

The Goddard Association of Europe

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PATRONS

We are delighted to report that the following eminent Goddards have agreed to become Patrons of the Association:-

- * Air Marshal Sir Victor Goddard, KCB, CBE (Kent)
- * Maj.Gen. John Goddard MC, of Fleet (Hants)
- * Capt. John Goddard, of Cirencester (Glos)
- * Actress Liza Goddard (Surrey)

Potted profiles of our Patrons

1. Air Marshal Sir Victor

A member of the old-established Clyffe Pypard (Wilts) branch of the family and a cousin of the late Lord Chief Justice Goddard. Now lives in Kent.

2. Maj.Gen John Goddard MC

A keen yachtsman he was Commander of 3 Division and a Director at the Ministry of Defence before retiring from the Army and moving into industry where he worked in the London HQ of BL Chairman, Sir Michael Edwardes.

3. Capt. John Goddard

Son of Lt.Gen. Ambrose William Goddard MC, Captain John inherited the Swindon estate in 1946, and until this year lived at The Manor, North Cerney. He has moved to live in a newly-built house in the village of Rencomb, near Cirencester.

4. Actress Liza Goddard

In accepting the invitation to become a Patron, Liza Goddard wrote to say that her grandmother had told her of a family tree tracing the family's roots back to the Norman invasion. Liza currently lives in Surrey.

OLDEST SURVIVING GODDARD

Congratulations to Rhoda Winifred Goddard who was 101 years old on September 9th. A former teacher she graduated from Oxford University in 1908. She retired in 1945 and lived at Craddock, near Cullompton, Devon, until recently.

Her father, Francis Goddard, was born before the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. She has seen four Jubilees, Queen Victoria's Golden and Diamond in 1887 and 1897; George V in 1935; and Elizabeth II in 1977.

Miss Goddard remembers the firework display at Hilmarton, the village where her father was Vicar in 1887, and she planted a tree at the home of our Treasurer, John Goddard, at Coton Grange, Shrewsbury, in 1977.

She is a staunch supporter of Somerset County Cricket Club, and the entire playing staff sent her a birthday card on her 100th birthday.

GODDARD MOTTO - 'Cervus non Servus'

As with most Latin mottos, the interpretations do vary. Most experts say it means 'A Stag not a Slave'. One other interpretation is 'Service not Slavery'.

Either way we have chosen to include it with the Association's shield as it is the only motto of which we have a record. Moreover, there is evidence to suggest that it was carried by more than one of the earliest known branches of the family.

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

In an endeavour to help members' long-term research we have registered the Association with the Genealogical Research Directory and the Guild of One Name Studies. This should enable us to pin-point any research which has already taken place or is going on elsewhere.

BISHOP OFFERS TO HELP

Bishop James Adams, acting Incumbent of the two Ogbourne parishes, Wiltshire, has joined the Association as a 'Friend of the Goddards' and says he will be pleased to assist any Goddards who wish to make a 'pilgrimage' to the tombs of their ancestors in Ogbourne St. George .

GODDARD TOUR FOR HTV's SALLY GALLSWORTHY

TV researcher, Sally Gallsworthy was taken on a tour of the Wiltshire Goddard locations by Richard Goddard, of Malvern, during the summer. Space limitations here prevent us giving a full report. Suffice to say the tour included 'The Lawn', Swindon, a Goddard estate for more than 400 years , the Goddard hamlet of Clyffe Pypard, Marlborough, the Ogbournes and Aldbourne - heartland of Goddard country with its church which has a Goddard tomb and brass - and Upper Upham , the earliest Goddard mansion where it thought Walter deGoderville owned land in the thirteenth century, to which was added more by way of a grant by John of Gaunt a century later.

The imposing manor, with its commanding views over the Downs, was in Goddard hands from 1250 to 1641, and from 1870 to 1907. It is believed to be the highest manor house south of the River Trent. It is now three separate homes. The projected TV programme is still in the early planning stages and could be hampered by budgetary cut-backs by the programme makers, Sally Gallsworthy has warned.

Barton Manor, Isle of Wight

As most of the ancient Goddard manors move out of family ownership, one very famous manor has become the home of Anthony & Alix Goddard. It is Barton Manor, Whippingham, East Cowes, the former home of Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert. On land adjacent to Queen Victoria's 'Osborne House', Anthony & Alix have created a vineyard and press which is open to the public.

Among the illustrious customers of Barton Manor wines are Buckingham Palace and the Houses of Parliament.

PROFESSOR DAVID GODDARD

The New York Times of July 12 reported the death of Professor David Goddard, a leading plant expert, Provost Emeritus of the University of Pennsylvania, and former paid executive of the National Academy of Sciences, at the age of 77.

He was the younger brother of Pliny Goddard who "perhaps did more than anyone else to get the GAA off the ground," reports Richard Goddard, of Malvern.

His research contributed to the large-scale production of penicillin, bacitracin and Vitimin B2 in World War II.

FROM CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following items of news have been received:

* Wiltshire book dealer, Richard Hatchwell, of The Old Rectory, Little Somerford, Chippenham, is offering the following books for sale -

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| 60. | GODDARD Rev. E.H. Wiltshire Bibliography. A catalogue of printed books, pamphlets, and articles bearing on the history, topography and natural history of the county. 1929. 8vo, cloth | £15 |
| 61. | GODDARD. Documents relating to the Goddard Family of North Wiltshire. Typewritten catalogue of the collection deposited with Swindon Public Library, including an extensive index. 1960-1969. Folio, 2 vols, red binder's cloth. One of only a few copies | £35 |
| 62. | GODDARD Francis. Manuscript Travel Diary, 1842-43-44, neatly written on 651 pages, including a number of small pen-and-ink sketches of antiquities, figures, &c. Large 8vo, bound in 3 vols, 19th century half blue calf, gilt backs, a little rubbed | £85 |
- An interesting account of two tours undertaken in the middle of the 19th century. The diarist visited Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Sicily, Malta, the Greek islands, Upper and Lower Egypt, Ethiopia, Jerusalem and the Holy Land, Constantinople and Dalmatia. The diary ends abruptly at Tyre. An informed and descriptive diarist, whose main interests are in history, architecture and archaeology. However, he lightens his diary with numerous descriptions of the social life he enjoyed, and now and again with discussions on the ladies of whatever town or country he is visiting, local customs, &c. For much of the journey he travelled with a Mr. Formby, who may well be Henry Formby, author of "Visit to the East, 1840" and other works.

* Stanley Goddard, of 14 Oxford Road, Farnborough, Hants, has written a book entitled 'Grimsby, It's People, It's way of Life'. It's an 83,000 word autobiography about his Goddard family between 1926-1940, the hungry thirties and how his father was forced to spend more time on the heaving deck of a trawler than ashore. A copy of the manuscript is held by BBC Radio Humberside.

Stanley reports on several Goddards buried in churches in Hampshire, and also on the fact that he has found a tomb to Sir Richard Goddard, physician to Oliver Cromwell during his ill-fated campaign in Ireland, in the churchyard of Watt's Church, near Compton, Guildford, Surrey.

* Mr F.T.Meacock, of 123 Witchurch Gardens, Little Stanmore, Edgware, Middlesex, has sent us a copy of his research into the GODDARDS OF WEST TWYFORD.

It's a well-researched and well-presented piece of genealogy about James Alexander Goddard, the son of William Goddard = Martha who farmed at Rudge, near Beckington, Somerset, before moving to Wiltshire between 1837 - 1849.

William and Martha had 10 children -three (including James) born in Somerset, the others born in Wiltshire.

James took over Twyford Abbey Farm, Middlesex, in 1868.

THE WHISTLE

Those who attended the inaugural meeting in Swindon, last May, will remember Mr A.M.W.Goddard, of Uxbridge, Middx, mentioning that there was once a Goddard whistle. Since then we have heard that Miss Kathleen Goddard, of the 'Old Manse, Rendham, Suffolk IP17 2AQ, has a musician relative who could put the tune to a score.

Mr Goddard, of Uxbridge: Why not whistle the tune into a tape recorder and send the cassette to Miss Goddard at the address above?

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

Thanks to everyone who responded so promptly by returning the membership questionnaire. That has enabled us to ensure our records are up to date before going 'computerized'.

Directory of Members

Plans are in hand to produce a directory of Members, and this will be mailed in due course. But there seems little point in doing that at a time when so many new members are joining. Also, it takes time and costs money, both of which are in limited supply!

Recruiting new members

The Association needs new members to help us pay our way. It was felt that a cost-effective method of recruiting would be to appoint key personnel in various regions, and ask them to contact other Goddards in their area.

Two successful pilot projects have been undertaken, namely by Marjorie and Denis Goddard, in Buckinghamshire, and by Major General John Goddard, in Hampshire.

In both cases we enlisted the support of the appropriate local Press who carried stories about the Association and our 'Regional Co-ordinators'. Each of these pilot schemes has produced not only new members, but also some interesting anecdotes.

For example: From Buckinghamshire came news from a Mr W. Westrope. He wrote to Marjorie following her local Press story saying...

"Your article takes me back to my boyhood days. My father worked for a large building firm named Foster & Dicksee, in Chelsea and Rugby. A director of this firm was a Mr Goddard, famous then because with my father they were responsible for building the following famous buildings: The Central Records Office, Strand; Kennington Oval Cricket Ground; Long Grove Assylum (now Horton Hospital); The War Office, Whitehall; King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill; Chelsea Hospital for Women, Maida Vale Eye Hospital, Billingsgate Fish Market, Girton College, Cambridge; Langford Road School, Fulham...

Mr Westrope added..."This Goddard met Kings & Queens and his order for 23 million bricks to build the War Office gave the London Brick Company the start it needed.

For Mr Westrope's guidance, the Kings College Hospital built by a Goddard is where one of our members - Dr. Goddard Jones, of North Wales - trained in medicine, as did his brother.

Marjorie's article has led to several Goddards becoming members. And within a day or two of General John's article being published in the Aldershot News he too had recruited some new members.

We do need additional Regional Co-ordinators. It's not a difficult job but it is very important to our growth. Marjorie Goddard and her husband Denis have agreed to show volunteers the ropes. Please contact her at 10t, Cheshfield Park, Little Chalfont, Amersham, Bucks HP6 6RX, if you think you can help in your own area.

Ancestral record forms

Response so far has been rather poor. A few have been returned and other people have written to say they are still working at it. These have now been sent to USA at the request of the GAA for use in compiling Volume 2 of 'The Goddard Book'.

SOME INTERESTING GODDARD FACTS

(From information supplied by Capt. John Goddard)



High Sherriffs of the County of Wiltshire:

Richard Goddard, of Upham & Swindon	1609
Francis Goddard, of Standen & Clyffe Pypard	1635
Thomas Goddard, of Upham & Swindon	1675
Richard Goddard, of Swindon	1714
Edward Goddard, of Clyffe Pypard	1767
Ambrose Goddard, of Swindon	1820
Horatio Nelson Goddard, of Clyffe Pypard	1860
Ambrose Lethbridge Goddard, of Swindon	1862
Fitzroy Pleydell Goddard, of Swindon	1909

Members of Parliament

Richard Goddard, of Swindon (Wootton Bassett)	1710-1713
(Wiltshire)	1720-1726
Thomas Goddard, of Swindon (Wiltshire)	1767-1770
Ambrose Goddard, of Swindon (Wiltshire)	1772-1806
Thomas Goddard, of Swindon (Cricklade)	1806-1812
Ambrose Goddard, of Swindon (Cricklade)	1837-1841
Ambrose Lethbridge Goddard (Cricklade)	1847-1868
	& 1874-1880

Fined for refusing Knighthoods at the Coronation of Charles I

1630 - John Goddard, of Standen Hussey & Clyffe Pypard	- Fined £12
1631 - Thomas Goddard, of Swindon	- Fined £21
James Goddard, of South Marston	- Fined £10
William Goddard, of Tollard Royal	- Fined £14

Memorials and registers in Churches

The following churches contain memorials to members of various branches of the family, dating from 1500:

Aldbourne, Clyffe Pypard, Swindon (Holyrood & the new church), Ogbourne St. Andrew, Ogbourne St. George, Preshute, South Marsdon, East Woodhay, Castle Eaton, Box, Hillmarton, Lower Guiting, Upton Noble, Purton, East Bedwyn, Great Bedwyn, Broad Hinton, Longbridge Deveril, North Wroxall, Corsham, Cherhill, St. Mary's in Marlborough, Inglesham, Kempsford, Chieveley, Down Ampney, West Woodlay.

The parish registers of these churches also contain many entries showing Goddard baptisms, marriages and burials.

Gifts to churches:

One of the largest bells in Wiltshire churches is the **tenor bell** presented to Aldbourne church by Richard Goddard, in 1516.

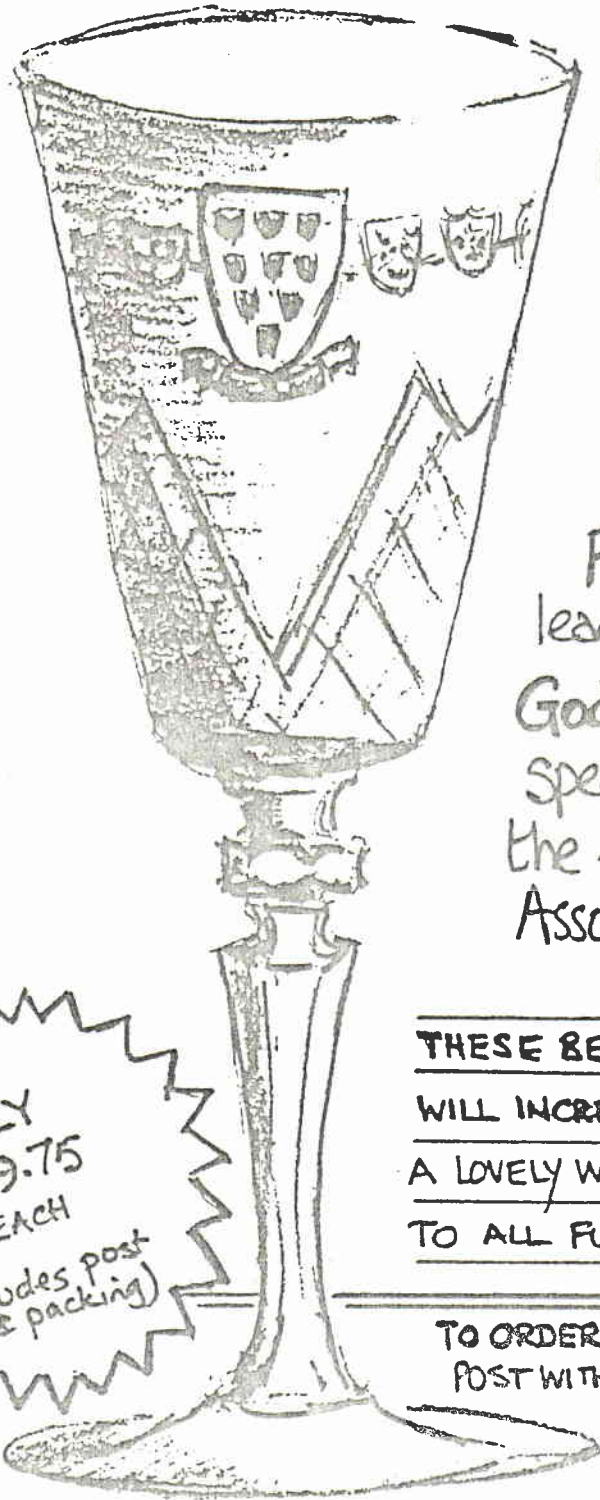
At Ogbourne St. George the **4th & 5th bells** are inscribed with the name of their donor, William Goddard, fourth son of John Goddard, of Poulton, who died in 1460. At Berwick Bassett the **No. 1 bell** is inscribed with the initials RG and dated 1694. When Edward Goddard died in 1724 he left £100 to buy the **tenor bell** in East Woodhay Church. And in 1697 Edward Goddard presented a silver chalice to the same church and his widow presented a silver paten in 1719.

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