

The Gazette

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

Gamlingay's Great War Pilots

By Peter Wright

The year 1917 was a sombre one for Gamlingay. On average throughout 1916 and 1917, a Gamlingay man was killed at the front every 19 days. However, for three of Gamlingay's young men this grim time would have been tinged with excitement. They were all to work at the very cutting edge of technology by becoming Royal Flying Corps (RFC) pilots.

Aviation was in its infancy at the start of WW1, and our men flew in unheated open cockpits with no oxygen at altitude, and no parachutes. They were not always involved in aerial dogfights, but carried out less glamorous training work, reconnaissance, bombing, and artillery observation, which often meant being shot at from the ground. Pilots had to be well educated, spirited individuals, and rural Gamlingay provided no less than three of these remarkable men. This article is based on the service records of Gamlingay's Captain Knibbs, Lieutenant Hall, and Captain Orlebar, supplemented by information from the Hall and Knibbs families, to whom I am grateful.

Billy Knibbs was the youngest of Isaac and Ada Knibbs six children and was born in Gamlingay in 1898. Billy was educated in Gamlingay, and later at The Leys School, Cambridge. He worked as a clerk before beginning pilot training with the RFC on March 14, 1917. His commission as 2nd Lieutenant was confirmed on January 23, 1918, and he was posted as temporary Captain a mere seven months later. During this time he flew with 88 and 16 Squadrons on the western front, flying 7 different types of aircraft. 88 and 16 Squadrons were involved in the development of wireless ground to aircraft communication – a very new technology at the time. After the armistice in November 1918 he transferred to 12 Squadron, which formed part of the allied army occupying Germany. By the time he left the RAF (as the RFC had become) on Christmas day 1919, he was able to speak German.

He then travelled to the USA, where he worked as a pilot for a film company, before returning to the UK where he rejoined the RAF, serving once again between April 1921 and November 1922.

Subsequently Billy enjoyed a colourful lifestyle as a businessman and entrepreneur, eventually dividing his time between Canada and London, where he died in 1984.

Our second Great War pilot was Henry Howard Hall, known locally as John Hall. Born at Manor Farm, Gamlingay in January 1899, John had two brothers and two sisters. He was educated in the village and later at the East Anglian School, Bury St Edmunds. He was a Lance Corporal in the London Rifle Brigade in April 1917, but on July 4 1917, began training to be an RFC pilot at Exeter College, Oxford. There followed a number of postings at various training establishments, and on February 18 1918, his commission as 2nd Lieutenant RFC was confirmed.

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05-Nov	4 before Advent	4.00pm	Evensong	E
12-Nov	3 before Advent	8.00am	Holy Communion	G
12-Nov	Remembrance	11.00am	Remembrance Service	G
12-Nov	Remembrance	10.55am	Remembrance Service	E
19-Nov	2 before Advent	9.30am	Parish Eucharist with prayers for healing	G
19-Nov	2 before advent	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	E
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26-Nov	Christ the King	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	G
26-Nov	Christ the King	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	E
26-Nov	Christ the King	6.00pm	Evensong	G

Dear friends

Forgiving and forgetting are two words which are quite often used together. But should they be? After all, they mean quite different things and they portray quite different emotions. I would imagine that at some time in each of our lives we have all been hurt by somebody. This might have been a physical hurt but it could also have been an emotional hurt. How do we cope with it I wonder, and are we able to forgive the perpetrator? The intensity of the action might well have an influence on whether we can forgive or not. But at the end of the day we should not bear grudges, but be prepared to stand up and at least try to forgive. It always amazes me when I read stories of horrific actions carried out on somebody and the victim, or somebody closely associated with the victim, publicly states their forgiveness. In fact, as I write there is an article in the newspaper relating the story of a Muslim surgeon who treated victims of the Manchester Arena bombing, forgiving a man who randomly stabbed him as he was about to enter a mosque.

In the bible there are many references to forgiveness, among them:

“Be tolerant with one another and forgive one another whenever any of you has a complaint against someone else. You must forgive one another just as the Lord has forgiven you.”

And of course, there is the part of the Lord’s Prayer when we pray:

And forgive us our trespasses (sins),
 As we forgive them that trespass (sin) against us.

In other words, if we are expecting others to forgive us, then we must be prepared to forgive as well.

But now let us move on to forgetting. When there are traumatic events in our lives, we may well want to forget but that is sometimes difficult. As much as we may wish to blot out the memory of something, it is not always possible – that memory lingers. Of course, some memories are good, but there are some that we may wish we could forget.

At this time of year we are in the season of remembrance, when we remember the sacrifices made by so many in two world wars and other conflicts. As time goes on, these conflicts, especially the two world wars, become more and more a distant memory. But should we forget? Some may well argue that we ought to. But at least those of us who wish to give thanks for the sacrifices made, can do so.

On Remembrance Sunday many of us come together to remember all those who died so that we may have the freedom we experience today. It may well be difficult (or perhaps impossible) to forgive a good deal of what went on but perhaps this is an opportunity not to forget, but to say “thank you”. Best wishes to you all

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Stocks Lane, Gamlingay

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November 2017

"It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness."

– Charles Spurgeon

Let me ask you something, are you happy? Why or why not? Maybe that's too big a question.

Let me ask you this: what brings you happiness? Take a second and think about it.

Most people I ask tend to give two broad answers (please know, I am not insinuating these are the only two answers, but they seem prevalent). The first answer indicates their happiness comes from success (often reflected by the car they drive, the house they own, the holidays they take). The second shows that their happiness comes from people (time with friends, family; deep seated relationships). Do you find yourself in one of those categories?

I bring this up as this is possibly one of the biggest human desires, happiness. We long to be happy in all things, our jobs, relationships, everything. Unfortunately, I often feel we seek happiness in the wrong places. As a culture we are led to believe that our happiness is dependent on the material things it provides and the rankings we achieve in our workplaces.

However...

The other answer is that our happiness is built on our relationships. Spending time with those that matter to us. There's a sense that material things can come and go, but time spent with people, laughs, tears and life shared, doesn't disappear (especially as it lives on in our memories).

What if I told you though, that even relationships could let you down? Unfortunately, people fall short. I am not perfect and I disappoint many, unintentionally. How then do I find happiness that is not fleeting and temporary?

It is in fact still in a relationship that I find such happiness, a relationship with God. Now I know that many of you are probably rolling your eyes to that answer. However, I give you my answer with all genuineness and sincerity in as much as God is still alive, reaching out to all those who want to be in relationship with Him. And God is never changing, never failing, all powerful, all knowing, all amazing! If there is ever anyone for me to enter into a relationship with, that I knew would always be there for me, have my best interest at heart, and genuinely care about me, no matter how ridiculous I was being, it is God. As with all relationships, God will sometimes say things I don't like, and I'll try to convince Him He is wrong. Then I'll come to my senses, and realise He was always right. And I'll laugh, and realise the huge amount of joy and happiness I have that comes from this AMAZING relationship.

It's not about what I have, but how much I enjoy that makes happiness. I have yet to enjoy anything more than my relationship with God.

You might disagree. But I would love the opportunity to introduce you to the best relationship I have ever had. I believe that relationship will bring you more happiness, not just now, but forever.
Get in touch, and let's set something up.

Many blessings

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Worship every Sunday Morning

10.45am (with J.A.M for children)

Communion is celebrated on Nov 5th
the first Sunday of the month.

Remembrance Day service Nov 12th

Joint service held at St Mary's

(no service at GBC)

For Children – J.A.M.

Every Sunday 10.45am

Weekday Meetings

Wednesday 7.30pm

and as advertised

Craft & Hobbies Group

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Thursday 2nd Nov 10.00am

Men's Prayer & Breakfast

Saturday 4th Nov 9.00am

Prayer & Worship Night

Saturday 4th Nov 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

"Messy Church"

crafts, games & bible stories

Saturday 11th November 2-4pm

Coffee Morning

In aid of Gamlingay BC and 2017 Charity

Thursday 16th Nov 10.am-12.00

Come join us for tea/coffee and cake

Ladies Prayer Brunch

Saturday 18th Nov 10.00am

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Thursday 30th November 11am – 1pm

Christmas gifts for sale

Join us for coffee & mince pies

Stay for hot soup & roll

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 – October 2017

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

County Council Budget

Over the last six years Cambridgeshire County Council has delivered £215 million of savings while still providing "good quality services" (although many residents appear to take issue with this description!) and over the next five years we face a further £100m of pressure on budgets.

Delivery of £31m of savings for 2017/18 is on track, and the Council is now working on plans to deliver further savings in 2018/19. The Budget process has started with a £37.5 million gap between the money it receives from the government, from council tax, business rates and the income it makes – and the amount it needs to spend on services.

These pressures are not 'things happening to other people elsewhere'. In addition to predicted changes to the rules surrounding Dedicated Schools Grant the County is facing a sharp increase in the number of older people needing care, increasing numbers of children needing home to school transport and increased numbers of vulnerable children needing protection.

There are of course projects to earn the Council money – eg taking advantage of the failing Local Plan in South Cambs to develop housing projects on land the Council owns as the Council is doing in Litlington. With breath-taking hypocrisy this approach is described as "generating £7.2m in income to protect front line services" but fails to mention the massive increase in Councillor allowances to nearly £1m pa.

Last year Cambridgeshire approved a five-year business case to invest almost £2m from a Transformation Fund into a suite of technological approaches which are already delivering savings as well as improved outcomes - such as improving the application process and delivery of Blue Badges to people who need to keep independent. Again – with more breathtaking hypocrisy – the Council intends to "take a strong message to Government, that historic underfunding of large rural counties cannot continue, with our Fairdeal4Cambs campaign." without mentioning that for the last two years the Council has failed to take the Council Tax increase permitted by Government of 2% which would have delivered £10m into front line services this year.

You cannot go whining to Government about being underfunded when it is your fault for not taking the opportunity to increase your income via Council Tax. It is not clever or funny.

Planning & Buses

Not a normal combination but bear with....

Following previous mentions in the Gazette you'll be aware that South Cambridgeshire District Council cannot demonstrate it has a rolling 5 year housing land supply. The result of that is any policy which seeks to restrict housing is effectively in abeyance. We've mentioned the impact of this not least on villages such as Gamlingay, Orwell and Barrington and the numbers are mounting in a really scary way as South Cambs continues to flounder. We have 3975 consents granted because of lack of 5-year supply; appeals lodged or able to be lodged: 959; at least 508 pending decision making a total of 5442 homes. The applications continue to arrive.

The Local Plan inspector continues to inspect so we have no Local Plan currently. The Planning Department is completely and utterly swamped with work that it cannot manage on any reasonable basis. Staff are demoralised and stressed. Parishes face desperately bad planning applications that they don't want, which are not planned for and which are in some cases going to completely change the village. Applicants face unacceptable delays. Pre-application advice – which is paid for – is being refunded as being too little too late and so on. All very bad news. So you would expect every effort from South Cambs' administration to do what it could to invest in more planning help; using resource wisely and effectively to target this mounting disaster.

But no. Instead, the District Council voted to spend up to £50k on a "review of district bus services". At first glance this might not seem to be a bad idea but public transport is the responsibility of the Mayor, the County Council and the Greater Cambridge Partnership. So what will a review achieve? Well, it will line the pockets of yet another consultant and keep a few council officers busy for a while but will it result in one single extra bus journey? The answer is no. Rural buses need subsidies not reviews and reports. This is quite clearly an ill thought out vanity project.

Ironically one of the arguments put forward for doing the work was to tackle rural isolation. £50k will go an awfully long way if given out to village groups to run projects such as the Connect Cafe in Gamlingay which targets people experiencing loneliness. In fact, it would allow it to run for 100 years.

More Rubbish

From 11 December, residents will no longer need to use paper caddies as part of their recycling routines. Instead, used paper should be placed directly into blue wheelie bins. It will still be recycled. Residents can keep their caddy following the change, and use it however they wish. Alternatively, the caddies can be recycled if taken to a household waste recycling centre. They should not be placed

in wheelie bins. This is odd because I have placed my caddy in the wheelie bin and it has disappeared at least 4 times over the years but apparently thousands all at once would contaminate the system what with being hard plastic.

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A14 Community Grants

The A14 Community Fund has been launched by Highways England, offering up to £10,000 to not-for-profit organisations for projects relating to the transformation the new road will bring to the area. Projects can range from environmental schemes to arts and heritage events or employment and skills schemes. The fund's focus is to bring communities closer together, reflecting the lasting impact the scheme will have on those living along the A14 corridor. Full details can be found at www.cambscf.org.uk/A14.html. You can also keep up to date about the progress of the road scheme by signing up for email alerts at www.highways.gov.uk/A14C2H

Grants

We were delighted to support a successful grant application by Hatley Parish Council for £1,000 towards play equipment on the Green and look forward to seeing the equipment in place. Possibly using it, too... The road between Hatley and Gamlingay has now had Deer warning signs placed on it to remind drivers that there is a huge local herd of deer (including many white ones) which travels across the road apparently all the time – please be aware, especially with the earlier evenings.

Cambridgeshire's Innovate & Cultivate Fund

Up to one million pounds of funding is available from Cambridgeshire County Council to help amazing people, do amazing things, for others in the county. This money is allocated to groups for small grants of £2,000 - £10,000 which help deliver Council priorities locally - helping innovative ideas to grow.

More than £170,000 has already been allocated from the fund, with successful applicants to date including a group supporting parents of children with disabilities and another which supports people with learning disabilities to move into employment. Organisations and local groups looking for further information can see full details at the Innovate and Cultivate website: <http://www.cambscf.org.uk/icf.html>. The scheme is split between Cultivate - small grants of £2,000 - £10,000 aimed at encouraging local networks where people help themselves and each other and Innovate - larger grants of up to £50,000 for big projects with big ideas that demonstrate an innovative approach within one of the seven funding priorities for Cambridgeshire.

Greater Cambridge Partnership

The newly named GCP (it was the City Deal) is holding a Big Conversation over the next few weeks – might start by asking who comes up with this drivel.

They are asking people what they know of the GCP - generally very little, and what they like about the GCP - not a lot in many cases. It is a real shame that this sort of thing did not happen two or more years ago in order to engage people in the whole process and to make them feel that they were part of it rather than victims of it. There is a new website which is a great improvement so do have a look at that - in particular the proposals for a busway from Cambourne to Cambridge and a new park and ride site somewhere along it - currently the preferred options are on the Dry Drayton Rd at Scotland Farm or at Madingley Mulch. The last official meetings were very challenging due to the 49 long and complex reports which were issued a week before. The proposals to put a busway along the M11 are currently on hold while we await the outcomes of a load of deliberations from Highways England on whether to do major works at Girton Interchange so that people can get on and off in any direction and also on whether to make the M11 a SMART motorway. What does that mean you may well ask - well it will be a combination of using the hard shoulder when it is busy, putting in gantries to hold variable speed control signs and maybe even having bus only slip roads on the P and Rs.

Planning committee

It used to be the case that if a Parish Council or a local member disagreed with a planning officer about whether an application should be refused or approved it would go to the Council's planning committee. This was useful as it allowed parish and district councillors to voice their views as well as applicants and other people. This has all changed and now the planning committee is reserved only for large planning applications or for those that are extremely contentious. We are fed up having our requests for applications to be heard by committee rejected almost as a matter of course.

Business support

We were delighted to attend the first meeting of Gamlingay Business Hub. There was a great turnout of people running businesses of all sizes and we have high hopes for how this organisation will grow and develop to ensure that Gamlingay continues to be a place to work as well as to live and play.

Are you paying Council Tax when you don't have to?

There is evidence that many people are paying Council Tax when they do not have to. If you or another person in your house is suffering from a mental impairment then they should not be paying any Council Tax. This can include learning difficulties, mental illness or dementia. The affected person must be living alone or with one or 2 other people. There is a very simple form which you can get from South Cambs, fill it in and ask your doctor to sign it. Contact Bridget if you need any help with this.

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! *****

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NEWS FROM THE ECO HUB START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING HERE!

Yes, we know the mince pies have been in the shops since August, but if you are like us, Christmas can't really get started until November when the panic begins to creep in about what on earth to buy everyone. Well, panic no more, we have the perfect solution at our Christmas Fair which will have loads of fantastic stalls packed with Christmas gifts, decorations, stocking fillers, childrens presents, jewellery, arts, crafts, food and clothes.

Those of you who came along last year will remember it as a really family friendly event, and this year will be even better.

Our theme is local and hand made, and we have a very varied selection of exhibitors this year, with about 50% of new stands as well as some old favourites. Many of the stands are from Gamlingay, and what a talented lot they are, with other exhibitors coming from nearer Cambridge or Bedford. There really will be something for everyone, with lots of Christmas gift inspiration and the chance to tick gifts for the family off your list!

New this year will be sterling silver and crystal jewellery from Aboo Jewellery, handmade boxes and books from Jenny's Handmade Books, decoupage gifts from Homemade, gorgeous handmade soaps and bath bombs from Cassie and Jo, handmade textiles from Bizzy Bug Crafts, cakes and savouries from Swirlz Cake Bake and Christmas gift packs from the Body Shop. The front foyer will be filled with face painting and crafts for little ones, while the Kier Suite at the back of the building will be our dedicated Arts and Crafts section, with exhibitions from local artists, and a wood whittling demonstration from local spoon maker John Adams.

As usual we will be serving refreshments, hot rolls, mince pies and cakes, and whatever the weather, we will be warm and dry inside.

All proceeds go towards keeping your Eco Hub affordable and accessible for our community, so please come along and support us, and kick off the Christmas season with good cheer and some wonderful gifts. See you there!

Christmas Craft Fair and Art Display

Gamlingay Eco Hub

Sunday 19th November 2017

11 am - 3 pm

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

Daily updates from the Parish Council are posted to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Gamlingayparishcouncil/> and on Twitter <https://twitter.com/GamlingayPC>.

Gamlingay's Christmas lights event – Saturday 2nd December

Everyone from the village is invited, please bring your best singing voices, lots of Christmas cheer and feel free to wear your festive best!

The feedback from last year was that residents really liked the low key, community feel of the event and importantly, appreciated the fact that it was free and non-commercial, so this is how we want it to stay. The Parish Council has a small budget, but all donations will be most gratefully received, the more money we have, the more goodies we can provide!

I am writing this in September, so some things may change, but the plan is:

Free arts and crafts in the Eco Hub from 2pm. Children can make a jam jar Christmas lantern (with battery operated tea light) to use in the procession to the Christmas tree or a glittery pine cone to hang from the tree. All materials will be provided, but adults must stay to help and supervise their children please.

At around 3pm we will walk to St Mary's churchyard with our lanterns to see the Christmas tree and sing some carols. We are hoping Santa might be able to pop along too!

Then everyone can walk up Church Street towards the Jannah, enjoying some free refreshments, goodies and games at the stalls along the way, until 4pm when there will be fireworks and the Christmas lights on the lampposts and the trees will come on (fingers crossed!) to a big cheer and more singing.

We ask for help with the following:

Volunteers to help with crafts and stalls, donations of jam jars and pinecones (collection box at the Hub) and general donations for the event to the Parish Council please.

Further information on the Parish Council website Facebook Page and Twitter nearer the time.

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St. Mary's Church, Gamlingay



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DATE : Friday 10th November 2017

PLACE : Church Hall. START : 7.30 pm COST : £4 per head

QUIZ MASTER : Ian Parker

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ALL WELCOME!



Continued from front page

Over 14,000 British pilots were killed in WW1, and more than half of these were killed while learning to fly. Consequently, halfway through the war there was a concerted effort by the RFC to improve pilot training, and John was to play his part as a flying instructor, at only 19 years of age. He was instructing a student in an RE8 at Stamford on May 25 1918 when the engine failed, and the aircraft side slipped into the ground, turning the machine over. John broke an ankle. He was not declared fit for flying duties until August 20 1918.

John's family have a number of interesting anecdotes about his flying experiences. John's mother lived at Manor Farm, opposite what is now the grounds of the Village College. This was an open field during WW1, and John would land here with a pupil to enjoy a bacon and egg breakfast with his mother at the farm, before taking off again to resume the training session. This happened a number of times before his CO found out and the inevitable dressing down prevented further landings. After the war, John became a surveyor, moving to Hull, before returning to Gamlingay, where he lived at 61, Mill Street. He died in 1953, and is buried in Gamlingay cemetery.

The third local WW1 pilot was Augustus Henry Orlebar, who was born in 1896. When he was around six years old, he moved into Tetworth Hall with his parents and three younger sisters. This began a close association between the Orlebar family and the village of Gamlingay that was to last over 50 years.

Gus was educated at Rugby School, and in 1915 took a commission as Lieutenant in the 1/5 Bedfordshire Territorial regiment. Later that year he took part in the Gallipoli campaign, where he was wounded by a sniper. It was probably while recovering from this wound Gus decided to apply to the RFC to train as a pilot. His application was accepted, and he qualified as a flying officer in September 1916.

He flew with 19 Squadron on the western front until mid 1917, and during this time gained his first two victories, bringing down two German Albatros D111 aircraft on May 23, and June 5 1917. He then spent several months based in Essex with 44 Squadron, protecting London from Zeppelin and Gotha bombing, before returning to the western front as Captain with 73 Squadron in December 1917.

On March 13 1918 while flying a Sopwith Camel, Gus Orlebar was credited with bringing down two more German planes, one of which was a shared victory when he and another aircraft brought down Lothar von Richthofen, brother of the notorious fighter ace, the Red Baron. Richthofen was wounded, but survived the encounter.

On March 23 1918 he shot down two more enemy aircraft, but the next day took a bullet in the leg while in a dogfight. After a period in hospital, he then joined 43 Squadron, and shot down his final enemy aircraft on September 29, 1918.

Gus Orlebar retained his contacts with Gamlingay after the Great War, and commanded the guard of honour provided by village ex-servicemen at the ceremony to mark the unveiling of Gamlingay's war memorial in December 1920.

After the war he had a successful career in the RAF, commanding the RAF's Schneider Trophy team, and finishing his career as Acting Air Vice Marshal. He died in 1943 and is commemorated on the WW2 section of the war memorial in Gamlingay church.

Over 200 men from Gamlingay took part in the Great War, and this is the brief story of just three individuals traced by the History Society. If you are interested in the history of our village, why not join us? Find out more at www.gamlingayhistory.co.uk and www.gamlingayphotos.co.uk.



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Villagers may have noticed four planters suddenly appear, over the last few weeks, at the signed entrances to Gamlingay village. These are the work of the Gamlingay and District Garden Club. It was the original idea of Geoff Kaye, who is a member of the Club, to enhance the village.

He made the planters from plastic wood to withstand damage and decay. There will be another 2 planters positioned over the next few weeks. The project was funded by the Turbine Tithe Fund, Gamlingay Allotments and the Parish Council

They have been planted with ivies, winter pansies, alliums, daffodils, artemisia and miniature grasses. The additional funding from the Gamlingay Allotments will ensure the plants will look good throughout the coming year. The Gamlingay and District Garden Club hopes that everyone will enjoy them.



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The Gamlingay Show 2017

A very wet and windy day didn't dampen the spirits of the hardy few that supported the Gamlingay Show this year who were able to enjoy the arena events, sample the wide variety of refreshments and visit the side shows and stalls run by craftsmen and local village organisations.

Josh, as our MC, did a fantastic job in introducing all our arena performers, promoting all the other activities happening at the show while Georgio entertained the children with a magical magic show. Musical entertainment was provided by Village College Vocal group and the Gamlingay Community Choir. Our younger ones enjoyed the wide variety of fairground attractions and had fun in the Zorbs.

Not only did Top Dog Training School run a hugely popular dog show throughout the afternoon and make a generous donation to show funds, they would like to wish a huge thank you to Johnny Johnson for judging. The classic cars, motorbikes and tractors attracted the usual attention from devotees and were joined once again by the Q-pods.

Sadly it was just too wet for the The Alice Lucas School of Dance to put on their performance but we had some new presentations in the arena from The Karate club & brilliant Beatbox presentation. Their performances were very much enjoyed.

The competition entries were sadly down in numbers from last year but our visitors were still able to appreciate the many different talents on display. If you have any suggestions for competition classes, especially from you children, then please let us know – we'd love to hear from you. And why not have a go next year? Special thanks go to our diligent judges and to Gwyn Williams, who painstakingly wrote out the certificates.

The Show also saw its second 5km fun run. The race consisted of 9 runners, which was almost a double in numbers from last year's event.

1st Ginny Jones - 30.37, 2nd Jessica Godfrey - 31.06, 3rd Becky Phillips - 31.30, 4th Mike Brettle - 35.13, 5th Gareth Saynor - 36.03, 6th Lucy Rands - 36.05, 7th Ted Bradshawe - 37.33, 8th Charlotte Morris - 38.42, 9th Emma Morris - 38.43.

A big thank you to all the volunteer Marshals widely located around the course and especially to Johnny Johnson for the use of his land for the event.

We are very grateful to Annington Homes as Show Sponsors and many thanks also to the donors of the fantastic raffle prizes and other helpers and supporters of the show: Gamlingay First School, Johnny Johnson, Maria Hope, Audrey Williams, Jackie Bruce, Adrian Semerene, Annington, 505 Private Hire, Liebherr, John O'Gaunt Golf Club, Pinewood Structures, Waitrose, Elephant & Feather, J Edward Bradshawe, Worboys, Saxon Leisure, Asda, Morrisons, Huntingdon Race-course, Honeycomb Photography, G & M Growers, Curwens LLP, Lovett Sales and Lettings, Mettler Toledo, and The Eco Hub.

Our Guides and their leaders helped on the gate as usual and other volunteers helped in so many ways.

We are very grateful to the Londis Store and the Eco-hub for acting as other collection points for the competition entries. Final thanks go to the First School for allowing us to use the school site!

The committee want to thank you all for your continued support of the show and it was looking like a really busy and fun-packed event on the morning of the event, but as you will know if you were there, we were hit by our worst show day weather on record. Numbers were considerably lower than expected and we had experienced some higher costs this year for putting on the show (for example St Johns not being available so having to pay out for private first aid cover).

This all means that regrettably the committee are not able to make any beneficiary payments this year which is a huge disappointment. However, we hope everyone will continue to support the event in 2018 to make it bigger and better than ever.

The small committee spend all year planning and organising this annual event but the show could not happen without the help and support of friends who turn up on Friday evening and at unearthly hours on Saturday morning to help set up and then stay behind afterwards to help to clear away - many thanks to them all. Do join in next year – please!

If you would like to join our committee, or have any suggestions for competition classes or ways we can improve next year's show, then please contact us at: gamlingayshow@hotmail.com

Hope to see you in 2018 as we celebrate our 25th year!

The Gamlingay Show Committee

Gamlingay and District History Society 2017-2018

2017

13 November; Gamarch, Digging for Gamlingay.

11 December; Xmas party & quiz.

2018

19 February; Liz Davis, The Kimbolton Hoard.

12 March; James Brown, More Gamlingay History.

16 April; Mike Petty, Vanishing Cambs, 1900-1940.

14 May; Margaret Badley, Lady Margaret Beaufort.

Gamlingay & District Gardening Club Programme of Events 2017

1 November Rodney Tibbs-Gardening
Then And Now

6 December Social evening and 34th
Annual General Meeting

Meetings are held in the Kier Suite at
Gamlingay Eco Hub starting at 7.30pm and
are usually held on the first Wednesday of the
month. Visitors are welcome – entry charge
£3.00

ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

AND

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December 2017

1pm – 5pm

We do hope that our community here in Gamlingay will once again join us at
St Mary's Church for this popular annual event.

Over the weekend there will be an opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of musical entertainment, browse
the craft and gift stalls, have fun on the tombola and
children's activities, enjoy the delicious refreshments and mulled wine.

We are also very grateful to The Brogan Group who have kindly agreed to sponsor this year's raffle and
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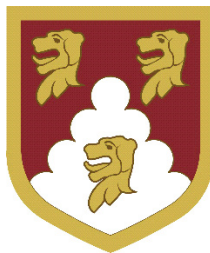
You could also 'buy a stall' for £10 a day to raise funds for your group.

In addition to all this, we will be holding our Christmas Tree Festival, on a theme of Christmas Carols,
and we hope that many individuals and village organisations will have fun entering a tree.

We are also very excited to announce that, once again, we will be having our Outdoor Crib which proved
to be a wonderful attraction last year. This year, the figures will be provided but will need 'dressing'
so offers to clothe Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, the Kings, the shepherds or the angel will be gratefully
received.

Please contact Andrew Smith on: andrewbsmith1@btopenworld.com to book a stall or claim a crib
figure! These will be on a first-come, first-served basis and so we look to hearing from you soon.
Final details regarding times and events will be in the December issue.

Best wishes from St Mary's Fundraising Committee



Waresley Cricket Club Huntingdonshire

Well, that season flew by – it hardly seems any time since we were just getting under way and now it's all over!

The 2017 season had some great highs mixed with a few lows, the saddest being the loss of long standing life member Peter Walker and Shirley Gillett, wife of John & mother of Phillip. On a brighter note, a number of our players were picked for county honours (both Huntingdonshire & Cambridgeshire) while our opener Nick Taylor played in the Varsity match at Lords (representing Oxford).

The 1st XI came back from a decidedly dodgy May & June (when they lost 8 games) to finish the season in fine form - winning 8 out of the last 12 to finish a very creditable 5th place in the Cambs & Hunts 1st Division. There were consistent performances from all players, especially our two Aussies, Michael Ninnemann (53 wickets) & Jack Anglberger (604 runs). The 2nd XI & Sunday XI both had challenging seasons and finished near the foot of their respective leagues despite some excellent performances and memorable victories – great efforts from skippers Terry Hayden & Peter Colebrook despite everything!

The real success story of 2017 has to be the colts. The U15's are County Champions, despite the fact that the side fielded 5 under 13's every week. Both U13 and both U9 sides finished second in their respective leagues. It was good to see two century partnerships for the U15s posted by Ben Winn & Jamie Baker, the fifth generation of their respective families to represent the club (going back the the 19th century!). 2017 was also the first year in which the club put together an all-girls team. In all, we had 117 colts registered with the club, with 30 newcomers to cricket through the new Allstars initiative.

Big thanks to all the captains, committee members, sponsors, coaches and team managers (especially Andy Donald) who helped make this season such an enjoyable and successful year for our colts & the rest of the club – big thanks too to our tireless & ageless groundsman, Roger Bullen.

The annual awards were handed out at the President's game in September:

1st XI Batting: Nick Taylor

1st XI Bowling & Catching Trophy: Michael Ninneman

Best 1st XI performance – Alex Scully.

2nd XI Batting & best 2nd XI performance: Dominic Farr

2nd XI Bowling: Ashwin Reddy

Sunday XI Batting & best Sunday XI performance : Jack Anglberger

Sunday XI Bowling: Dominic Ascroft-Walker

Best U18 player: Jamie Baker

Most Improved player: Ben Irish

Best Club Member: Jim Keys

Waresley CC Youth Awards 2017

Under 9 Wolves – league position 2nd, wins 8, losses 3

Player of the year – Ben Barrett 141 runs/no outs, & 14 wickets

Clubman of the year – Elliot Ratcliff

Under 9 Warriors – league position 2nd, wins 6, losses 2

Player of the year – Sam Tuke-Hastings 82 runs/3 outs, 6 wickets

Clubman of the year – Luke Lowten

Under 11 Wolves – league position 8th, wins 0, losses 5

Player of the year – Rylan Upton 34 runs/3 outs, 3 wickets

Clubman of the year – Josh Munns

Under 11 Warriors – league position 4th, wins 4, losses 3

Player of the year – James Petzer 151 runs/2 outs, 8 wickets

Under 11 Girls – wins 1, losses 1

Under 13 (8-a-side) – league position 2nd, wins 4, losses 2

Clubman of the year – Joe Life

Under 13 – league position 2nd, wins 6, losses 2

Bowler of the year – William Paul 11 wickets, av 4.6

Under 15 – **Champions**, wins 6, losses nil

Bowler of the year – Sam Noble 11 wickets, av 5.6

Clubman of the year – Ben Irish

Clubman of the year – Sam Baker

Player of the year – Olivia Paul

Player of the year – Josh Sibley 83 runs/5 outs, 3 wickets

Batsman of the year – Archie Jones 205 runs, av 51

Clubman of the year – Olin Kinsman

Batsman of the year – Jamie Baker 274 runs, HS 102*



Eco Hub, How Much

I really do feel that the correspondent in ~News from the Eco Hub (Aug 17 pg 9) is being disingenuous with his figures, as my understanding of his data is that the £11.28 refers to each adult and child. Therefore, based on his figures, I calculate that the average household pays £26.81, or 23.28%, of their Annual Parish Precept towards the cost of the Eco Hub.

Perhaps residents of the Parish might better appreciate the value of the facility if GCC regularly published figures showing how many used the Hub (less those on GPC business or using Library) with a breakdown of adults, children and whether they are resident in the village or the greater Parish (residents of which also pay the precept)?

C Jones (by email)

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Gardening Tips for November

by Karen Aitkins of All Green Landscapes Ltd

After a very mixed bag of weather that we call Summer we are now fully into autumn. As soon as we sweep up, the leaves are back again and the heady smell of rotting crab apples and mulching leaves and bark accompany us on our walks. Trees are giving up the last of their leaves before a long winters sleep. It's damp and can be quite dull but this is an important time for the garden, as it is ready to be put to sleep for the winter. The earth is soggy and heavy with fresh rain which makes digging laborious and hard work.

Where leaves have fallen then clear them, especially on pathways which could become quite hazardous. A good way to rot down your leaves for fertilizer is to stuff them into a plastic bag with pierced holes in. Make sure the leaves are wet or add water. This makes an excellent plant conditioner.

There is an increased chance of frost and the winds will feel quite raw blowing the last of the leaves free. Most plants become dormant but there are still a few plants that bloom through the winter. This is still a good time of year to get in new trees, shrubs and roses before the cold winter or to move existing ones. Protect tender new plants from frost. You can plant tulip bulbs now.

This is also a good month to do maintenance, clear out the shed and have a good tidy up. Get the lawn mower serviced and sharpened. Empty out all old pots and clean. Use a good garden disinfectant to clean everything you are putting away for the winter as this will deter parasites and infection for next year. Clean the bird tray and bath because this can also harbour parasites. Don't forget to keep feeding the birds but use a proper tray that's high up to protect from cats and deter rats. If you're going to have a bonfire, look out for hibernating hedge hogs. Repair fences, pergolas and trellises as there is less growth on them. It's easier to treat them now too.

On most deciduous trees prune away dead, diseased and damaged wood. Be very careful with cutting too much from your trees as over pruning weakens growth. Some trees bleed when pruned, that is give off a lot of sap so try to be economic with cutting unless your garden is over grown.

It is still possible to lay turf in this month unless the ground is frozen. Try to keep off the lawn if it becomes very wet or frozen as this damages the grass.

Insulate pots that are too big to take inside as roots are more vulnerable to frost than in the ground. Insulate by wrapping hessian sacking or bubble wrap around the base, this will hopefully stop the pots from cracking. Ensure pots are lifted off the ground for drainage.

Remove pumps from ponds and clean out the filters. Cut the growth around the pond and remove fallen leaves and debris from the pond as this will rot and become toxic for the fish.

Enjoy the fireworks and remember to keep all pets indoors.

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Historyman

Families of old Gamlingay



Gamlingay in the past has had many families that have lived, worked, played and grown up in the village for many decades and here we have a look at just some. Next year I plan to have a look at some them in more detail.

Also The Historyman is setting you the Gazette readers a task to pick three subjects for him to write about along with the usual collection of pictures, so lets have some subjects please, to the usual Gazette contacts on page two. Now let's get on with our Historyman for November.

Walter Cross driving David Cross in the front Passenger seat in a car belonging to the Wagstaff family of Potton.

The Cross family were a well known will a farm house in Mill Street with barns at the rear and a cherry orchard, c 1910.

Two sets of families from Block Bridge c 1940's, Mrs Grainger, known as Nan, Agnes Grainger, the children come from the Cook family then on the end is Mrs Elsie Cook.

The Ellis and Phillips families were well known in the village for many decades and lived in Merton Grange, here we see them at the Cinques in 1927 with the roads blocked through the heavy snows that year.



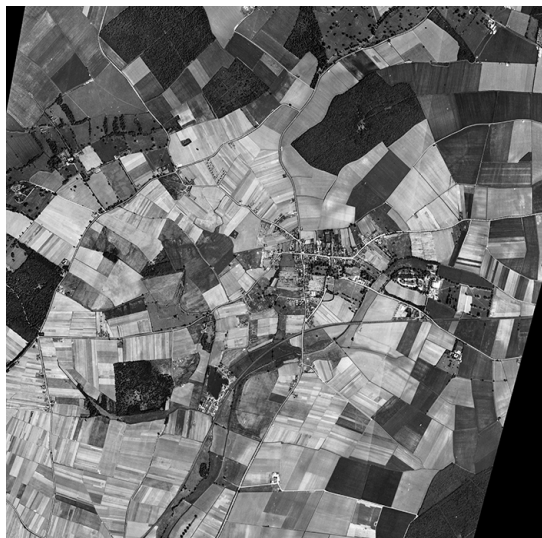
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The family were part of village life through many organisations especially the Women's Institute. They also kept a lovely photographic record of the village and surrounding area, with dates written on the back. The Arnold family are a old Gamlingay family and we see here Mrs Arnold with children Grace, Elsie, Doris and George.

Mr Webb at his house in Heath Road with his two children, Doris and Fred, The Webbs were a large family from the village in the early to mid 1900's.

Mr William & Mrs Sarah Hills c 1900

Archie Fowler on his motorcycle complete with gas lamps c1905



Picture Extra

The picture to the left is Gamlingay taken circa 1940 by the RAF and shows the field lines and how much the Village was set down to growing crops. In those days there wasn't any Green Acres, Fairfield, Grays Road, and all the other estates that have been built in the last 65+ years.



Carol Inskip emailed in about two old pictures we recently showed and she was able to add some names. The two pictures above, Carol was able to add the lady in the large hat was Glays Baker and next to her in the cap was her husband Arthur.

Then the British Legion Parade was to dedicate the colours and was attended by Legions from surrounding areas. They marched down Church Street and the Salute was taken by Mr Pym MP standing on the doorsteps of the large house opposite the Cock Public House. The March then finished with a celebration in the park where Charnocks Close now stands. Many thanks Carol.

The Picture Puzzler is close again this year with only one answer in it with two rounds to go.

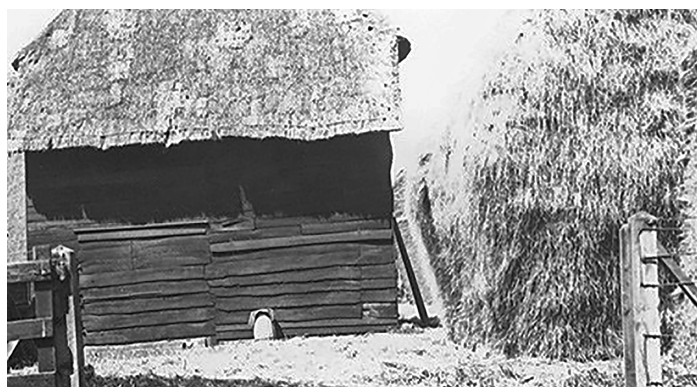
Let's see if you know where this barn once stood?

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Make sure you get your free flu jab

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Stock up your medicine cabinet

A well-stocked medicine cabinet can help you treat common winter ailments such as coughs, colds, sore throats and sickness bugs at home and will save you going out if you feel unwell. Ask your pharmacist about essential medicines to keep at home.

Keep warm

Keeping warm, both inside and outdoors, over the winter months can help to prevent colds, flu and more serious health problems such as heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia and depression.

Get the right help

Make sure you're receiving all the help you are entitled to. Learn how to make your home more energy efficient and take advantage of financial schemes to keep up with energy bills. Visit www.nhs.uk/Livewell/winterhealth/Pages/KeepWarmKeepWell for details. For further information on staying well this winter visit www.nhs.uk/staywell



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Roderick's Vegetarian Recipes

by Roderick Starksfield

Hairy Bikers Roasted Cauliflower Cheese

A delicious way to cook cauliflower, roasting brings out the sweetness, and the spices add a wonderful flavour. I have only made a few minor changes from the Hairy Bikers original recipe – I am not ashamed to publish this as it is so delicious. You could use any cheese, say Cheddar, but the melted Emmental and Gruyère make a gorgeous stringy topping – try not to get it on your clothes!

Ingredients

1 large cauliflower, separated into florets
glug of extra virgin olive oil
1 tsp salt
1 tsp ground black pepper
1 tsp ground cumin
2 tsp ground paprika
1 tsp fennel seeds, crushed
1 red chilli, seeds removed, chopped
2 tsp honey
1 lemon, zest and 4 tsp juice
100g/3½oz Emmental cheese, grated
50g/1¾oz Gruyère cheese, grated

Method

Preheat the oven to 190C/170C Fan/Gas 5.

Place the florets in salted, boiling water and cook for 5 minutes. Drain and place the florets into a large mixing bowl. Add the olive oil, salt, pepper, cumin, paprika and fennel seeds. Coat the blanched florets thoroughly. Add the red chilli, honey and lemon juice. Coat the cauliflower with the mixture again, being gentle to ensure the florets remain in tact.

Place the cauliflower into a large ovenproof dish. Roast for 15 minutes or so until golden-brown. Remove from the oven and sprinkle over the lemon zest and then the cheese. Return to the oven and roast until the cheese is bubbling and has a little colour. Serve.



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***Sunday 5 November
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***Thursday 2 November
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News from RSPB

The Lodge by Mark Brandon

November is generally the month when we really feel that winter has properly arrived, with dark nights quickly drawing in, leaves falling silently from the trees and the occasional soft bird call heard from the still woodland.

After the recent mild winters will we get any snow again this winter? It seems a very long time since we had a 'real' winter with frost and snow. The Lodge is a wonderful place to take a walk when we do get these conditions, so we'll have to wait and see.

November can be the start of a good period of birding at The Lodge, with migrant thrushes and finches descending in large numbers on the reserve to forage and feed up after their long journeys southwards. We will be eagerly hoping for crossbills to arrive. These conifer cone seed specialists have eruption years after good breeding seasons, when they appear in forest areas in small or even larger flocks. They can sometimes be found drinking at pools and puddles, as they get no water from their wholly seed diet, and when they are on site we occasionally see them around the edge of the hide pools.

Over the winter the warden will be arranging for work to continue on the new heath to clear the birch saplings that have grown over the summer. Every year we do this and the heather is improving. It is essential habitat work in creating the heathland we want to achieve.

You may be counting down the days to Christmas now, and The Lodge shop has a great selection of original cards, gifts, optics and clothing that make the perfect gifts for your friends and family of all ages.

Our shop team are looking for new volunteers to help them. If you'd like to join our friendly team, we are holding a recruitment day on Saturday November 25 between 11am and 2pm. Just pop into the shop and we'll see you there for a chat.

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) and has everything for people who love nature.

Our website, www.rspb.org.uk/thelodge, is the place to look for wildlife sightings and all the events you can enjoy here at RSPB The Lodge this year.

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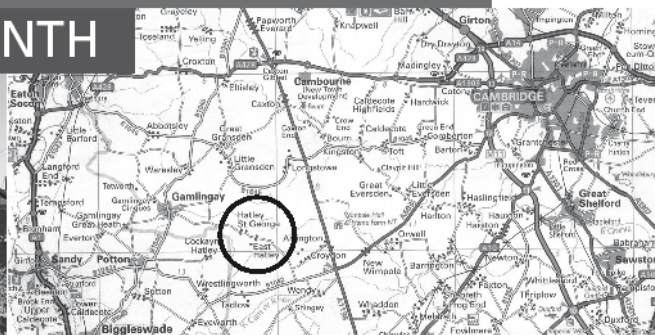
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Big band.

I love big band music either British or American and have done for many years. From the days when dad watch Ironside, Streets from San Francisco, Hawaii Five O and my favourite, title music to the film Bullit. What was this sound, I had to find out more, so I did by borrowing my dads records and trawling through to see what I liked then buying my own which back fired as dad pinched mine to listen to, so what is a Big Band? A big band is a type of musical ensemble that usually consists of ten or more musicians with four sections: saxophones, trumpets, trombones, and a rhythm section. Big bands originated during the early 1900s and dominated jazz through the 1940s.

Big bands started as accompaniment for dancing. In contrast with the emphasis on improvisation, big bands relied on written compositions and arrangements. They gave a greater role to bandleaders, arrangers, and sections of instruments rather than soloists. Typical seating arrangement for a 17-piece big band

Big bands have four sections: trumpets, trombones, saxophones, and a rhythm section of guitar, piano, double bass, and drums. The division in early big bands was likely to be two or three trumpets, one or two trombones, three saxophones, and a rhythm section. In 1930, big bands usually consisted of three trumpets, three trombones, three saxophones, and a rhythm section of four instruments. Guitar replaced the banjo, and double bass replaced the tuba. In the 1940s, Stan Kenton's band and Woody Herman's band used up to five trumpets, four trombones (three tenor, one bass trombone), five saxophones, and a rhythm section. An exception is Duke Ellington, who at one time used six trumpets. Boyd Raeburn drew from symphony orchestras by adding to his band flute, French horn, violin, and timpani.

The swing era

Swing music began appearing in the early 1930s and was distinguished by a more supple feel than the more literal 4/4 of early jazz. Walter Page is often credited with developing the walking bass, though earlier examples exist, such as Wellman Braud on Ellington's Washington Wabble from 1927.

There was a considerable range of styles among the hundreds of popular bands. Many of the better known bands reflected the individuality of the bandleader, the lead arranger, and the personnel. Count Basie played a relaxed, propulsive swing, Bob Crosby more of a dixieland style, Benny Goodman a hard driving swing, and Duke Ellington's compositions were varied and sophisticated. Many bands featured strong instrumentalists whose sounds dominated, such as the clarinets of Benny Goodman and Artie Shaw, the trombone of Jack Teagarden, the trumpet of Harry James, the drums of Gene Krupa, and the vibes of Lionel Hampton. The popularity of many of the major bands was amplified by star vocalists, such as Frank Sinatra with Tommy Dorsey, Helen O'Connell and Bob Eberly with Jimmy Dorsey, Ella Fitzgerald with Chick Webb, Billie Holiday and Jimmy Rushing with Count Basie, Dick Haymes and Helen Forrest with Harry James, Doris Day with Les Brown, and Peggy Lee with Benny Goodman. Some bands were "society bands" which relied on strong ensembles but little on soloists or vocalists, such as the bands of Guy Lombardo and Paul Whiteman. Teenagers and young adults were the principal fans of the Big Bands in the late 1930s and early 1940s. They danced to recordings and the radio and attended live concerts. They were knowledgeable and often biased toward their favourite bands and songs, and sometimes worshipful of famous soloists and vocalists. Many bands toured the country in gruelling one-night stands. Traveling conditions and lodging were difficult, in part due to segregation in most parts of the United States, and the personnel often had to perform having had little sleep and food. Apart from the star soloists, many musicians received low wages and would abandon the tour if bookings disappeared. Personal problems and band discord affected the group. Drinking and addiction were common. Turnover was frequent, and top soloists were lured by more lucrative contracts. Sometimes bandstands were too small, public address systems inadequate, pianos out of tune. Bandleaders dealt with these obstacles through rigid discipline (Glenn Miller) and canny psychology (Duke Ellington).

Modern big bands

Although big bands are identified with the swing era, they continued to exist after those decades, though the music they played was often different from swing. Bandleader Charlie Barnet's recording of "Cherokee" in 1942 and "The Moose" in 1943 have been called the beginning of the bop era. Woody Herman's first band, nicknamed the First Herd, borrowed from progressive jazz, while the Second Herd emphasized the saxophone section of three tenors and one baritone. In the 1950s, Stan Kenton referred to his band's music as "progressive jazz", "modern", and "new music". He created his band as a vehicle for his compositions. Kenton pushed the boundaries of big bands by combining clashing elements and by hiring arrangers whose ideas about music conflicted. This expansive eclecticism characterized much of jazz after World War II. During the 1960s and '70s, Sun Ra and his Arkestra took big bands further out. Ra's eclectic music was played by a roster of musicians from ten to thirty and was presented as theatre, with costumes, dancers, and special effects. As jazz was expanded during the 1950s through the 1970s, the Basie and Ellington bands were still around, as were bands led by Buddy Rich, Gene Krupa, Lionel Hampton, Earl Hines, Les Brown, Clark Terry, and Doc Severinsen. Progressive bands were led by Dizzy Gillespie, Gil Evans, Carla Bley, Toshiko Akiyoshi and Lew Tabackin, Don Ellis, and Anthony Braxton.

So that's all about my introduction into Big Band and my continued love for it.

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The picture on the left was in last month's Gazette and shows First School Headmaster with one of the pupils and we asked if anyone knew who it was. Gamlingay man Matt Norman contacted the Gazette to say the lad was his uncle Malcolm (Tubby) Norman who was Matt's Dad's Brother who sadly passed away when he was in his late 40's. Thanks Matt for getting in contact.

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Hatley Coffee Morning's first birthday

The Hatley Coffee Morning's first birthday was celebrated in style by villagers and friends with special 'Mad Hatleys' Tea Party' treats of cakes, cakes and more cakes.

The Coffee Morning idea was dreamt up a year ago by Linda Hudson and Mervyn Lack to help raise funds for the village – there's no set charge for anything, just a handy pot to drop in a donation.

Proceeds from the Coffee Mornings are split 50:50 between Hatley Village Hall and a village fund for use in East Hatley and Hatley St George.

On offer are coffee, tea, hot chocolate, toast and yummy cakes, which are happily scoffed by the 'clientele' – along with local chit-chat.

The next Hatley Coffee Morning is on Tuesday, 7th November, from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm in Hatley Village Hall on the Croydon to Gamlingay road.

Photo 1

Villagers and friends with the Hatley Coffee Morning organisers on 3rd October. Centre stage are Ann Hooley (in the blue lacy top and a really big help behind the scenes), organisers Linda Hudson and Mervyn Lack, super cake maker Sue Wright and Pam Offord – Pam regularly makes a chocolate cake for these Coffee Mornings, while Joyce Denby (by the window) usually contributes a very tasty lemon



drizzle and almond cakes. And not forgetting Peter and Pat Gouldson who always stay behind to help clear up and John Wright who made the sign boards outside and many special things inside.

Photo 2

Special 'Mad Hatleys' Tea Party' treats for the first anniversary of the monthly Village Hall Coffee Morning made by Sue Wright and Ann Roach.

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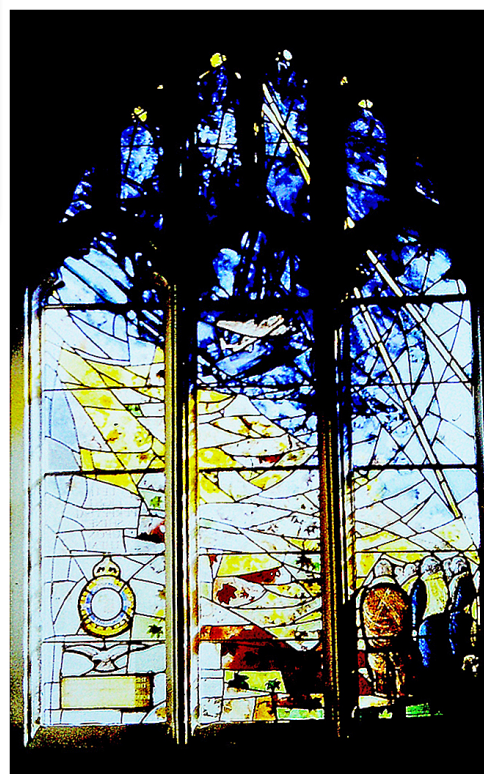
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Library open	Toddlers' story time and craft session	9.15am - 10.30am
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Library open		4.00pm - 8.00pm
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Tuesday

Library open	Board games	9.15am - 12.15pm
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Indoor Carpet bowls	Friendly group, just drop in and pay and play	1.30pm - 3.30pm
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Gamlingay Environmental Action Group (GEAG)	Kier Suite, Eco Hub Wednesdays	8.00pm
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Gamlingay Gardening Club	1st November Rodney Tibbs - Gardening Then & Now The Kier Suite, The Eco Hub. Guests £3-00	7.30pm
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Thursday

Library open		4.00pm - 7.00pm
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Youth Cafe and Club	Local children's group - Cafe YR4+ Club YR8+	5-15pm - 9-00pm
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Gamlingay Players	Small Friendly society who produce plays and pantomimes	8-00pm - 10-00pm
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Friday	Connect Cafe	10.00 am - 12.00pm
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Saturday	Library Open	9.30am - 12.30pm
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What's on in November

Gamlingay Allotment Gardeners Association GAGA	Members Secretary Bob Gordon 01767--651913 e bob.gordon22@talktalk.net
Gamlingay Parish Council	For information contact the Clerk on 650 310
2nd and 4th Tuesday each month	7.00pm Planning Committee meeting, Eco hub
2nd Tuesday each month	7.30pm Parish Council meeting, Eco hub
Hatley Parish Council	Contact the Clerk Kim Wilde 650 596 or email hatley-parish-clerk@hatley.info. Details on the website www.hatley.info or noticeboards
Monday	
Gamlingay History Society	13th November - Digging for Gamlingay - GamArch Room 2 GVC - 7.30pm - 01767-449886 / 651472
Tuesday	
Gamlingay Womens Institute	Held on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 7.30 at the Eco Hub Contact Jean York 650367
Gamlingay Writers	Please contact for full details emryssparks@gmail.com 3rd Tuesday of the Month
Guitar Club	Meets on every alternate Thursday. For further information call Geoff Bruerton on 650748
St Mary's choir practice	6.45pm choir practice open to all interested singers-The Church Hall or St Mary's Church
Guild of St Mary's	Church Hall 7:30pm, all ladies welcome 3rd Monday of the Month
Gamlingay Archaeological Group (GAMARCH)	Chris Tomsett - chairman 01767 650009, Julia Manley Julia.manley@anglia.ac.uk First Thursday of the month 7:30pm at the WI Hall
Bellringers	
Thursdays	7.30 - 9.00pm with John Boocock at St.Mary's, Gamlingay
Gamlingay Photographic Society	Fridays 8pm - 10.00pm Village College New Members welcome. Phone: 651025 Email: nickbruce7@btinternet.com website www.gamlingay-ps.org.uk 3rd November Competition 2 open - Judge Linda Woodward CPAGB 10th November An evening with Batman & Robin - Bernard Ormrod LRPS 17th Bits & Bytes - Naomi Saul ARPS, DPAGB, ASINWP, EFIAP, EAF 24th November - My Approach to Birds in Flight - Richard Coles LRPS, EAF
Gamlingay Community Choir	First Wednesday of the month 8 - 9.30pm Third Saturday of the month 10.15am - 12.15pm In the Kingspan Hall, Eco Hub Contact Jan Cooper 01767-650178

Pre school groups and education

Jelly Tots	Sarah Petch	07581393322
Montessori	Mrs Pat Jenkins	650 645 0771 4821 940
Rainbow Preschool	Julie Prior	652 157
Sunshine Preschool	Ann Wiseman	07703 770 676
Everton Preschool	Julie	07814 815 491
	Natalie	691 477

Carers Group	Bridget Smith	650510
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Sports

Waresley Cricket Club	Phil Masdin	01767- 221027
Bowls Club	Brian	651 020
Football Club	Chair:	651 020
Youth Team	Brian Culverhouse	
Junior Football School	Brian Culverhouse	651 020
Tennis Club	John Gray	654 165
Fitness Workshop		651 785
Breeze Ladies' Cycling	Gill Kitchener	650 035
Girls Football -MUGA email-nantmarg@hotmail	Nancy Kyle mail.co.uk	651785

Halls for hire

St Mary's Church Hall	Lindy Gorton	650 581
WI Hall	Parish Council	650 310
Social Club	Martin Hull	650418
Methodist Chapel	Parish Council	650 310
Hatley St George Village Hall	Weightmans	651322
Ecohub Manager	Shelley Aitchison	651226

Churches

Baptist Church	Linda Fraser	677 710
St Mary The Virgin, Church Warden	Chris Miller Jan Cooper	650779 650178

Schools

First School		650 208
Village College		650 360
First School Association	Via school office	650 208
Village College Friends Association	Village College	650 360

Youth groups

2nd Gamlingay Guides	Benita Scott	650 547
1st Gamlingay Brownies	Jane Brown	652 997
1st Gamlingay Rainbows	Helen Brown	449 043
Tinuwen Rangers	Irene Gray	651 212
Gamlingay Cubs	Steve Palmer	651 532
Gamlingay Gransden Cubs	Barry Jefferd	261 000
Gamlingay Scouts Thursday	Will Colebrook	07527 717463
Pathfinder Scouts Friday	Chris Elwood	07879 698477
Explorers	Phil Wood	01480
All meet at the Scout Hut		830 866

Youth Club		07929
Youth Cafe	Lucy Rands	453235
Gamlingay Young Lacemakers	Kay Palmer	651 532

Hobbies leisure and interests

Gamlingay Players	Hayley Parker	652 992
Bell Ringers	John Boocock	650 736
Gardening Club	Lindy Gorton	650 581
History Society e gamlingayhistory@gmail.com	Peter Wright mail.com	449886
Over 50's walks meet at Ecohub	Miriam and Phil Titchner	654 891
Booklinks	Kate Laugharne	
Friends of St Mary's	Philip Gorton	650 581
Ladybird Club	Mrs C Watson	650 707
St. Neots Model Railway club	John Kneeshaw j.kneeshaw@ntlworld.com	
East Beds Model Railway Society	Sec: John Wakeman wakemanpj@aol.com	

Photographic Society	Jackie Bruce, Secretary	651 025
Royal British Legion	Sebastian Kindersley	651 982
	Jackie Hough	651 070
Gamlingay Writers gamlingaywriters@gmail.com	Emrys Sparks	
Village Show	Amy Lovat 07843	527979
WI	Anne Clarke Jean York	651 932 650367
Guild of St Mary's	Liz Huckle	650 988
Music Club	Geoff Bruerton	650 748
Gamlingay Lacecaps	Pat Brunson	01480 385 351

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 Environmental Action contact@geag.org g.uk
 Group (GEAG) www.geag.org.uk
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 Association 07744074796
 Gamarch (Gamlingay Chris Tomsett 650 009
 Archaeological Julia Manley (secretary)
 Group)
 GamlingayCommunity Choir Jan Cooper-650178

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 Sensory Services 0345 045 5221
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 Education Transport 0345 045 5208
 Human Resources (recruitment line) 0345 045 5210
 Online Payments Support 0345 045 5211
 Streetscene
 (highways, transport and streets) 0345 045 5212
 Library Services
 (includes automatic renewals) 0345 045 5225
 Citizenship 0345 045 5155
 Family Information Service 0345 045 1360
 Education Welfare Benefits Service 0345 045 1361

Library Opening hours

Monday	9.00am-10.30am. 2.00pm - 8.00pm	Toddlers' story time and craft session 9.15am - 10.00am
Tuesday	9.15am - 12.15pm	Board games 10.00am - 12.00
Wednesday	12.30pm - 3.15pm	Free computer training (please book)
Thursday	4.00pm – 7.00pm	
Saturday	9.30am - 12.30pm	

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 Medical Transport 493701

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 Non-emergency Fire 01223
 376 217

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 Police

Community Police PC John Coppard 101
 email john.coppard@ cambs.pnn.police.
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 Web page www.gamlingay-pc.gov.uk
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