

## The Goddard Association of Europe

### NEWSLETTER

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## SCHOOL TREAT

### Daniel Poole Goddard Again

This information, kindly sent to me by the Association's Research Co-ordinator Joan Dibble, originated as a very brief article in the *Morpeth Herald* for Saturday 8 December 1883 under the heading "School Treat at Belsay": "Through the liberality of Mr and Mrs Goddard of Belsay, the children attending the village school were on Friday entertained to tea in the school room. After tea games were indulged in, and the children having been presented with oranges, buns, etc., three hearty cheers were given to Mr., Mrs. and Miss I. Goddard for their kindness in contributing to the day's enjoyment." What follows illustrates what research can be achieved from small beginnings.

Belsay is a picturesque village in Bolam parish, Northumberland, on the river Blyth, just over nine miles south west of Morpeth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, with a population of about 260. I searched the 1881 census and found only one Goddard family, and a seemingly well-to-do one; I guess the type of family that would bestow treats on the local school children. In the part of that census for Belsay, living in Wood House, I found Henry Robertson Goddard aged 37, a Land Agent farming 352 acres and employing four men and two boys; also three indoor servants comprising a nurse, a cook and a housemaid. The family then consisted of Henry, who was born in Bristol, Agnes his wife and their three daughters, Christina Agnes Lucy aged ten, Ethel Annie Kennedy aged six, and Gertrude Mary aged three. The girls were all born in Bolam, Agnes in Newcastle. Henry had married Agnes White Kennedy

in the registration district of Newcastle-upon-Tyne in the September quarter of 1869. In the 1871 census the young couple are living in Northumberland, St Andrew District 17, in the home of Agnes' family. Her father is John F. Kennedy, a doctor in medicine, born in Paisley. With them is their first child Christina, and Henry is again given as a Land Agent aged 27 and born in Bristol. In the 1861 census he is only 17 and described as an Agricultural Pupil, born in Somersetshire, Bristol, and living in the home of a farmer, Joseph Lee.

And now the story gets really interesting. Henry's family are not from Bristol, Somersetshire, Gloucestershire or Suffolk but from Stepney, and over the decades of the nineteenth century criss-crossed the country a few times and, thanks to John of Fareham's magnificent database of events, I have been able to build a very comprehensive

family history. At the head of this family I have found Daniel and Mary Goddard. Assuming there were not two Daniel and Mary Goddards in Stepney, this couple were worshipping and registering at least twelve children at the Bull Lane Independent Church between 1772 and 1794. Sadly, as was usual for the time, not all survived. At some time the family moved to Ipswich in Suffolk. There is a death at the Tackett Street Congregational Church on 21 December 1813 of a Daniel Goddard aged 67. It is possible, but not confirmed, that this is 'our' Daniel; if it is, he was fathering children into his late fifties. I did not find a death for his wife Mary.

The child of Daniel and Mary that we are most interested in is Daniel Poole Goddard, the grandfather of Henry Robertson Goddard. [Ed.: See the leading articles in Newsletters 117 and 119 for earlier discussion on Daniel Poole Goddard.] Daniel was baptised at Bull Lane Independent Church, Stepney, on 15 December 1783 and before his twenty-third birthday married Lucy Haill on 14 August 1806 at St Mary le Tower, Ipswich and between 1807 and 1824 had, maybe, ten children, most of whom were baptised at Tackett Street Congregational Church, Ipswich; again, not all of the children survived. The child we are interested in from this marriage is Daniel Haill Goddard, the father of Henry Robertson Goddard, but more of him later. First let me elaborate just a little on Daniel Poole Goddard, a Brewer noted in Pigot's Directory to be in Orwell Place, Ipswich in 1830. He was a man of good standing in the town who became a Freemason, initiated into The Lodge of Perfect Friendship No. 376, Ipswich aged 41 in 1824. Daniel also had

## 31<sup>st</sup> AGM

The 31<sup>st</sup> AGM was held on Sunday 21 May 2017 at Meriden Village Hall, and was attended by seventeen members. The President welcomed all present, especially our new Canadian Co-ordinator, Janet Berkman. Several apologies for absence were recorded. The Minutes of the last AGM were approved and signed; there were no matters arising. Treasurer John presented his Accounts, duly examined, and these were accepted; should you wish to inspect a copy, please contact John direct (details on this page). Joan Dibble, our Research Co-ordinator, reported a more active year but was still available to help more members with their research (see page 7). The President read Malcolm's website report (see below).

The next item on the Agenda was the election of the Association's officers. Richard of Malvern, Denise of Solihull and John of Shrewsbury were re-elected as President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively; and John of Accrington and Malcolm of Brisbane were returned for a further three year term each on the Executive Committee. There was no other business. The date of next year's AGM was agreed as Sunday 20 May 2018, with the venue to be decided.

The President then presented the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial to Margaret McAplin in token of her long service to the affairs of the Association. Then followed an illustrated talk and update on the DNA project by Dr Denise Syndercombe-Court. The President thanked her for taking the time out of her very busy schedule and presented her with a Goddard plate in appreciation. The usual raffle took place, followed by tea and biscuits; my thanks, as always, to members who donated prizes.

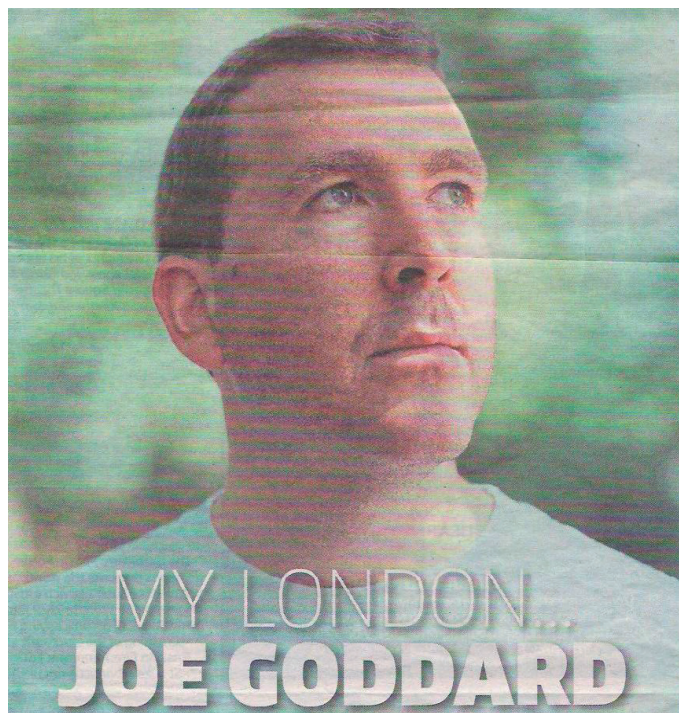
## WEBSITE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The GAE website continues to be popular with Goddard researchers worldwide. The site has on average 4242 hits per month (about 140 a day) during the last twelve months, with July 2016 being the peak month (7252 hits) and Wednesday 24 July (391 hits) being the peak day in that month. The most popular section on the website is the Military databases, and the most popular individual files are the Goddard Wills files, with 1858 hits on those two documents during July 2016. We are mostly getting hits from the UK, USA, Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, and the most prolific visitor coming from Hastings in New Zealand, this person having visited the website over 2900 times in the last twelve months.

*Malcolm of Brisbane*

## JOE GODDARD

I am grateful to Association member Kay Staniland for sending me a feature from the London *Metro* of 24 March concerning his views on the capital city by Joe Goddard, one of five members of the electronic band Hot Chip and, since 2009 with Raf Rundell, one of The 2 Bears musical duo. Growing up in Fulham, he



often frequented Soho where his father, a film editor, had an office. He now lives in Turnpike Lane, so still enjoys the City's night life. Does any member know anything more about him?

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