



# The Goddard Association of Europe

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## John Howard Goddard-Jones

Members of the Goddard Association of Europe will be shocked to learn of the sudden death of their Chairman at the tragically early age of 43. Howard Goddard-Jones died of a heart attack on 15 June near Boston, Massachusetts, on his way to the Third Biennial Convocation of the Goddard Association of America, at which he was to be the principal guest speaker. He leaves a widow, Janet and three children, Emma (19), James (17) and Richard (14), to whom we offer our deepest sympathy.

Howard was born on 12 July 1942 in the Belgian Congo, only son of three children of Dr. and Mrs. J. Goddard Jones of Rhyl. Educated at St. Lawrence College, Ramsgate, he served two three-year Short Service Commissions in the Royal Corps of Transport. After a spell in journalism, he ran his own Public Relations business, and it was in this capacity that he first became involved with the visit of some of the members of the Goddard Association of America to this country in April 1985. Sensing the interest that publicity surrounding the visit had aroused in members of the 'Goddard Family', he called a meeting at the Goddard Arms Hotel in Swindon on Saturday, 25 May 1985. This meeting was well attended and it was here that the Goddard Association of Europe, sister organisation of the Goddard Association of America, was born.

We, the two surviving members of the triumvirate initially entrusted with the running of the Association, dedicate this Fourth Newsletter to Howard's memory. While we are only too aware of the enormous loss the Association has sustained by his death - Howard was its inspiration and its driving force, shouldering at least 90% of the workload - we are equally certain that the best possible memorial would be to pledge ourselves to its continuation. However, we need your help. Please keep your donations flowing in to the Treasurer, John (those for this year are already due); and please now send your news, views, and offers of assistance to Richard. As both are already committed to summer holidays, we beg your forgiveness in advance if we are slow to acknowledge letters or if the next Newsletter is delayed, but we know you will appreciate our immediate difficulties in picking up the threads. With goodwill and support we are confident that the Association will continue to flourish as Howard would have wished.

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