

MIDDLETON FAMILY JOY WITH MoS



JUST GREAT: Gary Goldsmith at his club, celebrating the birth of his great-nephew George

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PURE CLASS: William and Kate acknowledge the crowds on Tuesday

there were old ladies walking faster – as I was driving the most precious cargo.'

That evening he and Julie-Ann dined at The Ritz. 'They put us on the Queen Mother's favourite table,' he says excitedly. 'They made a complete fuss of us. The sommelier came over and recommended their finest champagne.'

Meanwhile, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge spent their first night as parents at their home, Nottingham Cottage, while their new apart-

'We dined at the Queen Mother's favourite table'

ment 1A in Kensington Palace is being renovated. Since then they have been staying with Kate's parents, Michael and Carole, at their £4.85million Georgian mansion in rural Berkshire, signalling just how important a role the Middletons will have in bringing up baby.

The couple are, naturally, 'delirious and consumed by love for the baby'. And they are determined to make his first weeks – and months – as calm as possible. The nursery is decorated in neutral beiges and whites, lit by candles, and has gentle music playing in the background. Prince Charles and



the Duchess of Cornwall have invested in armloads of cashmere for the baby in shades of white and caramel – baby blankets, pointelle cardigans, mittens and hats from Scottish Royal warrant holder Johnstons of Elgin (they signed the visitors' book last month).

So far, only close family have visited the Royal couple: Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall and Carole and Michael Middleton dropped into the hospital, while Pippa, James and Prince Harry visited them on their first evening at home.

The Queen spent 30 minutes with the couple the following afternoon. Gary, Julie-Ann and Tallulah have yet to meet the new arrival, but Gary is looking forward to watching the next generation grow up.

'Carole herself did a fabulous job as a mother,' he says, 'and I am sure Catherine will too.'

'My sister was very attentive and brought up the children beautifully, instilling in them lovely values, which is hugely apparent. But I think she will let go now and let Catherine make her own decisions.'

'The role of a grandparent is very different from that of a mum. She will be there for her and be really supportive but she will stand back and won't interfere.'

'I am sure she will be the perfect grandmother.'

'Every role Carole has taken on she has excelled at so I am sure she will be brilliant at this too.'

The other George in new Prince's family

WHEN the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge named their newborn son George, historians speculated that he was named after the Queen's father, King George VI.

But the young Prince has another ancestor with the same name on his mother's side of the family – his great-great-uncle George Harrison. He served as a chauffeur to Second World War commander Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery.

His son John, a retired transport fitter, said last night: 'We are very proud that there is now a trickle of Harrison blood in our future King and even more thrilled he is to be christened George. It's such a meaningful name for our family.'

George Harrison was born in 1914, the youngest of nine children born to Kate's great-great-grandmother Jane, a domestic servant, and her husband John Harrison, a coal miner from County Durham.



NAMESAKES: George VI, top, and George Harrison

George married his wife Vera Toward in 1946 and had two children – John, now 65, and Susan, 60. He retired from his job with a large building firm in 1979, but died three years later of lung cancer aged 68.

John, who still lives in Houghton-le-Spring, Tyne and Wear, has vivid recollections of the Coronation in 1953. 'I remember watching it on my grandfather's black and white television,' he said. 'We were crowded into their small living room – my grandma and granddad, dad and mum, my sister and me.'

'I never imagined that 50 years down the line

their great-great-granddaughter would have married a Prince and given birth to a future King.'

'It was only because they moved south that she had the chance to mix in those social circles. I just hope I will be around to watch William's Coronation. It would be nice to see it this time in high-definition colour.'

Fred, Gladys, Cabbage... now meet MC and PC

THE Royal family love nicknames and Kate has now apparently been given the moniker MC (Mother Cambridge), while her baby is PC (Prince Cambridge).

The Royals have always had pet names for each other. Family and close friends still call the Queen by her childhood nickname, Lilibet, although Prince Philip is said



NICKNAME: George is called PC

to have his own private sobriquet for his wife – Cabbage.

Princess Diana often referred to Prince William as Wombat after she insisted on taking him on a tour of Australia when he was a toddler.

Even Prince Charles and his wife the Duchess of Cornwall have got in on the act – they are said to call each other Fred and Gladys.

Philip set to welcome new arrival at Balmoral

PRINCE PHILIP, the only senior member of the Royal Family yet to see George, will meet the new arrival at Balmoral next month.

The Duke of Edinburgh, who is at Sandringham recuperating after abdominal surgery, will join the Queen at the Scottish estate, while Kate and William are due to make a special trip there so Philip can

be introduced to his great-grandson. The Duke of York and his daughters Beatrice and Eugenie, the Earl and Countess of Wessex and their children, Lady Louise and James, Viscount Severn, are also expected to be at Balmoral.

The Wessexes will visit Kate's parents' home next week too as Lady Louise is keen to present George with a 'welcome' card.

Charles's shooting lessons

PRINCE CHARLES will teach his grandson to ride, shoot and fish and instil in him a love of nature, according to a university friend.

Broderick Munro-Wilson, who was at Cambridge with Charles, said: 'He will be a great grandfather. Once this

little boy gets going, he will be able to go riding at Highgrove, shooting at Sandringham and fishing at Balmoral.'

Prince Charles would also show George Highgrove's grounds, he added, and pass on his love of nature and gardening to his grandson.