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To: "Jeremy Bourne" <jandabourne@care4free.net>
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Hello Julie

Thanks for your email about the fish memorial. I have recieved a few other responses from readrers, including an old photograph. As you saw the place as it is now, I thought you may like to see it as at was, so I have attached a copy.

Best regards

Michael

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Brian &**From:****To:****Sent:****Subject:**

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Dear Mrs Goddard, from page 44 of Rev.Alfred J.Soden "History of Blockley" pub.1875, Title: Monuments in the Nave.

Carter AD1667. A mural monument on North side of Chancel arch: arms: azure, two lions combatant or, for Carter; impaling, gules, a chevron vair between three crescents argent for Goddard.

INSCRIPTION: Memorii sacrum Edwardii Carter, de Upton old, armigeri Legum Angl: Professoris: viri tanta pietate in Deum O.M., beneficentia erga pauperes, fidelitate adversus amicos, justitia atque candore in omnes, ut dignissimus plane sit qui posteris ad imitandum proponatur. Obiit 27 die Feb: Ao. Dnj. 1667 aetatis suae 45.

Edvardum juxta sita est,

Maria Carter, Edwardii et Mariae filia natu minor, Eximiae pietatis virgo, utriusque parentis virtutum aemula, quae dum Bathoniae, sanitati corporis operam dedit salutem aeternam consecuta est 25 die Junii, Ao. Dnj. 1675, aetatis suae 19. Marmor hoc sepulchrale posuit Maria Carter, Edwardi conjux, Mariae Mater charissima.

TRANSLATION: Sacred to the memory of Edward Carter, Esqre., of (Hither) Upton Old, Professor of English Law; a man of such piety towards God, liberality towards the poor, fidelity to his friends, justice and sincerity towards all, that he may certainly be set forth as one most worthy of imitation by posterity. He died 27th day of February, in the year of our Lord 1667, in the 45th year of his age.

Near Edward Carter lies

Mary Carter, the younger daughter of Edward and Mary Carter, a maiden of excellent piety, and an imitator of her parents' virtues; who, while endeavouring at Bath to restore her bodily health, obtained eternal health on the 25th day of June, in the year of our Lord 1675, in the 19th year of her age. Her most affectionate mother Mary, the wife of Edward Carter erected this sepulchral monument.

NB note: parish register gives 19th Feb 1667 not 27th. One must be wrong.

This was a particularly time-consuming enquiry, I fear. Don't suggest that the monument should be cleaned. The architects of the Diocesan Advisory Committee and English Heritage would have a fit. We are strictly enjoined not to touch it. Regards, Jeremy Bourne

BLOCKLEY, GLOS.

Long term members may remember that Brian and I are always on the look out for Goddard memorials while on holiday. Several years ago, as reported in the Newsletter then, we found that Blockley Church in Gloucestershire, where we had rented a cottage for a week, had some Goddard Memorials. Unfortunately they were so blackened by the passage of time that we were unable to read them. We left thinking how sad that they had been let get into this unreadable state.

Browsing on the internet one evening I discovered that Blockley had a historical society. A contact name was given so I sent an e-mail and asked if anyone could give me a transcript of the memorials. After some exchanges the following was supplied "Sacred to the memory of Edward Carter Esq. of Hither Upton.....died 27th day of February 1667 in the 45th year of his age."

and near to this memorial "Mary Carter, the younger daughter of Edward and Mary Carter, a maiden of excellent piety and imitator of her parents' virtues..." who died at Bath where she had gone to try to regain her health, on 25th June 1675 aged 19.

Edward and Mary Carter were the parents of Goddard Carter, whose name on another memorial had attracted our attention. Mary Carter was the daughter of Richard Goddard (1604-1668) of the Clatford, Wiltshire, branch of the Goddards.

I asked if it would be possible to renovate the memorials but was told that English Heritage and the Diocesan Advisory Council were against this practice. A donation was sent on behalf of the GAE for the transcription to go towards the upkeep of the church.

Julie in Newbury

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From: [redacted]@a.net>
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Sent: 07 September 2004 09:23
Subject: Re: Blockley church memorials

Dear Mr and Mrs Goddard, Thank you for your mail. I have only just returned from Ireland and am off again at the end of the week, so apologies for the delay. I will try to send you the transcript of the Goddard Memorial when I get back. We do have a full printed version in our archives. Cleaning is very controversial. The experts in the diocesan architectural committee are dead against any unauthorised treatment of monuments. We normally make a small charge for ancestral enquiries. I'm sorry to mention this, but we do get a tremendous number, many from America and Australia, and it can get very time-consuming, as well as requiring special access rights and equipment. We'll see what we can do. Kind regards, Jeremy Bourne

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While browsing the web this evening I found that Blockley has an Antiquarian Society. While staying at a cottage in Blockley several years ago my husband and I were amused to find that Blockley Church has Goddard memorials - amused because as research co-ordinators for the Goddard Association we had taken a holiday away from it all and seemingly been pursued by Goddards just the same. We read the board with Goddard Carter's bequests to the children and poor of Blockley and my husband worked out the family tree of Goddard Carter when we got home. We were disappointed not to be able to read the memorial on the left as you enter the church, with a shield of Carter quartered with Goddard of Swindon. Do you have a transcript of this memorial? Has anyone suggested that it be cleaned ?
Julie Goddard, Research Co-ordinator for Goddard Association of Europe

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