

GODDARD ASSOCIATION OF EUROPE

NEWSLETTER

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INAUGURAL MEETING

Goddards - and kin - from Buckinghamshire, Dorset, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, London, Middlesex, Northamptonshire, Shropshire, Somerset, Suffolk, Surrey, Warwickshire, Wiltshire and Worcestershire met at The Goddard Arms Hotel, Old Swindon, on Saturday, May 25, to form The Goddard Association of Europe.

CONCEPTS OF ASSOCIATION

1. To create in the United Kingdom an organisation similar in aims and ideals to the Goddard Association of America, formed seven years ago.
2. To provide a nationwide link for all Goddards, descendants of Goddards and Goddard-related people.
3. To provide a structured Association with which to organise, undertake, co-ordinate and disseminate further research into the Goddard heritage - both on behalf of individual Members and the Association as a whole.

SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS

The following points were agreed during the meeting:-

1. Membership of Association

Membership is open to anyone with the family name of Goddard, either through birth, marriage or descent, and also their spouses and children.

2. Associate Membership

'Friends' of the Goddards may become Associate Members.

3. Cost of Membership

As with all families, some folk are better-off than others. To encourage Membership by as many Goddards - and Goddard related people - as possible, it was agreed that no specific subscription fee should be levied which might preclude some individuals or families from participating.

Instead, Membership would be acquired by an annual donation of £5 (minimum), with no upper limit on maximum donation. Associate Members would be asked to donate on the same terms and would be listed in the Membership roll under the heading of 'Friends of the Goddards'.

4. Administration

For ease of administration, the Membership year will run from the 1st June each year to the 31st May the following year - irrespective of when people start to subscribe.

The Association is to be a non-profit organisation, administered entirely on a voluntary basis. However, authorised disbursements incurred by its volunteers in the cause of the Association should be refunded, where requested.

5. Committee

A temporary steering group comprising Howard Goddard-Jones of Stratford-upon-Avon, Richard Goddard of Malvern, and John Goddard of Shrewsbury, will manage the Association until such time as a formal committee structure can be created in the first year.

The steering group will approach several Goddards who will be invited to support the organisation, either as patrons, executive members, roll members, Regional co-ordinators or as 'Friends'.

6. Regional Co-ordinators

Because Goddards are spread the length and breadth of Britain, it was agreed that regional co-ordinators should be appointed to liaise between the Association and the various regional Goddard enclaves.

It was felt this approach would share the workload and provide a local/personal point of contact for any Goddards not yet aware about the Association.

Three volunteers have already been forthcoming. (See section headed 'Who to Contact')

GENEALOGY

Unfortunately, Mr Derek Webber - the man responsible for so much Goddard research to date - had to pull out of the inaugural meeting at the last moment due to ill health. Derek is not at all well and we are not to contact him or plague him with requests for help.

Much of Derek's research has now been passed on to the Association and we aim to find another genealogist (professional, semi-professional or keen amateur) of his calibre in the near future.

If you know of anyone who might be prepared to pick up where Derek has left off, do please contact the Association (See list headed 'Who to Contact').

MEMORIES

For Founder Member Eve Goddard-Fenwick, of 36 Ively Road, London SW4 (Tel: 01-720-4231) the visit to Swindon on May 25 brought back a host of memories. Eve spent six months of the War in Swindon delivering blood supplies in the town. During that time she visited the Goddard Arms Hotel on many occasions.

More recently, Eve has spent two years studying genealogy at evening classes. She'd be happy to hear from any Goddards who may need a little expert guidance in putting their family trees together.

GODDARD BOOKS/PAPERS

Several books and papers already exist about the Goddards. These include:

1. The Goddard Book, Volume 1. Written by Dr John Harms (the American who attended the inaugural meeting). It costs circa £25 (including postage and packing). Anyone interested in obtaining a copy is advised to contact this Association in the first instance, as we may be able to arrange a bulk shipment which will reduce the costs of postage/packing.

2. The Goddards of North Wiltshire

Essential reading, although now out of print. One Goddard attending the inaugural meeting was able to get a copy from his local library. If you can't find a copy at your library, we can arrange to send you a photocopied version. (Cost £2).

3. Who's famous in your family?

A Readers Digest guide to tracing your ancestry. Written by Dr John Tanner, Director of the Royal Air Force Museum. Last re-printed in 1980 so back copies may still be available. Try Readers Digest, 25 Berkeley Square, London W1X 6AB.

As other useful and/or valuable documents come to light we will keep you informed.

THE MANOR - CLYFFE PYPARD

Good news from Richard Goddard, of Malvern, about his family's former home - The Manor, Clyffe Pypard, Wiltshire. Having passed from Goddard ownership in 1971, it is now back in Goddard hands again.

The Manor has just been bought by an American, Walter Goddard. The new owner isn't there very often, so the previous residents are looking after it on his behalf in the meantime.

GODDARD WHISTLE

From one London Goddard comes an unusual story about a Goddard whistle. Apparently, Goddards in London once used the bird-like whistle to identify one another. Surprisingly, some people still know the tune and even more surprisingly two Goddards met recently, completely by chance, when one heard the other whistling the tune on a London Street.

Does anyone else have any information about this, or other unusual anecdotes? Also, is there a Goddard musician who could put the tune to a musical score? And who was the Goddard who mentioned this during the inaugural meeting in Swindon?

NATHANIEL GODDARD

Mrs P Smith, of 22 Stonyacres, Yetminster, Sherbourne, Dorset, is looking for relatives of Nathaniel Goddard, born 1809. Please get in touch with her if you think you can help.

(The Goddard Book, Vol 1, lists a Nathaniel W Goddard, born 1806 in Tennessee, USA. He was one of 13 children of Thomas Goddard, of Tennessee. Nathaniel went on to have ten children. More details of that family are contained in Vol 1 of the Goddard Book.)

TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS

Those Goddards who were at the inaugural meeting in Swindon were each given a sheet of paper designed to help get the ancestral search off to a flying start. We should stress that those sheets are merely a starting point in the giant Goddard jigsaw. What's more, they were devised by the American Association and may need to be revised before we issue them to everyone in U.K. It's a case of let's try them out before general issue.

A THOUSAND YEARS OF

GODDARD HERITAGE

Few 'families' can go back 11 centuries, with documentary evidence spanning a staggering one thousand years. It's an historical record the Goddard Association of Europe aims to build on. Which is why we need your help - as Members and as sources of information.

Your Membership donations will help fund the appointment of a part-time genealogist. Your own research and anecdotes may also enable us to publish a 'Goddards of Europe' book.

Year	Event
880	Danish Vikings invade the Caux district of Normandy, France, and establish a GODORD - a permanent HQ/stronghold just inland from their longship landing sites of Fecamp, Etretat and Harfleur. The stronghold becomes the present-day town of GODERVILLE.
911	By treaty of St. Clair-sur-Epte, King Charles the Simple gives all Viking-occupied land in Normandy to Rollo, the 1st Duke of Normandy.
1066	Norman invasion of England. The de-GODERVILLE knights accompany William the Conqueror at the Battle of Hastings and are rewarded with manors and land in Wiltshire region and East Anglia.
1200	The de-GODERVILLE castle in Normandy is sacked by the Royal army.
1231	Walter de-GODERVILLE is appointed Castellon of Devises Castle, in Wiltshire, under Henry III.
1231-1370	GODDARD men fight many times in support of Barons such as de-Burgh, de-Ferrers and Marcher Lords. Their loyalty and valour is rewarded with land and estates instead of titles.
1370	John of Gaunt (4th son of Edward III) gives Upham House, Wiltshire, and Aldbourne Chase, Wiltshire, to the GODDARDS.
c1542	Thomas GODDARD, of Upham, marries Ann Gifford, daughter of Sir William Gifford.
1593	Henry VIII gives over the re-posessed monastic lands of Wiltshire to GODDARD stewardship.
1626	Charles I grants a Royal Charter to the GODDARD town of Swindon.
	<u>By the Sword Divided</u>
1634	John Goddard (Millwright) sails from trouble-torn England to New Hampshire, America, in the migrant ship 'Pied Cow'.
1643	Cromwell's army occupies Swindon and Parliament fines some GODDARDS for their Royalist loyalties. This in spite of the fact that Dr. Jonathan Goddard was Chief Medical Officer of Cromwell's army, and Edward GODDARD, of Inglesham, was one of Cromwell's officers.

Year	Event
1614-1633	<p>Edward GODDARD, of Inglesham, marries Prescilla D'Oyley. They have 13 children -</p> <p>- John (b.1614), James (b.1615), Francis(b.1616), Elizabeth (b.1617), Prescilla (b.1618), Martha (b.1619), Thomas (b.1620), Edward (b.1622), Richard (b.1625), William (b.1627), Josiah (b.1630), Benjamin (b.1631), Vincent (b.1633).</p>
1665	<p>One of Edward GODDARD's 13 children - William (b.1627) - marries Elizabeth Miles, stores most of his possessions in London, and sails to America with £5 in his pocket to assess the prospects of a new life in the New World for himself and his family.</p>
1666	<p>Fire of London destroys Mount Goddard Street and the Red Bull Hotel, a meeting place for anyone whose surname was GODDARD.</p> <p>The fire also destroyed William GODDARD'S possessions. So his wife and children sailed across the Atlantic to join him in New England.</p> <p>William's progenitors later went on to carve the GODDARD name into American history. They include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Stephen Goddard - one of the minutemen, so-called because they volunteered to defend their villages against British attack at a minute's notice. * Josiah Goddard - the Brown University student who helped lead the movement towards free education as a right of every American citizen, and produced the first translation of the New Testament into Chinese. * Josiah Ripley Goddard, the son of Josiah, completed the first translation of the Old Testament into Chinese. * Robert Hutchings Goddard - pioneer of American rocket technology. The man who developed liquid fuel rocket power, and the man after whom NASA's present-day Goddard Space Flight Centre, in Maryland, is named.
1772	<p>Ambrose Goddard wins Parliamentary election in Wiltshire against long-standing privilege and nepotism of the Royal Court Party. He was subsequently prominent in persuading Parliament to end the War against the American Republic.</p>
1800's	<p>Building of the Wiltshire-Berkeshire canal cuts through Goddard land in the Swindon region. Brunel's Great Western Railway divides the land still further and leads to the ultimate destruction of Goddard feudal power in Swindon .</p>

Year	Event
1962	Compulsary Purchase Orders for the development of Swindon new town absorb most of the remaining land rights of the GODDARDS.
1978	Goddard Association of America is formed, with members in every State.
1982	GODDARD'S make another impression on Normandy when a cargo ship owned by Howard Goddard-Jones becomes the biggest vessel ever to enter the harbour at Honfleur near Godderville. MV Proba, loaded with 2,500tons of pumice, scrapes bottom to enter harbour with just 2" to spare on either side.
1984	Goddard Association of America publishes Vol 1 of 'The Goddard Book'. No one knows how many Goddards have migrated to the New World, but the Editors have identified 137 immigrant Goddards, 67 of whom have known descendants in USA and /or UK. Their family roots are recorded in the book.
1985	Eighteen members of the Goddard Association of America visit England and Normandy on a research tour. Their tour attracts masses of media interest in UK and results in the formation of a Goddard Association of Europe.
	The Goddard Association of Europe is set-up, appropriately, during a meeting at The Goddard Arms Hotel, Old Town, Swindon, attended by 50 Goddards from 14 English counties.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Thanks to everyone who risked life and limb on the High Street outside The Goddard Arms Hotel for that historic giant family snap. When the arms went up so did the eyebrows of several passers-by. Copies of the photo can be got direct from the photographer, Philip Goddard, of Goddard Photographic, 25 Swindon Road, Old Town, Swindon, Wilts SN1 3JJ, Tel: (0793) 38367. (The pictures are available in b/w or colour).

TELEVISION

Sally Gallsworthy, of HTV patiently sat through the whole of our inaugural meeting. HTV are planning to make a film about the Goddards and Sally is starting to research it now. She has already been over the Atlantic in search of descendents of white Goddard slaves, and she will be shown around the Goddard's Wiltshire haunts by Richard Goddard, of the Clyffe Pypard family.

(Russell Goddard, of Texas, claims to be descended from a white slave. Clearly not all Goddards lived in stately homes!)

GODDARD CREST

Experts are being called in to advise on an appropriate crest for our Association. It appears there are 16 different Goddard family crests and it is therefore important that we get the right combination for the Association.

CRYSTAL GLASSWARE

Galway Irish Crystal glasses bearing the Goddard Association of America crest were presented to the American Goddards when they visited England last April. Galway have said the European Association of Goddards will also be able to acquire a vast range of glassware bearing our crest at substantially reduced prices. Details of this offer, and other similar offers for wall plaques, ties etc. will be contained in the next newsletter.

MISSED LUNCH

Apologies to the Goddards who missed lunch on May 25 because the hotel told them the dining room was closed. It was a silly mistake by the Hotel. To clear the record, the main dining room was closed but the Goddard Hob snack room was open and serving generous helpings at very realistic prices.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Congratulations to Kitty Suzanne Peerless (nee Goddard) and her husband Eric George Peerless on their Golden Wedding anniversary. (1 June 1935, Rye Methodist Church).

THE NEXT STEPS

Obviously we are all keen to see the Association grow as quickly as possible. In an ideal world we'd like to see every UK Goddard a Member. Which is why the joining donation was purposely kept to such a low £5 minimum. (However, for anyone who feels they can afford to donate more, it will enable us to speed up the process of appointing a resident genealogical researcher to work on an ad-hoc/part-time basis).

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

We'll get a copy of the growing Membership roll to you as soon as possible. Those of you who attended the meeting at Swindon will be listed as Founder Members. Associate Members (i.e. Friends of the Goddards) will also be listed.

To help us compile the first roll, could you please check your own details as shown on the attached sheets, and return them to Howard Goddard-Jones, of Stratford-upon-Avon, with any amendments/corrections. (Howard's address is in the section headed 'Who to contact').

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Please use the newsletter as a channel of contact between each other and the Association. Your news, views, requests etc will be published as fully and frequently as space/money permits.

Ideally we will aim to issue the newsletter every quarter. So the next one should be mailed early September. Latest date for submitting material for publication will be August 17th. Please address items for inclusion to Howard Goddard-Jones.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO OFFERED ASSISTANCE

Following the Swindon meeting on May 25 several Goddards have come forward with offers of help. These include supplies of paper for the newsletters, postage, and computer services for the address list etc.

All such offers are greatly appreciated and do enable us to keep the administrative costs to a minimum. Please keep them coming.

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MORE CO-ORDINATORS ARE NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. ITS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN HELPING TO BUILD-UP THE ASSOCIATION'S MEMBERSHIP.

SIZE OF NEWSLETTER

Apologies for the small size print of this first newsletter. We purposely kept it small to save photocopying costs. Hopefully we will soon have enough members to produce a bigger one next time around.

CONTACTING THE ASSOCIATION

If you want any information from the Association could you please remember to enclose a stamped addressed envelope for the reply.