repaired, rendered and lime washed and the porch floor tiling repaired.

In addition to the building works;

- heritage boards have been produced that give visitors a historic timeline and identify points of interest around the building,

- heritage trails have been created for our younger visitors
- the church has its own website www.gamlingaychurch.co.uk

All work is now complete and we are enjoying a warm and dry church building that will continue to be a focal point for the local community.

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For further information, images and interviews, please contact one of the following:

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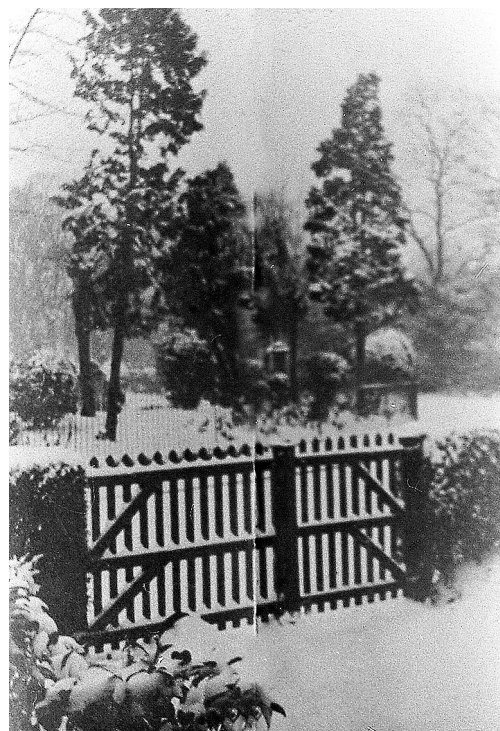
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5 Womens Institute in heavy snow drift
6 Cemetery Stocks Lane entrance c 1957

7 The Ellis and Phillips Family in Cinques Road c 1927

8 Local village men clearing snow from the Cinques 1927

9 The Spital Pit frozen over in 1929 with villagers ice skating

10 Heavy snow drifts Waresley Road 1947

11 Colin Knibbs Dad and Granddad in the family butches, Church Street

12 The ruins of the cottage at the entrance to Woodbury near the Iron Church c 1957

13 Villagers Ice Skating on Waresley Park fish pond in 1929



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Picture Puzzler

Picture Puzzler

The Picture Puzzler comes to an end with two last pictures and the competition even as it has been all year through.

This year's Puzzlers as last year's have been both old pictures and pictures taken from odd angles.

To enter please send your answers by email to nb777@btinternet.com or phone Nick on 01767-651025 or post or drop in at 82 Church Street, Gamlingay. Good luck.



News from RSPB

The Lodge

Mark Brandon



I'll be interested to see the Met check's weather report on this October, but I'd be surprised if it wasn't the warmest and driest for decades. On the reserve this has impacted on several things, the most noticeable being the very low quantities of species and numbers of fungi around the trails. Seeing large groups of fungi is something we have taken for granted at The Lodge, with over 600 species recorded here, but this year was an exception, and any fungi had to be searched carefully for.

Like many parts of Cambridgeshire around the time we turned the clocks back, the reserve had a huge influx of ladybirds, mainly the harlequin ladybird (*Harmonia axyridis*), and the windows and doors around the Gatehouse were slowly turning black as the ladybirds congregated together.

The harlequin is a massively varied species, which carries a large range of colours and they can have red, black, orange and yellow-ish markings. They first arrived in the UK in 2004 and migrate here chiefly from Asia, but also from North America, and are a threat to our own native ladybirds. Despite the warm conditions, constant easterly winds ensured that the autumn migrant birds still arrived. Redwings were the first to arrive in quite good numbers in mid- October, and a few of the larger fieldfares soon joined them. Goldcrest, blackbird and song thrush numbers were noticeably higher as they also moved in from the north and east and small parties of siskins, with the occasional lesser redpoll, called as they foraged in the tree tops.

One bird that is being seen here more regularly is the colourful, ruby red bullfinch. I had worked at The Lodge for over five years with out ever seeing one on the reserve, but in the last three years they have turned up more frequently, particularly in the autumn. Four birds were seen together on the new heath in October, and there were several sightings of two birds together, again mainly on the new heath.

Now the breeding season is well over, habitat work is in full flow, and an area was cleared of some birch around Jack's Pond to open a corridor between the two heathland areas. This work was funded by BIFFA through their BIFFA award grant scheme and their support is greatly appreciated. I hope you can visit us for a crisp walk over the autumn, and don't forget you can find some great Christmas gifts and cards in the RSPB shop.

The RSPB Lodge reserve is open every day of the week, from dawn to dusk, for everyone to enjoy and there are plenty of organised events: just ring to book. Entry is included in the car-parking fee - £5 a car for non-members, free if you are members or just visiting the shop. The shop (01767 693333) is open every day (9 am-5 pm and 10 am-5 pm weekends and Bank Holidays, Closed Christmas and Boxing Day.) and has everything for people who love nature. You can find us on the B1042 on the Sandy to Potton road, less than a mile from Sandy.

Our website; www.rspb.org.uk/thelodge is the place to look for all of the events you can enjoy here at RSPB The Lodge this winter.

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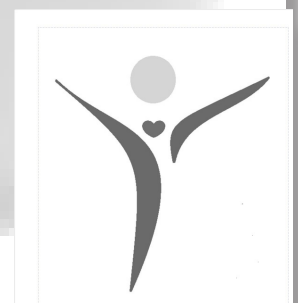
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Roderick's Vegetarian Recipes

by Roderick Starksfield

BATTERED CHEESE

I offer this one at this time as a starter for a Christmas lunch.

Maybe this is an odd title, but Oh so delicious.

The inspiration for this dish comes from many sources, here I have put them together to make a memorable dish. This can be used as a starter, the quantities shown are for four, though it could make a meal for two.

Combinations that make this dish special:

Batter, lightly spiced and salty, counteracted by the smooth cheese. The Aïoli providing a very rich, garlicky flavour. The pickled cabbage counteracting the richness with a slightly sour spicy tang. All the flavours balance each other, making this a something special.

I list below Paneer cheese (covered in a previous recipe), though Halloumi or pressed firm Tofu could be used.

This may seem a long winded recipe, but as some of it is made in advance brings down the time considerably.

Quick Pickled Cabbage

Ingredients

12oz/350gm finely chopped Red Cabbage

2 garlic cloves, crushed

4fl oz/125ml malt vinegar

2 tablespoons soy sauce

1 tablespoon sugar

1 Red Chilli

Method

Place cabbage (a mandolin is perfect for slicing) in a medium bowl with garlic. Don't leave the strands of cabbage too long, say about 1½ inches/35mm; if the strands are longer they can be difficult to pick up on a fork, and you don't want your guests to cope with drops of bright red juice on their clothes!

Bring vinegar, soy sauce, sugar, and finely chopped chilli to a boil. Pour the hot vinegar mixture over the cabbage, toss together. This need to stand for at least an hour, and can easily be made a day in advance, refrigerate.

Aïoli

Ingredients

3 free-range egg yolks

4 cloves [garlic](#)

½ [lemon](#), juice only

salt and freshly ground [black pepper](#)

5fl oz /150ml [olive oil](#), you could use other oil types as the garlic can overpower special oils.

Method

Blend all ingredients, except the oil, in a food processor until creamy. Pour the oil into the blender in a steady stream, until it forms a thick sauce. The mixture, once blended, should be vibrant and yellow in colour. To vary the flavour, add a little mustard or some saffron. If you'd like your mayonnaise runnier, add a couple of tablespoons of hot water. Again this can be made in advance and kept in the fridge.

You could cheat and use a commercial mayonnaise – just add the garlic and lemon juice. The home made is much nicer and you can have pride in having made it yourself!

Battered Cheese For the batter

4oz/100g plain [flour](#)

1 medium egg

9fl oz/300ml skimmed milk

2 teaspoons dry English Mustard

1 teaspoon chopped [thyme](#).

Method

Mix all the batter ingredients together to make a thick batter, slightly thicker than you would normally make. Leave to stand for 30mins.

Cheese

8oz/225gm Paneer, Halloumi or Firm Tofu

Herbs, Parsley, Mint, Tarragon – some of each or just one or two

2 Tablespoons Soy Sauce

A good pinch of salt and pepper

Method

If you are using Tofu, press hard by placing a saucepan of water on it to squeeze out the excess liquid for about 45mins.

Cut the cheese into ¾inch/20mm cubes. Place in a polythene bag with the herbs, Soy sauce etc. Seal the bag and shake about to marinate the cheese, leave aside for at least 30mins for the flavours to seep into the cheese.

When the cheese is ready, heat up a saucepan with about 30mm oil until the oil is hot. There are comments here about 'heat until a cube of bread browns in 30 seconds', or some such. You know your capabilities. Using a skewer or cocktail stick, dip the cheese cubes into the batter and carefully place in the hot oil. Turn over the cubes when one side is nice and golden. Remove from the oil and place on kitchen paper to drain, keep warm in a low grill or oven. Repeat until all the cubes are done.

To Serve

Divide the battered Cheese between the plates, spoon on a good dollop of Aïoli and a small pile of Pickled cabbage

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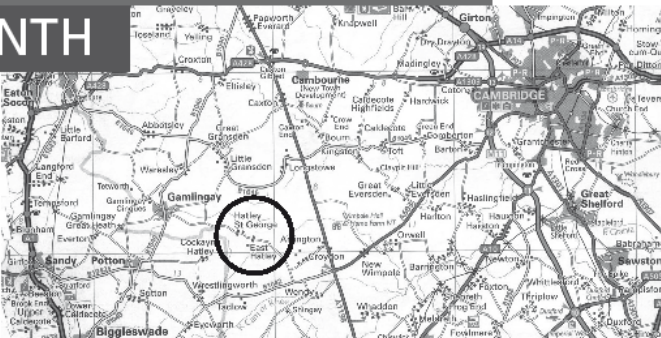
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Sofia and Military Wives

Now on to a great interview I had recently with an amazing lady. The amount this woman can fit into a day with two kids astounds me. I'm talking about the lovely Sophia Kelly of Millbrook Meadows. Some might not know but other than being a super mum (like myself) she also plays a key role in a beautiful choir called 'Chicks and Hens' in Chicksands and Henlow for an amazing foundation which I'm sure you've heard of 'The Military Wives'. Now back in August the ladies of this small choir (23 ladies) were asked to take part in a new album called 'Home for Christmas' which is being released 25th November, all in aid of the main foundation to raise money for all the remarkable charities it helps. The album consists of 12 seasonal songs from 'Silent night' all the way to 'Jingle Bells'. Now when you go and buy this album (which is on pre order on Amazon right now) you'll realise that some of these classics are not how you know them, the beautiful thing about this album is that it has been changed to make those of us that don't know, understand the lives these brave women lead.

The 'Chicks and Hens' were apart of two of these beautiful songs, the first being the main single of the album 'Home for Christmas' (released 2nd December) in which 1009 voices were all put together all different choirs from around the country. And to think they were only given three weeks to do it. You'll understand as soon as you hear it how incredible it really is. The second being the second song on the play list 'Away in a Far Land' which only three small choirs equalling 30 women did (in one week no less) I'm sure you will find it as striking as I did.

For those of you that want to go and see them live they are also touring up and down the country in our astonishing cathedrals which starts 21st November, tickets can be bought through ticketmaster.co.uk

And of course if you yourself have a military background and want to join a local choir meet new friends and form new bonds there are lots all around the country.

Now if anyone wants a bit of fun trying to guess what some of the original songs were email me at geepeers@hotmail.com and I can see how many of you really know your hymns.

As always Georgina



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Nickelback

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Library open	Board games	10.00am - 12.00
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Wednesday

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Gamlingay Environmental Action Group	(G E A G) - Monthly meeting on 3rd Wednesday of the month. Kier Suite, Eco Hub - No Meeting in December	8:00pm

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