



## **The Goddard Association of Europe**

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## **JOHN D. C. GODDARD 1919-1987**

### **West Indies Cricket Captain An Appreciation by his Nephew**

John Douglas Claude Goddard was born on 21 April 1919, the son of Joseph Nathaniel Goddard and Wilhelmina, nee Hinkson, at the family home Sunnyside, Fontabelle, St Michael, Barbados, British West Indies. He was the youngest of ten children, nine boys and one girl: Cecil, Victor, Lawrence, Neville, Fred, Colin, Bruce, Daphne, Joseph and John. His father, Joseph Nathaniel, was a merchant who had been born as a poor boy in Clifton Hall Woods, in St John, Barbados. In 1890 he moved to Bridgetown to seek work and became a successful businessman.

In 1926 Joseph Nathaniel purchased Kensington Plantation yard with fifteen acres of land, a former sugar plantation in Fontabelle, and Kensington House was the Goddard family home for the next 65 years.

Kensington Cricket Oval on 4.5 acres of former Kensington Plantation lands bounded on Kensington House where John lived.

Pickwick Cricket Club, founded in 1882, was headquartered there. There was no fence and John, from the age of eight years, would be at Kensington Oval watching and playing sport. This brought him into contact with several legends of West Indian cricket like Tim Tarilton and Lionel Birkett; the famous Goodman brothers, Aubrey, Clifford, Evan and Percy; E.L. "Teddy" Hoad and the Challenor brothers, George and Laddy from Wanderers, arch rivals of Pickwick — all Colonial and West Indian players in earlier in days.

John attended first Harrison



College, and then The Lodge School, the latter as a weekly boarder, and came under the influence of Mr L.A. Walcott the. Boarding Master and Sports Master, who recognised his sporting skills and encouraged him to develop these. John played cricket, soccer, field hockey, tennis and athletics for the school, and represented Barbados in cricket and soccer from 1937. World War II intervened and only

Inter-Colonial cricket, known as the Goodwill, was played among Trinidad, British Guiana and Barbados in those years.

On leaving school he joined the leading firm of accountants, Bovell & Skeete, until 1948 when he joined the Goddard family business, J.N. Goddard & Sons, in sales and, in later years, in the supermarket.

John loved animals and had backyard stock, pigeons, fowls, dogs from an early age. In 1950 when he built his home at Wildey, Christ Church, he named it Farmlands and had race horses, milking cows, pigs, chickens, ducks, turkeys, etc. John was a farmer at heart.

He is most famous as the captain of the victorious West Indies Cricket Team that toured England in 1950 when England was beaten in the Second Test at Lords for the first time, and the West Indies were now considered world class cricketers. That team included the three Ws (Walcott, Weeks and Worrell) and the spin bowlers Ramadhin and Valentine. When they returned to Barbados a public holiday was declared, they were received by 15,000 as conquering heroes and John was lionised for his captaincy.

In 1948, when George Headley of Jamaica, who had been appointed captain of the West Indies for the 1947/48 England Tour of the West Indies, had to withdraw for health reasons after the first match, John became captain. John played 27 Tests for the West Indies and served as Captain for 22 of them, and player/manager in three. He was a left handed batsman and a right handed medium paced bowler. He was most outstanding as a fieldsman, be it on the boundary where his quick running and safe hands were useful, or fielding at silly mid-off,

close to the batsman; he was most intimidating to the batsman. In that famous Test at Lords in 1950, while fielding at silly mid-off to the batsman, the English batsman Gilbert Parkhouse was batting and smashed a ball with great power. The commentator said the ball had gone to the boundary for four runs, and in the same breath, "No, Goddard has caught him at silly mid-off. What a brilliant catch." In 1951 in Australia he also caught Neil Harvey in a similar brilliant catch in the silly mid-off position. He was exceptionally well co-ordinated between hand and eye.

Goddard played when cricket was considered a gentleman's game. The Captain was expected to pull his pocket and meet the expenses for much of the team's entertainment. The Goddard brothers rallied and supported John financially. What a change has taken place over the years, where today professional cricketers are over-paid demi-gods.

John with his friendly personality had a wide circle of friends he visited on his overseas tours whether in the Caribbean, the UK, New Zealand, India, Australia, and whom he entertained at his home at his own expense. He was particularly pleased to have the friendship of Sir Donald Bradman, the Australian cricket legend, with whom he exchanged personal Christmas cards from 1951 to 1986. John is held in high esteem in all those countries, whether the UK, India, Australia or New Zealand. It is only in the West Indies that his captaincy is seldom mentioned and, if so, in a derogatory light.

The MCC of Lords had invited John as their special guest to attend their bicentenary celebrations when he collapsed on 26 August 1987 at his hotel from a massive heart attack, and was dead on arrival at the hospital. He was 68 years of age.

The Goddard family originate from Staple Fitzpaine in Somerset, which is 8.5 miles south-east of Taunton. Captain Nicholas Goddard, who signed himself as a mariner and bondsman, was in Barbados c. 1637, and the Goddard family have remained here since. Nicholas' father, Henry Goddard, was a farmer and inn-keeper in Staple Fitzpaine.

*Richard of Barbados*

*Ed.* John's death was announced in Newsletter 8, his memorial gates at the Kensington Oval in Newsletter 12, and his contribution as a player of European origin from West Indies in Newsletter 58.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

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

Miss Liz Goddard, 104 Gostwick, Orton Brimbles, Peterborough, PE2 5XG.

Mr Murray Goddard, 7 Lee Andy Court, Ferntree Gully, Victoria 3156, Australia.

## **LOWESTOFT GODDARDS**

Just before Christmas I was in receipt of one of those rewarding letters that the Association gets from time to time. It came from former Association Secretary Dennis of York. He writes:

"I thought you might be interested in my good fortune arising out of your Newsletter No.79 of July 2006. Under New Members Families you refer to Matthew Goddard descended from Goddards of Lowestoft. Virtually I had no history of my family other than I understood they also came from Lowestoft. So – realising it could be a long shot

– I wrote to Matthew. His response has been overwhelming! He has phoned me at length from the USA, where he is at present, to tell me about our family. We share the same great grandparents and grandparents. But the amount of information and the detail of his personal researches is almost unbelievable. He has now sent me a most detailed account of our family from early 1800s right up to the birth of my father in 1902. He refers to relatives I did not even know existed! He has even produced studio photos of my grandparents. My grandmother died before I was born, my grandfather when I was very young; so I did not know them personally. In fact these are the first photos of them I have ever seen. I am sending you this note to share with you a very pleasant happening."

Dennis hopes that Matthew may 'go public' with his researches, and so do I. Perhaps there are other Goddards out there who may also believe they have Lowestoft connections.

## **GODDARD GOLFER AGAIN**

Junior amateur golfer Luke Goddard has been in the news yet again. The winner, as you may remember, of four top junior titles in 2006 – the McEvoy Trophy, the Sir Henry Cooper Junior Masters, the South-East Junior Championship and the Bernard Darwin Trophy – he was selected to play in the Junior Orange Bowl International, which began at the Biltmore Club in Florida on 27 December. Unfortunately I have seen no follow-up report so assume that he did not do very well; but, at eighteen, he is clearly a name to watch for the future.

## **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:

**Liz Goddard** is descended from a Wootton Rivers, Wiltshire, Goddard family.

**Murray Goddard** is the son of the late Alan Goddard of Victoria, Australia.

## FROM SILCHESTER TO NEW ZEALAND

Previous Newsletters (11 & 70) have told of the family of James Robert Goddard, a carpenter from Silchester in Hampshire where the 2007 AGM is to take place. James Robert moved to London to work and there married his wife Sarah in 1849 in Kensington. He and his wife then moved to Doncaster, perhaps to work on making railway carriages, with their son William Robert, born in 1850 in Marylebone. In Doncaster Evangeline Sarah was born in 1854 and Louisa Ann in 1855, but their mother must have died around this time for James Robert returned to London and married Louisa Rou", in Greenwich in 1859. James Robert and Louisa and their eight children left England for New Zealand in 1874, but the three children from James Robert's first marriage remained in England.

Since getting involved in Goddard research I have wondered occasionally what happened to these children, especially the unusually named Evangeline Sarah. Advances in putting records of Births, Marriages and Deaths on line on [www.freebmd.org.uk](http://www.freebmd.org.uk) have meant that questions such as this can be partly

solved. Newsletter 70 revealed that William Robert Goddard, born 1850, was living in Chelsea, 3 Cadogan Square, working as a farrier. He had married in 1877 and had two small sons. I looked for Evangeline Sarah in freebmd and discovered that sadly she had died in Kensington in 1866 aged 13. Louisa Ann Goddard is a more common name and I expected more difficulty in finding what happened to her. If she had died, I had no date or location for her. So I tried looking for her marriage, reasoning that she must have been over 16, but had probably married before 1874 when the rest of the family emigrated or she would have gone with them. The marriage of Louisa Ann Goddard at St Saviour's Church in Southwark, in the September quarter of 1873 seems

a likely answer. One would have to obtain the marriage certificate and verify all the names, but possibly I have solved the puzzle of what happened to James Robert's children.

Does any member recognise themselves as one of the children of William Robert Goddard, farrier of Chelsea? William Robert junior was born in 1878 and his brother John Henry in 1881. Is one of these your ancestor?

*Julie of Newbury*

## ESTATE AGENT

Watching BBC 1 on 13 September 2006, Jennifer Walker saw an interview on mortgage repayments given by a Jez Goddard, an estate agent from Cardiff. Does any member know of this Goddard?

## MORE SILCHESTER GODDARDS

As we draw nearer to this year's AGM, which is to be held on Saturday 19 May in the Calleva Arms at Silchester near Basingstoke, more Silchester Goddards are in the news. Sadly, Nora Goddard, the penultimate member of the generation of Silchester Goddards born in the last years of the nineteenth and early years of the twentieth centuries, was buried in the Goddard plot at St Mary's Church, Silchester, on 26 September 2006. Nora was the wife of Thomas, the youngest son of Arthur James and younger brother of Stephen William. Nora was in her one hundredth year and sadly died in Basingstoke General Hospital following a road accident. A service was held in the Wessex Christian Foundation church in Basingstoke, which was attended by relatives from Hampshire, Essex and Leicestershire. Following the service, Nora was interred in Silchester and mourners then attended a wake in the Calleva Arms. A picture of Nora at the Calleva Arms appeared in the October 2005 Newsletter. On a happier note two days before the funeral, on 24 September, another member of the family, Louisa who is the only surviving child of Robert Ford Goddard, builder of Tadley, reached

the age of 101. She is still in reasonable health, although blind and deaf a suffered a stroke after a fall several years ago. I bought a birthday card and took it to the Executive Committee meeting in October for members to sign.

*Stephen of Buckhurst Hill*

## SWINDON TOWN GARDENS

An article from the *Swindon Evening Advertiser* of 29 July 2006, kindly sent to me by Jennifer Walker, refers to the opening of the Swindon Town Gardens on 9 May 1894. Described as one of the town's greatest legacies, it was authorised by the Old Swindon Board of Health as one of its last acts, and converted from redundant quarries on land owned by the Goddard family. The rain stopped just in time for the opening ceremony, which took place at the bandstand and was conducted by the chairman of the Old Board. In the evening there was a dinner for one hundred guests at the Goddard Arms, but the lord of the manor, Ambrose Lethbridge Goddard, sent his apologies on the grounds that evening meetings affected his sight. The Gardens are still in existence, though only two of the original features survive — the bandstand and the pond, although the latter was originally oval. The Gardens were extended in 1902 and later on a rustic bridge and a refreshment kiosk were added. They continue to play host to a variety of events as well as giving the people of Swindon a great deal of pleasure.

Few families can have quite as macabre a story to tell as new member Chris Smith, two of whose Goddard ancestors suffered horrific deaths in Africa.

Benjamin Noble Goddard was one of the younger sons of Francis and Emma, who farmed near Christchurch in Hampshire, and grandson of George and Mary of Salisbury. Ben was born in 1878 and in the early years of the 20th century emigrated to Northern Rhodesia. There he ran a cattle farm but also hunted elephant for ivory. 100 years ago there were no ethical or conservationist considerations, except on the part of the elephants! Ben was out trying to bag his 100th elephant when he was charged and bowled over by an enraged cow elephant. Instead of spearing him with her tusks, the animal stood over him as he lay on his back, lifted a forefoot above his face and stamped on him. Fortunately he was able to turn his head aside and only suffered losing part of his cheek. The cow left without further harm but this experience shattered his nerve. Nevertheless, after he recovered, he was determined to achieve his target of 100 elephants before giving up hunting for good.

On Boxing Day 1908, at the age of 30, Ben was again confronted when hunting and, for the first time in his career, fled. This time he was overtaken by the charging elephant and killed outright by the animal's tusks. His African bearers buried him on the spot. But that night the herd returned and hacked at the grave. They failed to reach the corpse, which had been buried too deeply. The Africans insisted that the elephants were wreaking vengeance for the animals he had killed, but these had all been from different herds, so a more likely explanation is that of pure rage.

However, there may be some truth in the old adage that elephants never forget, because some few years later Ben's younger brother Jack was also chased by an enraged elephant. He was cycling in hilly country when he saw in front of him in the long grass what he thought was a large ant-hill but in fact was an elephant blocking the path. He was free-wheeling downhill too fast to stop and had to fend himself off the animal with his hand as he wobbled past. The elephant trumpeted angrily and gave chase, whilst Jack pedalled furiously up and down the undulating countryside. Before long Jack was running out of steam and the elephant was gaining on him at every upward slope. Finally, at the bottom of one valley was a stoutly built timber bridge across a stream. Jack leapt off his bicycle and dived under the bridge, wedging himself between two of the heavy cross beams in mid-stream. The elephant stopped and

Jack felt its trunk probing around his back as it tried to wrinkle him out. He was so tightly curled up and wedged that the animal wasn't able to get a grip on him. After some futile attempts the elephant crossed to the other side of the stream and repeated its efforts, still without success. Then it mounted the bridge and tried to get at him from above by removing the decking. It soon abandoned that idea and after several terrifying squeals of rage a complete silence fell. Jack had no idea where the animal was or what it might get up to next. He was extremely uncomfortable and after a while cautiously crept from under the bridge in time to see the elephant's rear disappearing back along the path. His bicycle lay where he had abandoned it but, intentionally or not, had been well and truly trampled. It later transpired that the elephant was protecting its calf, which explained the reason for its anger and persistence.

Jack, christened John Rupert, a younger son of Francis and Emma, had gone out to Southern Rhodesia where he initially joined the police force. Later he bought land in Northern Rhodesia near his older brother's former farm and eventually became a livestock inspector for the Veterinary Department of the Northern Rhodesian government. His brother Ben's 'death by elephant' was not as dreadful, however, as his own. Jack's death certificate rather starkly states the cause of death as 'killed by a lion', but a letter written at the time sets out the full horror of the situation.

On the night of Tuesday, 28 January 1936 two man-eating lions killed a dog at Jack Goucher's Camp in the Rufunsa Valley, near Lusaka. On the following morning Jack Goddard arrived and together with Goucher and a man called Bunny Caldwell, set gin traps on the dead dog, knowing that the lions would return to their kill. They expected that the lions would also tackle the government cattle that were kept there. Jack Goddard and Bunny Caldwell were sleeping in Goucher's dining hut separate from the other buildings. This hut was built of poles and thatch with walls about four feet high, surrounded by a verandah with a bamboo trellis edge and having no doors. At 10 p.m. on the Wednesday night they retired to bed under mosquito nets, Jack sleeping on one side of the dining table and Caldwell on the other, both with shotguns leaning against the table and Caldwell's torch on the table. At about 11.30 p.m. Caldwell was awakened by a terrifying scream and, thinking that Goddard was having a nightmare, called out to him four or five times with no answer. He sat up in bed and saw to his horror a lioness

crouched on the verandah with its head in the dining room entrance. He grabbed for his shotgun but found the table overturned and no gun or torch to hand. Goddard's scream must have masked the sound of the table falling. The lion must have knocked it over when he grabbed Goddard, who was a powerfully built man weighing over 200 pounds. Caldwell wasn't able to see Goddard's mosquito net and, realising what had happened, shouted for Goucher, "Jack, Jack, for God's sake come quickly, Goddard has been taken and there's a lion crouched at the door ready to spring." After he had shouted a few times the lioness cleared off and went past Goucher's hut, hitting his door with its tail. The lion had taken Goddard by the head and dragged him with sheets, blankets and mosquito net about twenty yards from the hut. They found the blanket and net some yards away, saturated with blood and when Goucher stepped forward with a lamp the lion started to growl menacingly and feinted as if meaning to charge. Goucher took aim and fired at the lion which cleared away, badly wounded. They looked for Goddard's body but couldn't find it until next morning. His left hand was found close by, minus fingers and thumb and later in the day the body was discovered without the head, the buttocks eaten and the left arm gone right from the shoulder. The following day his skull was found, all the head and face eaten, not even the hair left. The lioness, after passing Goucher's hut, had gone straight to the lion and taken the body, leaving the wounded lion to act as rearguard. It had lain down in several places, leaving pools of blood. The lioness was hunted and wounded at close range with a muzzle loader and, with no further news or sightings of her or the lion, it was confidently assumed that both were dead. Jack Goddard was buried by Caldwell and Goucher, who hadn't a prayer book so they said the only words they knew, The Lord's Prayer, as the burial service.

Nine days later Bunny Caldwell wrote the letter detailing the events in which he commented, "I have never had such a terrible experience in all my life, even during the Great war. Although it is now nine days since the tragedy, it seems like an eternity and I can repeatedly still hear the poor fellow's terrifying scream. My nerves have gone through hell, but I am feeling O.K. I think the lions must have frightened all the rheumatics out of me."

In a much later postscript to the story a writer to the Northern Rhodesia Journal recalled the old Afrikaaner theory that anything white scares off a lion and wryly commented that "Perhaps Goddard's mosquito net was not very white."

Ben Goddard's farm and estate passed to his

mother who sent a third brother, Frank Elliot Goddard, the eldest of the family, to run it. He also had experience of Africa and had fought in the Boer Wars. He later sold the farm and bought another near Abercorn which he named 'Dorset Farm', probably because of his mother's origins in West Parley, near Bournemouth. Frank and Jack married Lucy and Malita, two daughters of Chief Chitimukulu. Frank died of natural causes in 1941 near Abercorn (now Mbala, Zambia) at the foot of Lake Tanganyika. Jack Goddard's double-barrelled shotgun, which he had leant against the table on that fateful night, was later given by Frank as a wedding present to his daughter's husband for her protection. It is now in the possession of member Chris Smith, Frank's grandson, who has provided the information for this article.

*John of Accrington*

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### LOST AIRMAN

Under the heading "Help me to track down airman", a letter from Colin Lee in the *Swindon Advertiser* of 30 August 2006, kindly sent to me by Jennifer Walker, asked the readers to help him track down the family of the late Flight Sergeant Ronald Goddard 1315463 who came from Faringdon. He served as a navigator flying on Halifax bombers with 51 Squadron before being posted to 635 Squadron flying on Auro Lancasters. It was on 30 March 1945 that he was sadly killed in a flying accident while on a training flight. He was aged 21 and married to Betty Gladys Goddard. Colin Lee can be contacted at 380 Selsdon Road, South Croydon, Surrey, CR2 7AD, or by telephone in the evenings on 0208 688 4982 if any members can help.

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### SPACESHIP GODDARD

The billionaire founder of Amazon.com, Jeff Bezos, founded another company called Blue Origin in 2000. This one was for the purpose of developing a vertical take-off and landing vehicle capable of taking ordinary paying passengers into space. Indeed, there are a number of such companies, including one of Richard Branson's, engaged in the race to do the same thing. Mr Bezos has recently released footage shot on 13 November last year at a remote location in Texas, showing the first launch under his New Shepherd programme. The vehicle, called Goddard – presumably after Robert Hutchings Goddard, the rocket pioneer, and which looks like a cone standing on four legs – took off, rose for nearly three hundred feet, and then made a controlled landing again. Clearly there is a great deal more development to be carried out, but it is hoped that commercial flights might start in 2010.

## GODDARDS PIES AGAIN

Or not again as the case may be. I am grateful to both my son and David of Kew for spotting an article in the *London Evening News* of 10 November announcing the sad news that the shop at 45 Church Street, Greenwich, would be closing. The shop's notice said: "We are sorry to say that Goddard's Pie House will be closing on 12 November 2006. We would like to thank all of our customers over the years for their custom and support. Please check back in Easter 2007 for more pie and mash news. We will be back. Jeff and Kane Goddard."

The original business was opened by Alfred Goddard in Evelyn Street, Deptford, in 1890. He passed it to his sons, Bob and George, in 1936 and they opened the current shop in 1952 to coincide with the arrival of the Cutty Sark. After a couple of years Bob took on the Greenwich shop while his brother remained in Deptford. In 1972 Bob retired and passed the Pie House to his eldest son, Dave, and his wife Pam, who in turn introduced their sons, Jeff and Kane, the current owners. Dave died in 1990.

Jeff, now aged 38, has worked for the business since he was eighteen. He said: "It has been a very hard decision and a pretty emotional time. Our customers seem pretty gutted and a fair few are angry with us and keep saying that we can't close. But both Kane and I have very young children and we found that running the business was encroaching on family time too much." Running such a business was becoming increasingly difficult: supply problems, higher rates, gas and electricity costs going through the roof. But the clinching factor was being made an offer by a burger chain that they could not refuse.

However, the brothers are not turning their backs on the pie industry completely. Jeff said: "We're going to downsize to focus on the function side of the business. We'll sell pies to some shops and you'd be surprised how many people want a proper cockney wedding with pie and mash for the meal." Let's hope we hear more about them in the future.

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## OBITUARY

The Association is very sorry to record the death on 19 May 2006 of Alan Wardlaw Goddard of Ormond, Victoria, the longest serving of our Australian members and one of the earliest members of the whole Association; we had previously recorded the death of his wife a year ago. We offer our sincere condolences to his family. We are delighted to learn that his son, Murray who also lives in Victoria, has decided to take up his father's membership, and we therefore offer him a warm welcome.

## TAXI DRIVER

Retiring in 2006 was Cirencester taxi driver Tim Goddard of Cricklade who, at 72, decided it was time to relinquish the wheel after 26 years on the job. He had driven several well-known people, the most notable being James Bond star Sir Roger Moore. I am grateful to Jennifer Walker for the cutting that gave me this information.

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## FROM LANCASHIRE TO KENT

New Executive Committee member Joan Dibble has found a stray Lancashire Goddard in Kent, and I am grateful to her for the following information in case anyone has 'lost' him.

1891 census for Hunton, which is near Maidstone in Kent. West Lodge: Peter Goddard Head Mar. aged 65 Gardener domestic servant born Lancashire, Fallowfield; Susan Goddard Wife Mar. aged 44 born Kent, Horsmonden;\* Peter A. Goddard Son. S. aged 15 Gardener domestic servant born Kent, Hunton; Walter Goddard Son aged 14 Scholar born Kent, Hunton; Archibald Goddard Son aged 12 Scholar born Kent, Hunton; Emily Goddard Daugh. aged 10 born Hunton, Kent.

1881 census for Hunton in Kent. Entrance Lodge: Peter Goddard Head M. aged 55 Gardener (domestic servant) born Lancashire, Fallowfield; Susan Goddard Wfe M. aged 34 born Kent, Horsmonden; Peter Goddard Son aged 5 Scholar born Kent, Hunton; Walter Goddard Son aged 4 born Kent, Hunton; Archibald Goddard Son aged 2 born Kent, Hunton; Emily Goddard Daugh. aged 10 months born Kent, Hunton.

1871 census for Hunton in Kent. Forge: Peter Goddard Head M. aged 45 Gardener domestic servant born Lancashire, Fallowfield; Jane Goddard Wife M. aged 52 born Lancashire, Manchester; Elizabeth Goddard ser<sup>y</sup> (no relationship given, but presumably daughter) aged 15 Domestic servant, born Kent, Yalding. Joan could not find any more about Elizabeth, but she did discover that Jane was buried on 29 September 1872 at Hunton (information from Hunton registers).

1861 census for Hunton in Kent. West St. Lodge: Peter Goddard Head M. aged 35 Gardener domestic servant born Lancashire, Fallowfield; Jane Goddard Wife M. aged 42 born Lancashire, Manchester; Anne J. Gorton Niece aged 10 born Cheshire, Stockport.

1851 census Peter not found.

1841 census Peter not found, but research co-ordinator Peter of Toronto has discovered that Peter Goddard married Jane Bramall in Manchester in the June quarter of 1846.

## A GODDARD BY CHOICE

This story was told to me by my doctor at my local hospital and I thought you might like to relay it on to members of the Goddard Association. A German Jew with a German name escaped Germany at the start of the Second World War, only on his arrival in England to be interred for being a German. After some time the authorities realized that being a Jew he was no threat to England and released him. On his release he decided to change his name as he never ever wanted to go through the experience of being interred again. The Judge who released him was Lord Chief Justice Goddard, so the man decided this surname was the one he wanted. The ending to this story is, the gentleman who now was a Goddard went on to work as an interpreter for the war office and ended up helping capture Nazis who persecuted the Jews!

*Alan of Weymouth*

## PHARMACEUTICALS

There are many big companies in this important and developing field. One of them, AstraZeneca, has been expanding considerably over the last few years. In an article from the *Sunday Telegraph* of 14 May 2006, kindly sent to me by Jennifer Walker, detailing further expansion, the managing director indicated that he had recently created a new post to manage the company's licensing strategy in a move to find new medicines to sustain its growth. And the man chosen to take on this job is John Goddard, who was previously the chief financial officer for the company in the USA; he will, however, be based in the UK.

## INSURANCE BROKER

I am grateful to Australian co-ordinator Ian of Balcatta for informing me that Association member Paul Goddard of Bangalee in New South Wales has recently been elected as President of the National Insurance Brokers Association of Australia. He says that whilst this is an honorary position Paul has the responsibility of representing thousands of insurance brokers throughout Australia, and that he is a passionate and tireless worker for the industry. Our warmest congratulations to Paul. .

## RECTOR

A friend travelling in the Caribbean has sent me a photograph of a board of rectors in the Parish Church of St Andrew's at Scarborough in Tobago. The incumbent from 1826-28 was A. Goddard. There have been 38 rectors in the last two hundred years, an average incumbency of only just over five years, possibly due to inability to cope with the climate. Is anyone aware of this cleric as an ancestor?

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## MODERN ARCHITECTURE

The *Daily Telegraph Magazine* for 2 December 2006 carried an illustrated three page article on the house in Leicester of Association member Herald Goddard, formerly export manager for the family Silver Polish firm, and I am grateful to both Julie of Newbury and my younger daughter for drawing my attention to it. Designed by a firm of London architects – much to the dislike of those in Leicester, no doubt including the famous Goddard practice (a different branch) – the house was built in 1953 and received a Grade II listing from English Heritage in 1998 when it was described as "one of the first houses in England to be inspired by American open planning". Either liked or loathed – certainly more of the latter in its earlier days – even fifty and more years on it still seems almost to be ahead of its time. The house was built in the grounds of a Victorian property owned by his grandfather and was originally surrounded by fields; well maintained, it continues to hold Herald's collection of art, particularly ceramics. The article concluded, the house 'Is now celebrated as a supreme achievement of modern architecture'.

## ITEMS FOR SALE

It is time I included a reminder that there are always several Association items for sale.

In the first place there are now sixteen Monographs available, as follows: Berkshire – Derbyshire High Peak I (Chinley & Buxworth), II (New Mills, Kettlethume & Whaley Bridge) and III (Buxton, Chapel-en-le-Frith & Dove Holes) – Hampshire – Midlands & Home Counties – North East Hampshire – North Gloucestershire I (Chipping Campden & Quinton), II (Stanway & Vale of Evesham) and III (Snowhill & Eckington) – North Wiltshire I (Aldbourn, Enfield & Mere), II (Berwick Bassett, Catford & Hidden), III (East Woodhay & Castle Eaton), IV (Clyffe Pypard, Standen Hussey & Purton) and V (Aldbourn to Australia via America & New Zealand) – South East Norfolk. These are available at £3 each. Alternatively for £10 you can buy a CD that has all sixteen on plus a number of other documents, particularly several Goddard wills.

Then there is the reprint of *A Memoir of the Goddards of North Wilts* by Richard Jefferies, ; £5. Association ties (maroon) are £5, brooches £2.50, and ten postcards of two Wiltshire Goddard brass rubbings ; £1. Also available are two sizes of plate (side & dinner) with coloured shields of various Goddard branches, £15 and £18 respectively. Back numbers of all Newsletters are available at 20p each.

All prices include packing and postage.

## WALK ACROSS AMERICA UPDATE

Give a Goddard a pair of boots and how far can he go? The answer is 1,669 miles and still going strong, if Phil Goddard of south London is the example. The 48-year-old widower started walking across America, from the east coast to the west, in June and has now reached Dallas, Texas. The venture is raising money for the Association for International Cancer Research (AICR) in memory of his wife Jayne, who died of colon cancer in January 2006.

High points include the fact that, despite setting himself an initial fundraising target of £10,000, Phil is now close to raising nearly three times that amount thanks to an avalanche of donations from well-wishers, including a number of trusty Goddards who have dug deep. Low points include being hit by a truck in Humboldt, Tennessee, whose driver did not bother to stop despite leaving Phil doubled up in agony at the side of the road. A mile further on, however, his faith in humanity was restored - two kindly passers-by spotted the "Coast to Coast" banner on his backpack, asked what he was doing and promptly invited him back to their house, where they cooked him dinner and put him up for the night.

And for anyone who thinks that credit card security just what it used to be, Phil's experience provides all the confirmation you need. He walked 1,563 miles, using his credit card twice a day for over five months, before he realised that he had not even signed it! - not a single one of the hundreds of hotels and restaurants he'd stayed in, or dined at, had noticed either.

Phil is keeping an account of his travels on the Internet at [www.nytoala.org](http://www.nytoala.org). It is full of news of his various encounters along with witty observations of life in the US, including his realisation that, in a country famous for its love affair with the motor car, he is something of a novelty for actually using his legs to get from A to B - as illustrated by his encounter at a printing company, where he stopped to get some new T-shirts printed with his charity logo. Phil explains: "When I went in the main entrance and said what I wanted, the receptionist said: "Oh, you want our printing department. You need to get back in your car and drive to the other end of the building, and it's the last door on the right." "I know the length of my steps from my pedometer, so I worked out the distance to the printing department as I walked. It was 29 yards."

Donations can be made online at the above website, or sent to the AICR at Madras House, St Andrew's, Fife, Scotland, KY169EH.

*Jacqui (Phil's sister) of Florida*

## NEW BOOK

Jane Falloon, daughter of the Association's first Patron Air Marshal Sir Victor Goddard, has written another book. The first for adults (she had already written one children's book), *Throttle Full Open* and reviewed in Newsletter 53, told the story of one of the less well-known lady aviators of the inter-war years, Mary Westerrim, Lady Bailey. This time she has turned her attention to the poet George Herbert and the book is entitled *Heart in Pilgrimage*. It can be ordered at the end of this month, either by logging on to [www.authorhouse.co.uk](http://www.authorhouse.co.uk) and pressing 'Browse the Bookshop' or ordering in any bookshop: the ISBN number is 1-4259-7755-3.

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## PLAYWRIGHT

As the theme for its festival celebrations in November 2006 Chippenham marked the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of the great engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel, whose Great Western Railway played an important part in the life of the town. One particular item was a performance of the new play *The Engineer 's' Corset*. This play, written by Janet Goddard, is named after the item of clothing which Isambard's wife Mary surrendered in order to save her husband's life - though the article that Jennifer Walker kindly sent me did not disclose why! Janet, whose play is based on thorough research, was youth worker at the Royal Court Young People's theatre. Does anyone know any more about her?

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