

BULLS BRIDGE

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29th July 2001

Dear Julie,

I was interested in your item in the Goddard newsletter about Henry Goddard, and I think I may be able to give you some information about Bullbridge, although I have to admit that I have never heard of it mentioned as if it were the name of an area.

The photocopy I enclose is from a leaflet called "The Grand Union Canal in Hillingdon" published by the London Borough of Hillingdon very approximately ten years ago. Actually Bulls Bridge must be on the very edge of Hillingdon, as it is almost in Southall which is in the London Borough of Ealing.

I think the proximity of the canal will be of interest to you in view of the nature of Henry's work. I do hope this helps, and wish you luck with your research.

Yours sincerely,

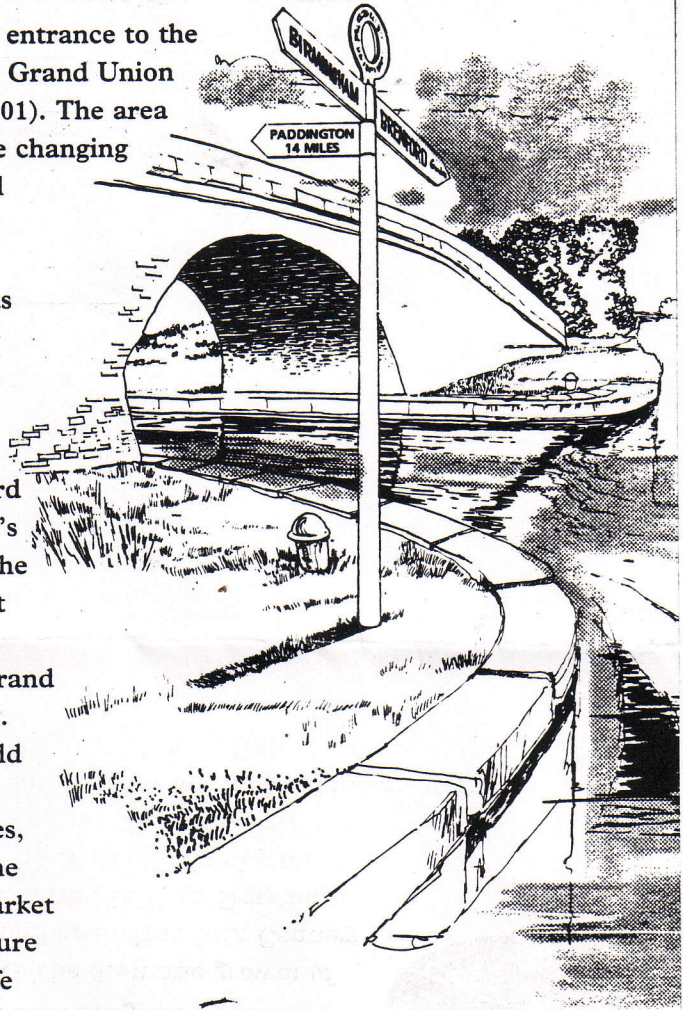
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eileen Bostle".

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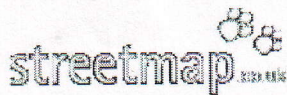
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West Drayton, Yiewsley & Horton

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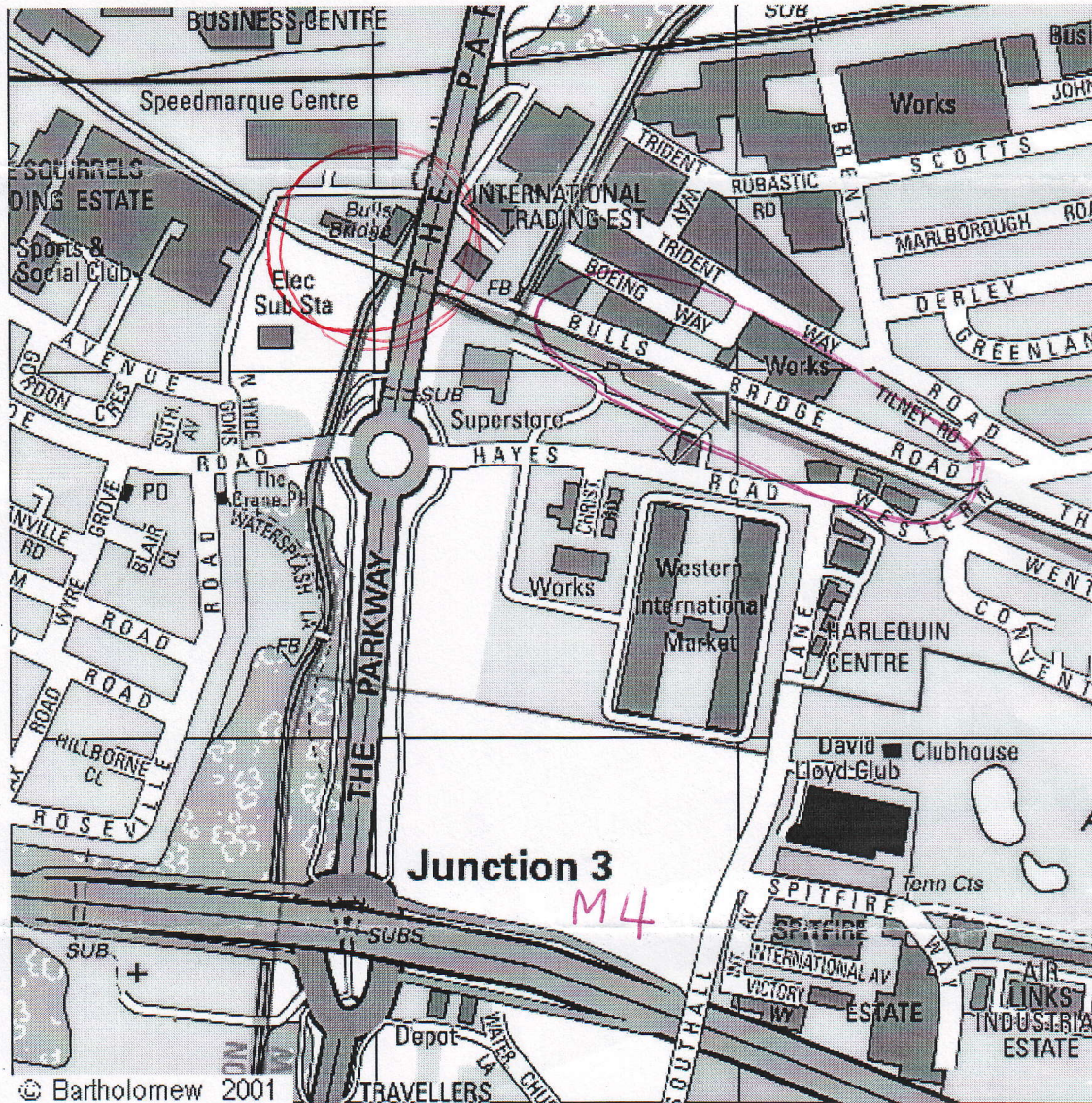
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StreetMap - Bulls Bridge Road, Southall

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1 August 2001

Dear Eileen,

Bull's Bridge

Thank you for locating Bull's Bridge for us. I suspected that it would need local knowledge. Margaret Goddard of Worsley spent some time last week contacting various places in an effort to locate the canalside moorings without result. We were away last week and I have been intending to consult the large gazetteer in the library when I had reduced the pile of washing and ironing to manageable proportions.

Coincidentally we have been contacted recently by another Goddard whose ancestor had a boat, the "Eliza", which traded from Gloucester up and down the Severn. In addition Gerald Goddard of Bude's ancestors were watermen on the Thames and Jim and Sean Goddard's ancestors were seamen, and Holland Goddard had a ship trading for the East India Company in the 1700s. I think I will open a new file headed "Watermen, Sea Captains and Bargees".

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Julie Goddard
Research Co-ordinator



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Mrs Eileen Bostle has sent the following information from a local guidebook:

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A map of Hayes and Southall shows the location to be just off junction 3 of the M4.

Coincidentally we have recently been corresponding with new member Mrs Sue Horton, whose ancestor, William Marshall Goddard (b. 1818) took the barge "Eliza" up and down the Severn between Gloucester and Worcester. Mrs Horton is also related to Tom Goddard the England and Gloucester cricketer.

Julie Goddard

1.8.01



24th March 2003

Dear Mrs. Goddard

You may remember I wrote to you some time ago after you asked in the Goddard newsletter for information about Bullsbridge.

Last Saturday I was at a local history day in Hayes, and one of the talks was about the canal. Mention was made of the fact that a Frank Goddard who used to work on the canal at Bullsbridge is still alive in his nineties and lives in the area. Here are his details:



Internet.com.

Thanking

26.3.03

MRS. EILEEN BOSTHE

1881 British Census

Dwelling: Canal Steamer Fidgete Guys Cliff Wharf

Census Place: Guys Cliffe, Warwick, England

Source: FHL Film 1341737 PRO Ref RG11 Piece 3090 Folio 30 Page 30

	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Henry GODDARD	M	37	M	Bullsbridge, Middlesex, England
Rel: (Head)				
Occ: Captain				
Edward WILLIS	U	25	M	Droitwich, Worcester, England
Occ: Crew (One Of)				
Richard DYSON	W	25	M	Wolverhampton, Stafford, England
Occ: Crew (One Of)				
Walter GREEN	U	21	M	Stockport, Lancashire, England
Occ: Engine Driver				
Ellis FROGGAT	U	25	M	Birmingham, Warwick, England
Occ: Engine Driver				
Peter CROCKETT	U	22	M	Toll End, Stafford, England
Occ: Crew (One Of)				

Does anyone know anything about **Henry Goddard** captain of the "Fidget" a canal steamer? There is a note in the 1881 census for Guys Cliff in Warwickshire *Canal steamer "Fidget" from Birmingham met with at Guys Cliff Wharf, Horse boat "Oxford" with steamer".* The "Fidget" had three crew and two engine drivers on board. I have a mental picture of the enumerator running along the tow path determined to catch the boat and add the passengers and crew to his list. Captain Goddard was 37 years old and born in Bullsbridge, Middlesex and married - so somewhere there is a family. However, there is no record of a family belonging to him in the Birmingham area census records. And where is "Bullsbridge"? Can anyone add anything more to this story?

Julie in Newbury
27.4.01