

## The Goddard Association of Europe

### NEWSLETTER

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#### LIEUTENANT JOHN LISTER GODDARD

##### Killed in Action on the Somme

1 July 2016 witnessed the first of many centenary commemorations concerning the opening of what was the bloodiest of all the many bloody battles on the Western Front during the First World War: The Somme. Almost 60,000 men were killed or wounded on that first day alone – said to be the worst day in the history of the British army – and the overall battle was to drag on well into the autumn – ‘141 days of horror’ as it has been described. My first cousin Lieutenant John Lister Goddard was one of its eventual victims, and in paying tribute to him we should remember all the hundreds of thousands of casualties on both sides in that futile conflict.

Lister, as he was known in the family, was the third son of Dr Charles Ernest Goddard OBE, TD, a Major in the Royal Army Medical Corps Territorial Force, and his wife Eleanor Lucy née Skelton, of Wembley, Middlesex. He was also the elder brother of the Association's first Patron, Air Marshal Sir Victor Goddard, KCB, CBE. Born on 28 October 1894, he was educated first at Keswick School and then at St George's School, Harpenden where he held the school record for the high jump and where Goddard House was subsequently named in his memory. He entered University College London in 1912 to read Medical Sciences and passed his First Conjoint the next year. Colleagues described him as “one of the cheeriest medicals of his day. Few men have been more generally popular.” He played for the Hospital Rugby Football team for two seasons.

He enrolled in the Medical Unit of the Officer Training Corps in November 1912. When the war



broke out he could not be persuaded to complete his medical course, but applied at once for a commission. On 22 September 1914 he was gazetted 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, Norfolk Regiment. In September 1915 he went to France with the 9<sup>th</sup> Norfolks, was mentioned in despatches, and subsequently promoted Lieutenant. He was killed on 15 September 1916 at the Quadrilateral near Ginchy. Of the sixteen officers of the battalion who went into this action, thirteen



were killed or wounded. Lister was actually on the German line and partly through the wire entanglements when he was hit. He was just six weeks short of his twenty-second birthday. At first buried near where he fell, as shown in the photograph taken by his eldest brother Cyril in March 1919, he is now commemorated at the Thiepval Memorial.

#### OBITUARIES

Association members will be saddened to learn of the death of one of our two remaining Patrons, Peter Goddard, the senior member of the Clyffe Pypard branch of the family and a familiar figure at recent AGMs, who died on 6 October at Great Milton near Oxford. We send our deepest sympathy to his widow Jane, and sons Tom and Rex. A full obituary will appear in next January's Newsletter.

It is also with the greatest regret that we have to record the deaths of three other members during the course of the past few months: Jeff Goddard of Perth, Mrs J.E. Bishop of Lymington and Mr J.T. Goddard of Chichester. To their surviving spouses and to all their family members we offer our condolences and sincerest sympathy at this saddest of times.

## ANOTHER SOMME DEATH

I am grateful to our Australian Co-ordinator Ian of Balcatta for sending on the following information which came to him out of the blue from an Arthur Naylor; the latter had researched it from a variety of sources and kindly felt it should be passed on to the Goddard Association in case any member claimed a relationship:

“Roy Arthur Spencer Mayo Goddard, Private, British Army, service number 26393. Roy Goddard was a son of Joseph and Anne Goddard (née Mayo). His birth was registered at Goulburn in 1893. His parents became residents of Parramatta. His name appears on two school Honour Boards, Pitt Row Public School, and Parramatta Superior Public School. It may be assumed that he attended both at some time. Roy Goddard had been working on a ship. He was in England when the war broke out. Australians could not enlist in the A.I.F. in England so he joined the British Army. He was a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The King’s (Liverpool) Regiment. There are few official records for Roy Goddard. The British forces saw action in Flanders. In May or June of 1916 [possibly earlier – see below] he suffered shell shock and grenade wounds. He was invalided to England for further treatment. After recovering he was sent back to the front line. He died in action, or of wounds, on 14 July 1916. He is buried in Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, France. His headstone does not refer to him as an Australian, nor is there mention of his family. Absent also is an epitaph by his family. His name appears on the Pitt Row School (now Parramatta South Public School) and the Parramatta Superior Public School (now Arthur Phillip High School) Honour Boards. His name is also on the Honour Board at the Leigh Memorial (Methodist) Church, Macquarie Street, Parramatta.”

Part of the above information was gleaned from an article in the *Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate* of 16 September 1916, under the heading “Another Parramatta Boy Killed”: “Mrs F. Clifford of Wentworthville is in receipt of advice through the British War Office to the effect that her brother, Private Roy Goddard, son of Mr and Mrs J. Goddard, late [Anne was still alive – see below] of Parramatta, has died of wounds received in France. He saw extensive service in Flanders with the British Exp. Forces. About three or four months prior to his death on the field he was the first time invalided to England, suffering from grenade wounds, shell shock and hernia, but recovered and was sent back to the firing line. At the time of the outbreak of war he was

in England, having been working on a trading vessel, and as the Australians were not allowed to enlist in England in the A.I.F., he considered it his duty to enlist with the B.E. Forces and do his share for his country. He has a brother, Mr Leslie Goddard, of Parramatta, now in England engaged in munition-making, and his brother-in-law. Sgt. F. Clifford, of Wentworthville, is in camp at the present time in the A.I.F. at Showground camp.”

Mr Naylor then lists the births for the children of Joseph and Annie Goddard: Alice M., birth registered at Goulburn 1889; Leslie, Goulburn 1891; Arthur R.S.M., Goulburn 1893; Cecil E., Granville 1899; Dulcie, Granville 1903; and Winsome, Granville 1911.

There follows a second extract from the *Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate* of 31 March 1917 under the title “Women’s Deaths”: “Mrs Anne Emily Goddard (47) passed away on the 26th March. She was a native of Goulburn, where she was married to Mr J. Goddard at the age of eighteen years. Her death took place at Lansdowne Street, Parramatta. She leaves five children, whose ages range between 6 years and 28 years.”

Mr Naylor then gives the history of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The King’s (Liverpool) Regiment from the outbreak of war on 4 August 1914 when it was stationed at Talavera Barracks, Aldershot. It joined the 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, was mobilised for war on 13 August and landed at Havre as one of the original components of the British Expeditionary Force. They were one of the first Divisions engaged in action on the Western Front and remained there throughout the war. In 1914 they were engaged in the Battle of Mons and the subsequent retreat, the Battle of the Marne, the Battle of the Aisne and the First Battle of Ypres; in 1915 Winter Operations, the Battle of Festubert and the Battle of Loos; and in 1916 the Battle of Delville Wood and the Battle of the Ancre in which Roy was killed.

So, does any member, particularly Australian, recognise this brave man as belonging to their family tree?

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## UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE

Devotees of this BBC 2 programme cannot fail to have noticed that Edinburgh fielded a Goddard as the fourth member of their team. Emily is reading Chemistry and comes from Wilmslow in Cheshire. Does any member claim her as a relative? Edinburgh beat Durham in the first round, so we will see her again.



## BEN GODDARD

I am grateful to Barbara Goddard of Brentwood for contacting me recently. She had attended her local theatre – the Queens Theatre, Hornchurch – for a production of *Made in Dagenham the Musical* which she very much enjoyed, and noticed that the Musical Director was a Ben Goddard. She kindly copied me the programme notes on his career: “Ben has Musically Directed countless rock ‘n’ roll shows in the UK and around the world. For the last fourteen years he has been working as MD for the New Wolsey Theatre Ipswich on productions including *Mods and Rox*, *Little Shop of Horrors* and many rock ‘n’ roll pantos. As a composer: *Midsummer Songs NWT*, a musical version of *Two Gentlemen of Verona* (Seoul), an original score for *Macbeth* (Barbados), and endless music for corporations worldwide. He is currently supervising the shows *Jackie the Musical*, *That’s Alright Mama* (no.1 tours) and arranged the music for the national tour of *Tom*, the story of Tom Jones. He is also the Musical Director at *Eastenders* (BBC). As an actor: Jerry Lee Lewis in *Million Dollar Quartet* (US national tour of the Broadway production, a part he created for the West End production); *Sunset Boulevard*; *Martin Guerre*; *Jesus Christ Superstar*; *Beautiful Game*; *The Mousetrap*; *Two Cities*; *Murderous Instinct*; *Spirit of the Man*; *The Good Intent*; *The Glass Menagerie* (Queens Theatre Hornchurch); *Over my Shoulder*; *Romeo and Juliet*; *Oh What a Lovely War*; *As You Like It*; *Hamlet*; *Much Ado About Nothing*; *The Good Companions*; *Cinderella*; *Kiss the Sky*. Television and film include: Tim Burton’s *Sweeney Todd*; Lt. Walton *The Somme*; *From Defeat to Victory* (BBC); Crispin Yates *Trial and Retribution* (BBC); Neville London *Bridge* (Carlton Television); Guy Bugs (BBC); *Demon Gulliver’s Travels* with Jack Black.” Clearly a very busy and talented man. Does anyone claim him as a relative?

## LAMPORT HALL

The *Country Life* magazine for 7 October 2015 carries a five page article on the historical development of Lamport Hall in Northamptonshire. Originally built in the Elizabethan period, it has been altered – sometimes extensively – both inside and out in every century since. In 1842 the reconstruction of a substantial portion of the exterior was undertaken at the behest of the owner by architect Henry Goddard of Leicester. Henry was the second in a line of six generations of Leicester architects from the late eighteenth century to the present day, and I refer you to Newsletter 16 for their history.

## NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the new members who have joined the Association since the last Newsletter:

Ms Joy Hanson-Killmier, 18 Swallow Court, Patterson Lakes, Victoria 3197, Australia.  
Mrs Christine J. Troke, The Old Court, 74a Kingsgate Avenue, Kingsgate, Kent, CT10

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## NEW MEMBERS FAMILIES

The information below is given to enable existing members to get in touch with new members who appear to belong to the same branch:

**Joy Hanson-Killmier** is a grand-daughter of Frank Elliott Goddard (1871-1941), son of Francis Goddard, born 1840, and Emma née Elliott of Christchurch, and grandson of George (1804-1886) and Mary of Salisbury and Tisbury, Wiltshire. Frank went to Northern Rhodesia after the death of his brother Ben in 1908 (see Newsletter 81 page 4). An older brother of Frank was the noted animal painter George Bouverie Goddard ARA.

**Christine Troke** descends from a London branch currently being researched. Percy G.G. Goddard, 1882-1953, was her grandfather and son of George P. Goddard, 1852-1939?

## RUE DES GODDARDS

I am grateful to Association member David of Shrewsbury for sending me this picture, which had been sent to him by a friend following a holiday on Guernsey. Although in French, it is interesting that



it uses the English as opposed to the French spelling of the surname, the latter having only one central ‘D’. His friend did not say whereabouts in Guernsey he came across it.

## WILTSHIRE RECORD SOCIETY – 16

Volumes 21 and 22 for 1965 and 1966 deal with the *Highworth Hundred Rolls 1275-1287*, and catalogue the administrative and legal decisions of its Hundred Court. The records are in medieval Latin. There are no references to Goddards in the first of these two volumes, but five in the second all relating to a Henry Goddard between 30 May 1284 and 5 February 1287.

## **RICHARD GODDARD OF NEWBURY – YET AGAIN**

I have written several times about the Richard Goddards of Newbury. Father Richard, born in Brimpton 1797-1875 and son Richard 1828-87. Richard junior took over the New Inn in the Cattle Market at the death of his father, after being in the police force for a number of years.

Friends recently drew my attention to a new book entitled *Newbury 365* by Dr Nick Young, which gives a story about Newbury for each day of the year, culled from local newspapers. Getting a copy of the book, naturally I turned to the entry for Goddards and found

### **NEWBURY BOROUGH POLICE COURT MONDAY JULY 22 1878**

It read

“Two men from the Quaker Burial Ground committed crimes on this day, appearing in court later in the week. Wiliam Lipscombe was found to be drunk whilst Charles Spanswick was not only drunk but also assaulted the landlord, Richard Goddard of the New Market Inn. Lipscombe was fined but Goddard was sentenced to 28 days hard labour.”

*Reading Mercury*

I found it difficult to believe that Richard Goddard, former policeman and fully conversant with the law as was shown in other cases, could have offended in such a manner as to have merited such a sentence. So did Sue Knight, Richard's great niece, who looked up the original source of the story.

### **NEWBURY BOROUGH POLICE COURT**

“On July 22<sup>nd</sup> William Lipscombe of the Quaker Burial Ground was charged with being drunk in that neighbourhood. He was found guilty and fined.

“On July 24<sup>th</sup> Charles Spanswick, living at the Quaker Burial Ground, was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the New Market Inn, and also with assaulting the landlord, Mr Richard Goddard, at the same time and place. The case was fully proved, and the defendant was sentenced to 28 days' hard labour.”

*Reading Mercury*

The author, Dr Young, has apologised for the error and says that he is bringing out anew edition later this year.

*Julie – from Newbury of course!*

## **GOLDEN WEDDING**

Warmest congratulations to Association member Margaret McAlpin and her husband Francis who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on 29 October. A trip to New Zealand explains Margaret's absence at the Executive Committee meeting!

## **GODDARD SHOEMAKERS**

This mosaic is at the entrance to a shop at 43 Old London Road, (London Street), Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, now a dress shop and, coincidentally, next door to a modern mosaic workshop. In Victorian and Edwardian times the shop had belonged to the boot and shoemakers Henry Goddard (1839-1929) and his son Ernest Templar Goddard (1872-1933). Henry had been born in Alton, Hampshire, the son of a master cordwainer. Having probably learnt his trade from his father, he moved to Kingston upon



Thames in the early 1860s where he married Amelia Wheeler from Surbiton, Surrey, in 1865. Their only son, Ernest born in 1872, had been preceded by three daughters. All were born in Kingston, which was where Ernest married Alice Maud Smith in May 1899. Henry died in 1929 and his son, Ernest T., in 1933. In 1953 Harry Ernest Goddard, the only known son of Ernest Templar Goddard and Alice Maud, is the executor of his mother's will and said to be a boat repairer, implying that this Kingston shoe business was closed by the time of his father's death in 1933.

*Brian of Newbury*

## **GOLFER AGAIN**

Fourteen year old Harry Goddard featured in the October 2014 Newsletter 112 as last of the ten qualifiers for the annual *Daily Telegraph* Junior Golf Championship played in Portugal in which he finished a most creditable fourth. He did not feature last year, but has qualified third out of twelve boys this year. The newspaper describes him as “the younger brother of England professional Lucy [who] returns to Quinta do Lago after qualifying in 2014.....the Hanbury Manor member came third in the McGregor Trophy and heads to Portugal after finishing second in the Faldo Series overall this month, earning him a trip to Vietnam next March.” The competition takes place between 31 October and 4 November.

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

While researching an article about an affluent and influential 19<sup>th</sup> century Staffordshire Goddard family of doctors, I came across a letter showing other facets of their lives and the darker side of the Industrial Revolution. I feel that this extract needs no embellishment. The original letter is at the National Archive at Kew and viewable on the web at: <http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/C10384281>

Letter from Joseph Lowndes, Clerk to the Guardians of the Wolstanton and Burslem Poor Law Union, to the Poor Law Commission, concerning the death of Abraham Tatton. Enquiries made indicate that no application for relief was made until 23 October 1840, when an application was made by Samuel Goddard, Medical Officer, although Tatton had been ill for a fortnight. The family had rejected Goddard's earlier suggestion that they should go into the workhouse. Immediately following the application, Elias Barlow, Relieving Officer, sent 20lbs of bread, and shortly after visited and provided wine and other necessities to the value of 2s 6d. On 30 October 1840 a further 20lbs of bread and wine value 1s was provided. On 31 October 1840 further wine was provided but Tatton died on Sunday 1 November 1840. A coffin was ordered by the relieving officer and the case brought before the guardians on Tuesday 3 November 1840 who confirmed the actions of the relieving officer and ordered outdoor relief for the widow, Elizabeth Tatton and children, 2s 6d in money and 16lbs of bread a week. The widow declined an order to enter the workhouse. Abraham Tatton had not had regular employment for 12 months during which period he had applied two or three times for relief when he was offered an order into the workhouse, he being able bodied, which was refused as he wished to keep the family together. The guardians are aware of a strong prejudice against the workhouse due to unfounded and exaggerated statements concerning its management, but they have the satisfaction of knowing of several cases where there have been beneficial results following the entry of parties into the workhouse where their needs have been met and they have left with the unfounded prejudices removed. – Statement of Elizabeth Tatton, widow of Abraham Tatton. Mrs Tatton confirms that her husband died on 1 November 1840 and states that he had been ill for about three weeks but up to that time had enjoyed pretty good health. By trade a potter, a plate maker, he had been out of work 12 months. – Just before he was taken ill he worked a day at Adam's, Greenfields, Tunstall and earned

2s 6d which paid the rent although at the time there was no food in the house. When Tatton's condition deteriorated Mrs Tatton's sister applied to Goddard to attend which he did until he died. Mr Goddard gave her a note for the relieving officer which resulted in the relief noted above being given. Relief had not been applied for prior to Mr Goddard's note as Mr Tatton and the neighbours said they would be taken into the workhouse as soon as they applied. There were no friends who could assist. Mrs Tatton is 27 years old and has three children, Joseph Tatton about five years, Mary Tatton aged about three years and Enoch Tatton aged about 12 months. Mrs Tatton has given up her house and is now living in lodgings with her mother, a widow, and is in receipt of parish relief. – Statement of Samuel Goddard, Surgeon. This confirms that Abraham Tatton died 1 November 1840 after being reduced to a debilitating state previous to the illness which was the cause of death. Goddard first visited him on 18 October 1840 and continued to do so until Tatton's death. He was affected by severe ulceration of his mouth, violent diarrhoea and great prostration of strength. He had suffered much through lack of food and had been three days without bread. Privations of this nature together with want of proper apparel and firing etc. and an ill ventilated dwelling were the remote causes of death. On his first visit he made clear the advantages of going into the workhouse but he was opposed; he then provided the note for the relieving officer giving details of the nature of the illness and the miserable circumstances. The following were prescribed, 'quinine with acid sulph', combined with opium and an allowance of wine, sage, etc. from which he derived some relief, but this did not prevent his death. It appears he received some sustenance from charitable relatives during the course of his illness.

Signed Samuel Goddard, Burslem, 12 November 1840.

*Brian of Newbury*

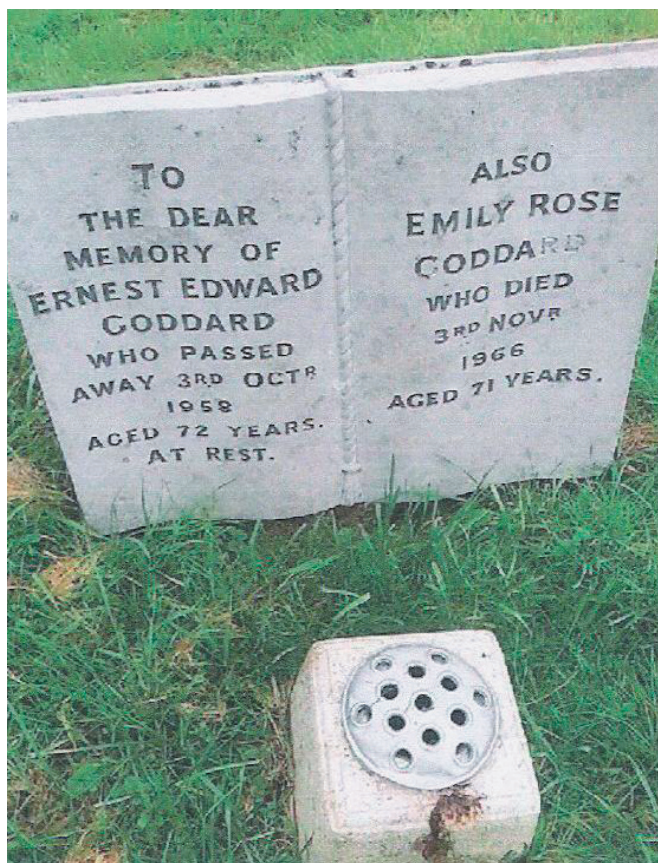
## ANOTHER FOOTBALLER

Association member Andrew of Shrewsbury was, to quote from his e-mail to me, looking "at the match report for Shrewsbury Town's dismal performance on the football field from last Saturday [1 October] and imagine my surprise to see my uncle [Treasurer John] had scored for the opposition! Is the mentioned John Goddard someone you are aware of? He might be a relation. I'll just check Swindon haven't signed an eighty year old centre forward!" Does anyone claim this latest professional footballing Goddard as a relation?



## SPEEN MEMORIAL

I am grateful to Joan Dibble for sending me this photograph of a memorial in the churchyard at Speen



near Newbury, sent to her by Michael Koppen. Does any member claim it as a memorial to members of their family?

## ANOTHER AUTHOR

I recently came across a slim book way outside my normal interests. Published by the Rolls-Royce Heritage Trust as Historical Series No.30, its title is *The Rolls-Royce Tay Engine and the BAC One-Eleven*. My eye was only drawn to it because its author is Ken Goddard. Ken, the Foreword tells me, "joined the [Rolls-Royce] company in 1960, initially in the Performance Department and, following a short break with Vickers, subsequently in the Preliminary Design Department until 1978. Ken was then appointed a Regional Sales Manager in Marketing before moving to a Product Strategy Group concentrating on the Tay engine in 1987. It was here that he became involved in the re-engining of the BAC One-Eleven, a programme which eventually came to nought, but the experience of which was useful in the subsequent successful launch of the Tay re-engining of the Boeing 727-100 package freighters. Ken was appointed Head of Marketing for Small Engines in 1994, retired at the end of 1996 and, in retirement, produced the manuscript for this book before the history was lost." Does any member claim relationship with him?

## RESEARCH WEBSITES – 6

I am delighted to attach another of John Goddard of Fareham's articles on research tools that less experienced researchers may not previously have come across, and to thank him for his effort:

Looking through past notes it was noticeable that there was no mention of one of the best free on-line search sites i.e. FreeREG2. If this is entered into your search engine (e.g. Google) a search page for Parish Registers is opened. The search engine is very simple to use and permits searches by Surname, Forename, First year, Last year, County, Place and Record type (Baptisms, Marriages and Burials). There are additional features available when conducting the search: these are Soundex on Names (sounds like), Family Members and Nearby Places. It is possible to search several counties at the same time. The records are available for England, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. It is recommended that FreeREG2 is used; an earlier version is available, but is not as well supported. A recent investigation showed over 23,000 Goddard (including Goddard Soundex) Baptism, Marriage and Burial records for English counties. Over 4,000 of these records are before the year 1699, and over 7,000 records for the years 1700 to 1799. It is good practice to select Soundex ON for early records. Records for variations of Goddard (e.g. Godard, Godderd, Godhard and Gothard) are relatively common for the same family over the period of a generation. This is especially true for earlier records. There is a wide variation in the number of Goddard records for different counties. Norfolk, Somerset, Staffordshire and Lincolnshire have exceptionally good coverage.

As an example, if you enter Goddard, 1820 to 1830, Leicestershire and Marriages with Soundex selected OFF, you will be given 13 results. One of these is for John Goddard and Ann Harris on 25 December 1823 at All Saints Church, Loughborough. Selecting details will give more information, in this case two witnesses, William Maslin and John Twells.

As another example, entering Goddard, Lincolnshire and Baptisms with Soundex OFF yields 26 results. One of these is Alfred Goddard baptised on 6 June 1902 at St John the Evangelist (New Clee), Grimsby. Selecting details gives the following additional information. Birth date 15 May 1902, father Alfred Henry Goddard, a fisherman, and mother Sarah Jane.

FreeREG is a companion project to FreeBMD and FreeCEN.

John of Fareham <johnogoddard@gmail.com>

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee held its 58<sup>th</sup> meeting at my house on Sunday 23 October 2016. Apologies were recorded for Margaret McAlpin, Malcolm of Brisbane and John of Fareham. The Minutes of the meeting on 15 May were approved and signed. There were no significant Matters Arising that did not appear on the Agenda for this meeting. Treasurer John gave an update on the financial situation, indicating that there were more members than usual whose subscriptions he was having to chase. He also lamented the number of e-mail addresses that were no longer recognised – a complaint that Research Co-ordinator Joan Dibble strongly echoed in her role of despatching Newsletters electronically. So another reminder: if, for whatever reason, you have to change your e-mail address, please be sure to inform any member of the Committee, but preferably Membership Secretary John of Accrington. Joan, in giving her brief report, said she was still available to assist any member with their research. Following the unexpected retirement of Canadian Co-ordinator Robert of Vancouver, the Committee wished to record their thanks for his support over the past eight years, and were very pleased to appoint Ms Janet Berkman in his place (see back page).

There followed a lengthy and frank discussion on the future of the Association. Richard indicated that of the nine members of the Executive Committee three were already in their eighties, three in their seventies (two of whom were not in the best of health), and only three under sixty. It was felt to be essential that we should plan for the future now, especially by urging younger members to come forward – if only at first to understudy one of the varying tasks that existing officers currently undertook. None of the roles were particularly onerous or time consuming, but continuity was essential if the Association was to survive. The need for increased publicity was also discussed.

It was confirmed that the next AGM would take place at 2.00pm on Sunday 21 May 2017 at Meriden Village Hall (see back page) with the Committee meeting in the morning. Full details would be given in a subsequent Newsletter.

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## ANGLER AGAIN

Ian Goddard, the long-standing and very successful member of the Malvern United Angling Association, has again won one of the club's more prestigious competitions, easily defeating his rivals. He has featured in four previous Newsletters (50, 59, 104 & 108), with his photograph in the last of these.

## FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

Joan Dibble has kindly sent me three articles from newspapers of a hundred years ago or more. The first is from *The Derbyshire Times* of Saturday 19 November 1898 under the heading "Drowning Fatality at Bugsworth": "A drowning fatality occurred at Bugsworth near Chapel-en-le-Frith on Saturday night. A young woman named Mary Goddard went to work at a house near The Park Forest Canal, which she left at dark for home. Not arriving there a search was instituted, with the result that her body was pulled from the canal at noon on Sunday. It is supposed she walked in to the canal in the dark. At the inquest on Monday a verdict of accidental death was returned." There is a death registered at Chapel-en-le-Frith in the December quarter 1898 of a Mary Ellen Goddard aged 25 years. I found a birth for Mary Ellen, again in Chapel-en-le-Frith, in the September quarter 1874. I feel it is probably safe to assume that this is the Mary who sadly lost her life. I checked the 1891 census and found the following: "1891 Census for Derbyshire, Chapel-en-le-Frith, District 9. William Goddard a Boatman (Bargee) born in Derby, Glossop, his wife Eliza was born in Cheshire. Mary E. is aged 16 and has siblings Abel, James, Lavinia, William, Eliza, Martha J., Elizabeth and John, who were all born in Chapel-en-le-Frith." Is this your family? Do let me know if it is.

The second cutting is from the Supplement to *The Manchester Courier and Lancashire General Advertiser* of 18 February 1882 under the heading "The Derbyshire Murder Cases". "At the Derbyshire Assizes on Saturday, Mr Justice Hawkins sentenced William Goddard, who was found guilty on Thursday of the manslaughter of his wife at Chesterfield on 28 January, to twenty years penal servitude. The prisoner was tried for murder, but the jury took a lenient view of the case." No clues here for me to easily follow this up. Does this William feature in your family history?

I'll end this quarter's From the Newspapers on a more genteel note. From Bury St Edmunds of 14 September 1749. "On Sunday 17 instant September a Charity Sermon will be preached for the Benefit of the Children in the Charity Schools, at St James's in the morning and St Mary's in the afternoon, by the Rev. Mr Goddard Rector of Fornham All Saints in Suffolk." I think this would be Peter Stephen Goddard, M.A., Rector of Fornham All-Saints with Westley in Suffolk, Chaplain to the Lord Bishop of Norwich, and late Fellow of Clare-Hall, Cambridge. Goddard, Peter Stephen, 1705-1781.

Joan Dibble



## NEXT AGM

I give you advance warning that the 31<sup>st</sup> AGM will take place at 2.00pm on Sunday 21 May 2017. On the old premise that you can't please all the people all the time we have chosen to go to Meriden Village Hall, 65 Fillongley Road, CV7 7LW. And where is Meriden and why have we chosen it, I hear you ask. It is approximately half way between Birmingham and Coventry and claims to be geographically the centre of England, so hopefully that will induce a better turn out than we had this year.

## MEDWAY MILITARY BAPTISMS

Cathy Goodwin recently sent me the five Goddards from two different families she has gleaned from the latest CD of the Kent Family History Society. Maybe one of the two 'belongs' to you but, as they are military, they may be out of county:

23 February 1896 William Thomas Crawford Goddard, son of Francis William Carsley & Margaret Elizabeth, of 69 Waterloo Street, New Brompton. HM Dockyard employee. 1901 baptised at Brompton Holy Trinity.

28 February 1897 Cyril Carsley Goddard, son of Francis William Carsley & Margaret Elizabeth, of 69 Waterloo Street, New Brompton. HM Dockyard employee, born 5 January 1897, baptised at Brompton Holy Trinity.

18 June 1899 Francis Edward Goddard, son of Francis William Carsley & Margaret Elizabeth, of 69 Waterloo Street, New Brompton, engine fitter, born 5 May 1899 baptised at Brompton Holy Trinity.

27 October 1901 Gladys Irene Goddard, daughter of Francis William Carsley & Margaret Elizabeth of 69 Waterloo Street, New Brompton, engine fitter in Dockyard, born 27 August 1901, baptised at Brompton Holy Trinity.

6 December 1905 Lionel Herbert Goddard, son of Robert & Rebecca, of Lower Chatham, Bksm Sgt O.L.I., born 3 October 1905. Baptised at Brompton Garrison Church.

*Joan Dibble*

## CANADIAN CO-ORDINATOR

The Association has a new Canadian Co-ordinator following the unexpected retirement of Robert of Vancouver, whom we thank for his eight years' support. She is Ms Janet Berkman of Toronto and her contact details are opposite. She is hoping to bring the membership list up to date and to collect any outstanding dues; and if you do not hear from her in the next few weeks, please help make her task easier by getting in touch with her yourself. We welcome Janet to 'the team'.

## DAME LOWELL GODDARD

In early August the child sex abuse enquiry was thrown into confusion when its third chairman, 67 year old New Zealand Justice Lowell Goddard, unexpectedly resigned with immediate affect after only eighteen months since her appointment. Only the previous week she had been heavily criticised both for the scale of her remuneration and for the time that she was spending out of the country, which may have been the proverbial straw which broke the camel's back. She herself cited her lack of a clear



understanding of some aspects of English law, the magnitude of the enquiry and its previous legacy of failure. "With hindsight it would have been better to have started completely afresh," she said. Two years into the enquiry there were already fears that it might last a decade, and this shock turn of events has done nothing to allay those fears. Subsequently she has been accused of racist remarks and incompetence, which she has strongly denied.

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