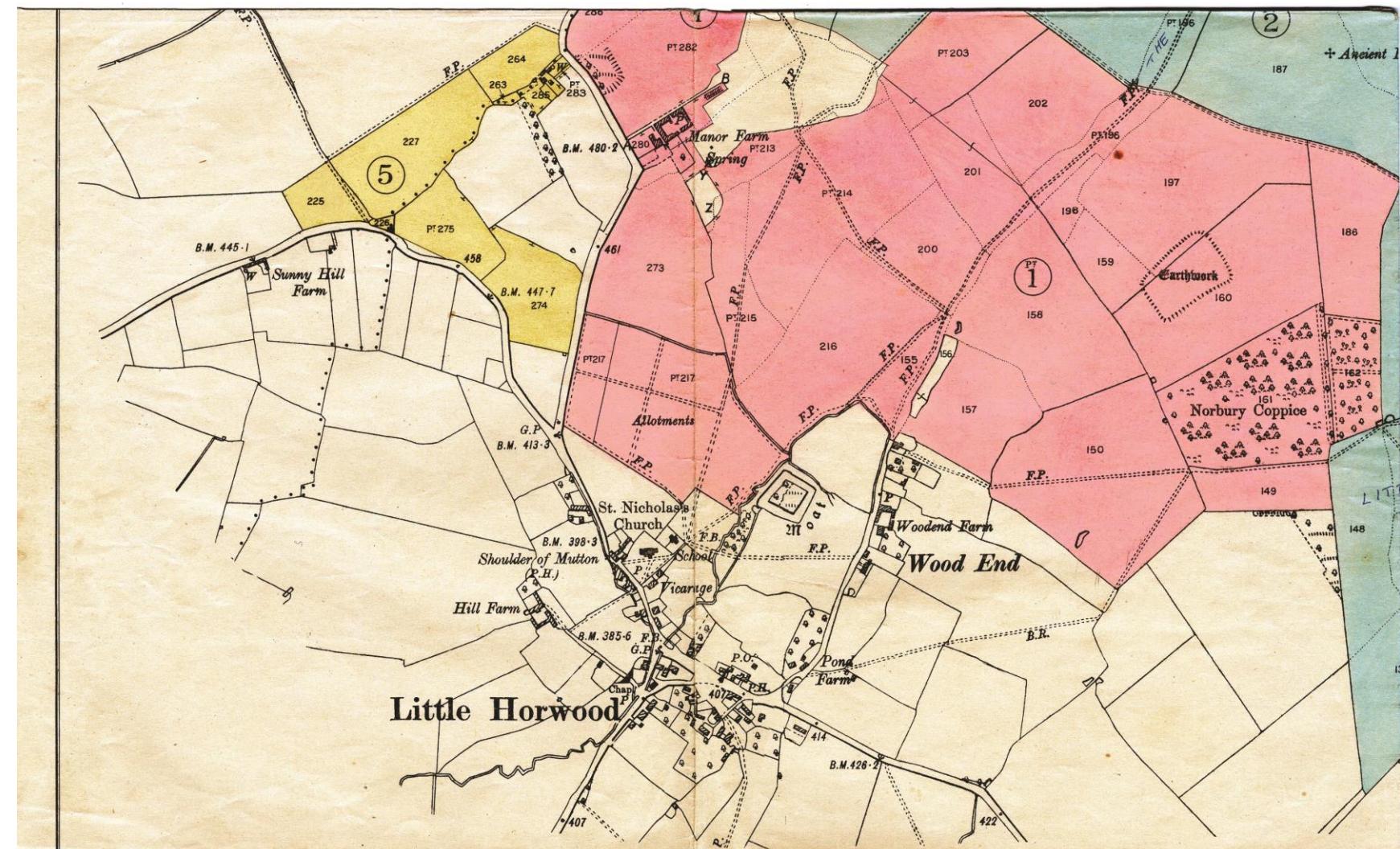


The Man who had more impact
on Little Horwood than anyone
in the history of the village

George Gee

In 6 short years of activity

Little Horwood map 1936



MESS^{RS} J. R. EVE & SON,
Chartered Surveyors,
40, MILL STREET,
BEDFORD.
HITCHIN & WESTMINSTER.

Scale
CHAINS 10
FEET 1000 500 0 500 1000

1943 The House of Lords

- The Archbishop of York
- The bells of 12000 Parishes have been silent for three years now except for the celebration of victory in Egypt
- The bells must be rung again now that fear of invasion has passed
(In Wartime bells were only to be rung as a warning that invasion had commenced)

1943 Little Horwood

- The biggest funeral St Nicholas Little Horwood has ever seen but without bells
- Attended by Italian Prisoners of War
- Land Girls
- Numerous War Agricultural Committees
- Whaddon Chase Hunt representatives
- Directors of Gee Walker and Slater in Derby and London
- National Pig breeders associations
- Chief Constable of Bucks and others in Society too numerous to mention

George Gee's Manor House Memorial stone

Plot A10 Mary Gee
1881-1971

Plot A11 George Gee
1888-1943

Plot A12 Francis
Norman Gee
1908-1951



Clues to his story left me by my father
Cowsheds built from bricks from the Adelphi
Theatre



The New Adelphi Theatre Built by George Gee in the 1930's

The streets run steeply
downhill to the Embankment
and the River Thames



George Gee was “Thick as thieves with Gambia Parry and the Whaddon Chase Hunt”

- Geoffrey Pidgeon in his book “The Secret Wireless War” states
- All the nations participating in the 1939-1945 conflict were involved in the secret wireless war to some extent.
- In Great Britain however virtually all aspects of it had connections with or were controlled by Richard Gambier-Parry



Brigadier Sir Richard Gambia
Parry KCMG
Head of SIS Communications
(MI6 Section 8)
1938 to 1946



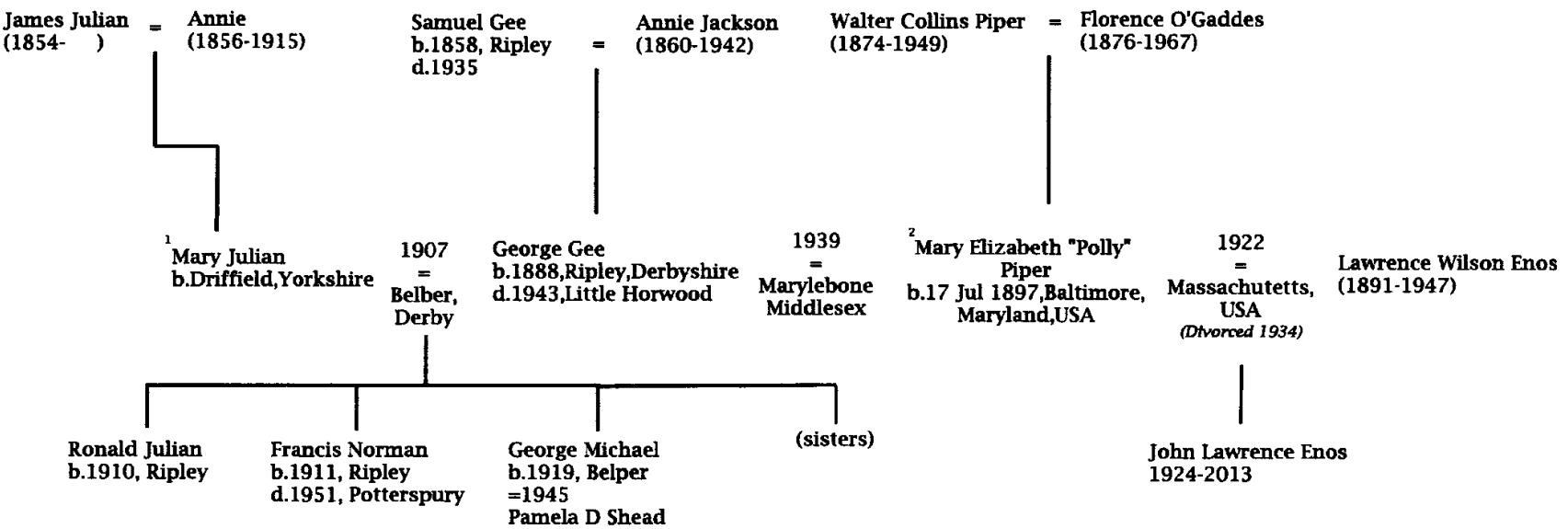
BBC Public Relations
Officer
1926 to 1931

Philco UK Sales Manager
1931 to 1938

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Who was George Gee

GEE Family



George Gee with friends



A GROUP INCLUDING MR. R. HANBURY BATEMAN, MR. GEORGE
GEE, MR. D. F. LITTLE, MR. E. MILLER AND MISS H. MULLINER



Mary Elizabeth Piper.

Polly Piper 2nd Wife of George Gee
Daughter of American Property
Tycoon "Family reported to be
Loaded"
Married George at Marylebone 1939

The Adam Brothers and the Embankment

When the Adam Brothers developed Covent Garden and the Embankment and the Adelphi Theatre it almost bankrupted them

In the 1930's the properties leading down to the Thames were slipping in towards the River.

George Gee had developed Hackney Marshes and was a master of Pile Driving to secure buildings, he had many developments in Leicester Square and other places to his credit.

I did a walking tour with Historic Houses experts to confirm that The Adelphi had been rebuilt as well as other buildings in the 30's and Pile driving had taken place to secure the buildings.

Back at Little Horwood it emerged that someone had bought one of the Manor Houses for £250,000 and sold and Adam Fireplace for £250,000

1937-1938 George Gee hired the White House Little Horwood as a hunting lodge for the season with the Whaddon Chase Hunt



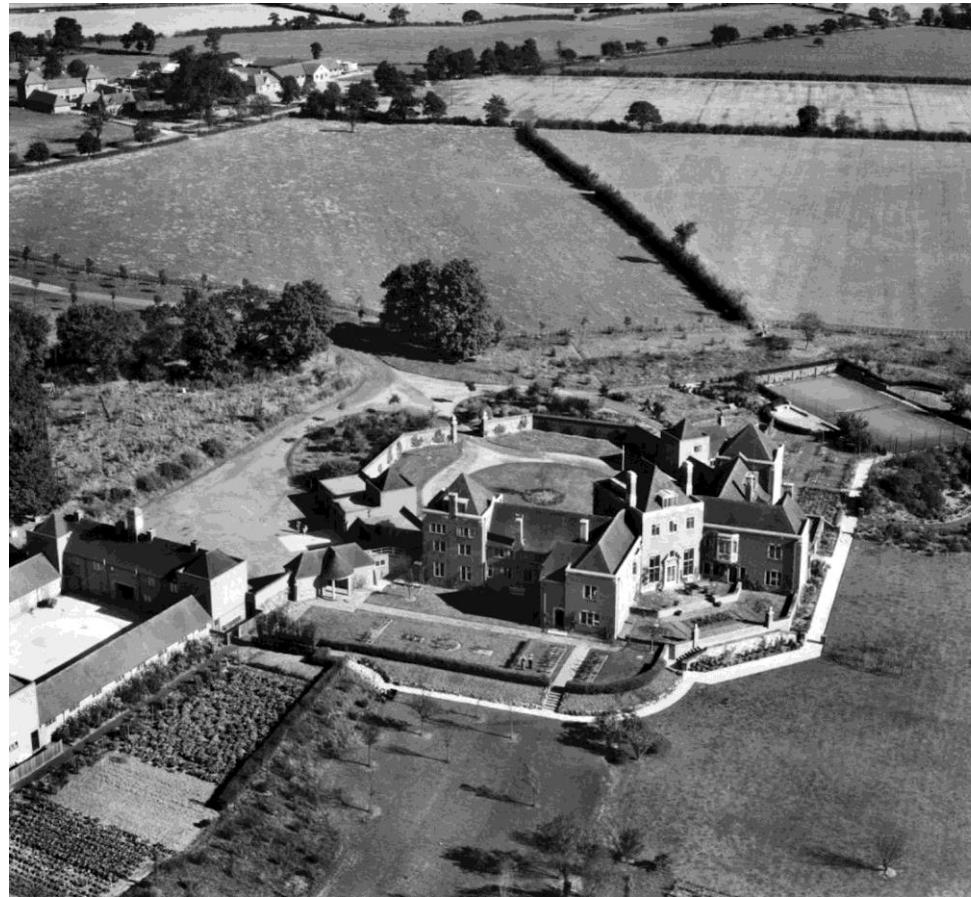
Gee bought over 1000 acres in Little Horwood and Creslow near Whitchurch and Wakefield at Paulespury on the A5

- State of the Art modern dairy milking parlours
- 3000 pigs
- He made a £1000 bet with Lord Rothschild that he would have a Manor House built and living in by the start of the following hunting season.
- Huge brick orders bound for London were diverted from Calvert brickworks via Swanbourne Station and Little Horwood.
- His Mansion had substantial stables later used as a base for Little Horwood Home Guard .
- Manor Farm had many buildings erected to be occupied by the Army Signals units (An outpost of Whaddon and Bletchley Park and on the payroll of MI6)

Manor Farmhouse was used as the Officers Mess and a huge Electricity supply pipe put in the middle of the house to be used by "Bombe" machines if anything happened to Bletchley Park



George Gee's Little Horwood Manor with Warren Farm in the background



Little Horwood Manor

Stables Block

Cottages and Bothy

Army Huts

Manor Farm House
And Guernsey Herd
Milking Sheds

Behind the trees
Vehicle
Maintenance Depot

Radio Manufacturing
Workshop



Top The Main Ayrshire Cowshed where cattle were brought in before milking

The Estate Office for the whole Estate of a number of Farms and behind the Granary where corn was lifted by a belt shaft up into the Silos for storage

Below the automatic milking parlour where cows were brought in from the main shed and milk automatically put through a cooler into the churns which were stored in a large walk in fridge



WARREN FARM
COWHOUSE



WARREN FARM
ESTATE OFFICE
AND BUILDINGS



WARREN FARM
MILKING PARLOUR

George Gee then built the airfield

- Land was requisitioned from the Bull family and others
- Existing crops were bulldozed and hedgerows flattened
- Train loads of rubble from London bomb damage sites were brought via Swanbourne station as foundations
- Supplies came from RAF Bicester via Swanbourne Station
- The airfield was mainly a training facility but many Wellington Bombers took part in large bombing raids.
- The gliders that the Oxon & Bucks infantry used to take Pegasus Bridge 6 hours before the D-Day landings were trialled here and frightened Ted Bull to death as they crash landed.





In Memoriam

George Gee

At Rest

Feb. 24th, 1943

Funeral Service

at

St. Nicholas Church, Little Horwood

Saturday, Feb. 27th, 1943

PSALM 23.

THE Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth
beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the
paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me: thy rod and
thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that
trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup
shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever.

THE LESSON.

HYMN 197.

THE King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His Shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy Cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a Table in my sight;
Thy Unction grace bestoweth;
And oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure Chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house for ever. Amen.

ADDRESS BY

MAJOR THE REV'D. GUY TEALE.

HYMN 165.

O GOD, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;

Beneath the shadow of Thy Throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine Arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the Same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home. Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS.

ORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation.
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory
of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy
Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

The Address by Reverend Guy Tearle Chaplain to the forces from St Nicholas Church Pulpit

- I have known George for 25 years
- George was a tremendous realist who was absolutely free from all selfish pettiness and selfish sham
- He intensely disliked fulsome flattery or extravagant eulogy
- A figure of tremendous personality and vitality whom God had given a brain as clear as crystal
- Many knew him for his genius as a captain of industry and a builder and architect, his grasp of public affairs and his generous support to agricultural science

Guy Tearle's Eulogy

- A big man in body , intellect and outlook ,free from that spirit of contempt which some men showed for men who were not so well endowed as they.
- He had a great sense of humour and his laughter was infectious but never in any circumstances had he heard him tell a lewd joke.
- His youngest son Flight Lieutenant George Michael Gee had been taken prisoner in April 1942 and could not be at his fathers funeral.
- (He subsequently escaped and after some 15 months behind enemy lines reached the Allied lines in Italy in December 1944)

The Sad Aftermath

- Georges elder son and executor Francis Norman Gee of Wakefield Lawn Potterspury had married Sheila Jackson-Stopps at St Georges , Hanover Square.
- Was Master of The Grafton Hunt and hunted with the Whaddon Chase
- Was found shot dead in woods on his Estate in Potterspury.
- Also had his funeral in Little Horwood in 1951 and is buried with his father under the Manor Stone memorial in Little Horwood Churchyard.
- His middle son Ronald Gee at Creslow also shot himself in 1953.Huge police searches with dogs and dragging ponds took place before he was found in the middle of a Stuke of straw. He is buried at Hoggeston.

George Gee's Legacy in Little Horwood

- Communities or Warehousing at the following:
- The Manor House. Stables and Lodges
- Manor Farm
- Warren Farm
- Hogpound Farm (Fernfield)
- Steart Hill
- Milk Marketing Board Breeding Centre
- The Aerodrome Ripe for Development
- All in 6 short years