



The Goddard Association of Europe

NEWSLETTER

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MEMORIAL TO HOWARD ENCOURAGEMENT OF RESEARCH

The news of the death of our Chairman, Howard Goddard-Jones, at the tragically early age of 43 sent shockwaves through the Association. Numerous letters of sympathy for his family and appreciation of his work for the Association have been received. There have also been several suggestions of some form of memorial and one spontaneous donation.

The obituary in Newsletter No. 4 crediting Howard as the inspiration and driving force behind the Association and saying that he had shouldered at least 90% of the work load was, if anything, an understatement. He created the interest in the first place, then built upon it, and was keenly encouraging its growth at the time of his death. It is the plain truth that without him the Association would not be alive now. We cannot let this achievement pass unrecognised.

Memorial Fund

With the endorsement of his widow and parents and the promised support of the Goddard Association of America, it has been decided to establish a Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial Fund. The aim of this Fund will be to endow an annual prize, awarded on the anniversary of his death, for the greatest contribution to the work of the Association during the preceding year. In this way it is hoped both to keep alive Howard's memory and inspiration, and also to foster research and support for the Association. Should the Fund produce more interest than is suitable for such a presentation - and we very much hope that it will - the residue will be devoted to research; this was the one area of the Association's work that Howard most wanted to see extended.

Send your contributions, payable to the Goddard Association of Europe, to our Treasurer, John W. Goddard of Coton Grange, Shrewsbury, SY1 2PD, clearly indicating to him it is for the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial Fund and not for the general funds of the Association.

Please give as generously in Howard's memory as he gave to the Association.



Howard in his younger days

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

29 March 1987

Please book this date now, as we plan to hold the second Goddard get-together on that day.

While no date is likely to please everybody, I am giving as much advance warning as possible. It is time we had another gathering, and hopefully any winter weather will have passed by then. Quite apart from the sense of 'family' occasion such a meeting should engender, we need to look at the direction of the Association for the future.

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I am equally aware that no venue will please everybody either. I have chosen Malvern College only partly for selfish reasons! I can obtain the use of the Theatre at no cost to the Association, and its proximity to my own boarding house will enable us to offer everyone a cup of tea afterwards. The Goddard Arms was an evocative place to hold our first meeting, but since then the membership of the Association has grown, particularly in the north of the country. Malvern is reasonably centrally situated north-south though not, I admit, from the east-west point of view; but above all it is near a motorway for ease of access.

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So make it a day out and come if you possibly can, bringing with you relatives who are not yet members of the Association; the more the merrier.

Details of timings and how to find the College will appear with the next Newsletter.

IS GODARDUS ON THE BAYEUX TAPESTRY?

Amongst the papers of Howard Goddard-Jones, most generously passed on to the Association by his widow, were notes of a follow-up article to one which headed Newsletter No. 3. In them it is clear that just before he died Howard recognised that he could have made even more of the story of Godardus helping to finance the Norman invasion of England. In that Newsletter he had had printed a small portion of the Bayeux Tapestry depicting the famous incident of Duke William raising his helmet in the thick of the Battle of Hastings to show his troops that, contrary to the rapidly spreading rumour, he was still very much alive. He had also written: "The significance of Betty Metcalf's research is dramatic. For it suggests that the Norman knights depicted on the Bayeux Tapestry included a Goddard."

After the Newsletter had been released Howard realised that in all probability it did indeed include a Goddard and, what is more, as the scene shows, it actually names him: "This is Wadard." For, as Howard's notes say, "in old Norman W and G were interchangeable letters. Surely this is our man, the Norman knight who started it all for some of us here in England." While this can, of course, only be conjecture, it is interesting to note that this particular knight is one of only a very few who are actually named on the Tapestry.

Roger de Buslei

Howard's notes continue with further interesting in-

formation which he had apparently culled from 'Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica' Vol. 2, Fourth Series, 1908: "Following the Battle of Hastings, Norman knight Roger de Buslei became the third greatest baron in the kingdom. Records in Domesday book, 1086, show that he owned lands in Devonshire, Gloucestershire, Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Yorkshire, and Lincolnshire. All were held 'in capite' of the King.

"His principal residence was Tickhill Castle, built immediately after the Conquest in a place then called Dadesley on the borders of Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire. He also held in his

charge the possessions of Countess Judith, daughter of Adeliza, the sister of William the Conqueror. These included Sheffield, Hallam and Attercliffe and are recorded in Domesday Book under 'Terra Rogerii de Buslei.' On his marriage Queen Mathildis gave him the Devonshire mansion of Sandforda, and in 1094 what remained of his estates were put in the hands of his nephews - including Godardus, who was actually his younger brother Ernulfus's nephew by marriage.

"Godardus, we know, was part-owner with Roger de Buslei of the French town of Neufchatel-en-Bray, and this additional information suggests he also inherited vast tracts of England soon after the Conquest.

Other Branches

"It is reasonable to suppose, therefore, that we might find descendants of Godardus in any of these areas."

Some days before this new information came to light, one of our Patrons, Air Marshal Sir Victor Goddard, had written to Howard suggesting that one of his tasks should be to try to pin-point and link extensive branches of the family known to exist in other parts of the country to the well documented Wiltshire branch; he particularly cited Leicestershire, Yorkshire and the West Country as three important areas. One of Howard's last notes reads: "By dint of good luck the information about Roger de Buslei's land ownership - and some of his estates passing into the hands of Godardus - appears to strengthen the Air Marshal's case."

So what we need now is evidence for the earliest of these other branches - no doubt easier said than produced. How about it someone?



'Wadard' and others foraging after the landing

CANNON MAN AND HIS GRANDFATHER

I was interested to read the article on the back page of Newsletter No. 3 on Samuel Aspinwall Goddard, and had intended to add some further information for this issue. I am even more encouraged to do so now as, by a sad coincidence, one of his great-grand-daughters died in London this September, almost exactly a century after his own death. While commemorating the achievements of the former, the Association offers its deepest sympathy to the family of the latter.

Samuel was indeed one of those few Americans who not only returned to England but actually became a naturalised citizen by Act of Parliament. The story is told in his obituary in the Birmingham Daily Post for 27 July, 1886, of how at a banquet someone suggested singing the National Anthem, and that he was called upon to give the lead since he was the only one present who knew the correct words.

Pocket Book

I am pleased to count among my possessions a leather bound pocket book of his containing random jottings between the years 1823 and 1866, including a diary account of one of his crossings of the Atlantic between New York and Liverpool. He spent some of his time writing songs or poetry - as when a swallow flew into his cabin window when the ship was some 400 miles from land - or possibly being seasick! His entry labelled 'At sea, January 28, 1829' reads: "Never go to sea for pleasure. The man who goes to sea for pleasure is a fool or very differently constituted from myself."

But despite spending the majority of his life in Birmingham, Samuel retained a great love for the land of his birth. He had been born on 4 October, 1796, on the family's Brookline estate near Boston, not emigrating to England until 1817. When the dire struggle between North and South broke out in America, he wrote a series of 'Letters' to the Birmingham press recalling that earlier struggle, the American Revolution, in which his grandfather John had played an active part in the Boston area. He also wrote other reminiscences of the Boston area of his youth, which are now of considerable historical interest.

Dorchester Heights

In one of his writings he tells the story of his grandfather's role in the defence of Boston against General Howe and the British in 1775. This

was the famous night fortification of Dorchester Heights, 16-17 June, which decisively tipped the balance in favour of the Americans. As a commissary-general for the American army in the vicinity of the city, John was entrusted with the command of three hundred teams - one of which was driven by his fourteen year old son Joseph, Samuel's father - for the construction of the fortifications. They had to work in darkness and in total silence to avoid detection by the British. So successful were they that, on discovering what had happened, General Howe is supposed to have exclaimed that the Americans had done more in one night than the whole of his army could do in weeks.

The actual construction of the fortifications was not the only danger that the family faced. For some time four or five pieces of cannon - it was the title of the previous article which reminded me of this story - had been concealed under the hay in the estate barns, and they were placed in position on Dorchester Heights during the night. In addition several hundred pounds of gunpowder had been stored in the loft of one of the out-buildings, with a garrison of soldiers living underneath. And, as Samuel tells the story, "they and the patriotic heroes of the house knew that one unfortunate spark might at any moment blow them all into eternity." Not unnaturally he ascribes the success of the whole operation to the "firmness, courage and tact" of his grandfather, and states that when the American army moved from Boston to New York General Washington was very keen that he should accompany them. John Goddard refused on the grounds that his large family - he had twelve sons and four daughters, of whom eleven were alive at this time - "was a sufficiently strong reason why he should decline such service."

Family Man

Samuel lived by the precepts he had no doubt been taught by his father and grandfather. Many of these are to be found scattered about his pocket book. They reflect a sound business sense, a great love of family - he and his wife Jemima had four sons and six daughters - and above all a Christian charity to his neighbour. The shortest may stand for all the others: "Make good your word on all occasions."

CAN YOU HELP?...

Dennis Napier Goddard of 19 Meadow Walk, Penn, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP10 8DB, who would like information on Goddards of South Shields from where his father and grandmother came.

John C. Goddard of 2 Lowergate Road, Huncoat, Accrington, Lancs., BB5 6LN, who stems from a Christopher who married in Bacup, Lancashire, in 1788, but whose birth he has not yet managed to trace. Family tradition points to a Yorkshire origin, but there were Goddards in the Oldham and Ashton-under-Lyne area of South East Lancashire in the seventeenth century.

John W. Goddard of Bikerehyd Farm, Pennant, Llanon, Dyfed, SY23 5PB, who recently succeeded in tracing his great-great-grandfather to Wasperton in Warwickshire. He was born in 1795. Are there any others with ancestors in the Wasperton and Barford area?

Heather Lewis of 17 Abbots Place, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2AH who wishes to trace Goddard ancestry in Blenheim, Oxfordshire, in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

Bill Jones of 1 Stencil's Road, Walsall, West Midlands, WS4 2HJ, who is interested in Gothards and Gozards in the South Staffordshire direction.

Mrs. Bernadette Mead of 20 Elizabeth Street, Buderim 4556, Queensland, Australia, who is keen to trace her husband's great-grandmother, Isabella Goddard, born near Kington Magna, Dorset, in January 1824, the daughter of John Goddard and Grace Hannam. She married James Mead at Kington Magna in 1845 and emigrated to Queensland in 1848.

Mr. R. Goss of 14 The Vineries, Southgate, London, N14 4BH, who wishes to trace ancestors in the Farnborough, Hampshire, area in the early seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. He knows of a Holland Goddard who died at Farnborough in 1626 and was the probable father of another Holland Goddard who married Jane Eades at Crandall in 1644.

Raymond Ella of Anglian Lodge, 8 Burgh Castle Marina, Burgh Castle, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR31 9PZ, who wishes to trace a Joseph Goddard of Leicester who married an Ann Brown in St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, on 22 September 1774.

CAN YOU HELP?...

Albert Goddard of 8 St. Ann's Close, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Stockport, Cheshire, SK12 6SG, who is trying to trace a Mrs. Adeline Shoemaker whose father, Joseph Goddard born 1859, emigrated to America at the end of the last century. Her last address some thirty years ago was 3140 North 27th Street, Philadelphia. He is also very interested in Goddard connections in the Peak District of Derbyshire, which he has researched back to 1700.

Mr. M. Oswald-Jones of Lampkyns, Horsemonden, Kent, TN12 8BJ, for information on the parentage of a Christopher Goddard of St. Andrew, Holborn who, on 7 April 1722, married Sarah Henn.

Mrs. Gillian Clark of 12 Squirrels Way, Earley, Reading, Berks., RG6 2QT, who is writing a thesis on nurse children of London 1550-1750. These were children who were sent out of London by their parents to be brought up by other families at distances of up to 40 miles from the City. She has come across a family of Goddards in Tottenham parish around 1609 and would be grateful for any information about them. One, Thomas who died in 1609, appears to have been an ironmonger; and his uncle, Richard, was a draper and Alderman of London who had a house in the parish. Thomas had a posthumous son, also Thomas, who had a house in St. Mary le Bow in 1638.

Dennis Bryce of Main Road, Ruawai, Northland, New Zealand, who is interested in Goddards of Evington and Houghton-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire, particularly between 1720 and 1850.

Mrs. Greyden of 12 Blackthorne Avenue, West Drayton, Middlesex, UB7 9EU, who would like more information on her father, Hebert W. Henry Goddard, who was born in Suffolk and then served in India with the Berkshire Regiment. He married a girl from Peckham, London, and worked as a Welfords mikman in London for many years.

Mrs. May Bush of 12 Whitwell Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, Hants., PO4 0QR, who would like to get back beyond her great-grandparents, Alfred Charles Goddard, and Kate Charlotte Rogers, who were married in St. Marks, Notting Hill on 30 May, 1886.

CAN YOU HELP?...

Mrs. Hilda M. Leddra of 25 Montague Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH5 2EW, who wishes to trace the birth or baptism of Jemima Goddard who, at the age of 23, married Mrs. Leddra's grandfather, James Bowers, at St. Clement Danes, Westminster, on 22 December, 1850. The marriage certificate gives her address as 12 Wych Street and her father was James Goddard, a stone mason. From the 1851 census for St. Clement Danes Mrs. Leddra has record of an Ann Goddard at the same address, possibly Jemima's sister.

Miss Mary Hartley of Porch House, Manoc Street, Wiston, Huntington, Cambridge, PE17 2QB, whose great-grandmother Ann Goddard, baptised in May 1826, was the daughter of Henry Goddard, a dyer of Stockport, Cheshire. He and his brothers Joseph and Henry seem to have had a mill or factory there from about 1830 to 1860. She would be interested to know of anyone else with Stockport or Ashton-under-Lyne Goddard connections.

Miss Pam Goddard of 71 Fraser Close, Shoeburyness, who wishes to know of researchers in the Suffolk area, particularly around Benhall.

Tony Satchell of 77 Munro Avenue, Ashburton, 3147, Victoria, Australia, who is trying to trace a Jonathan Goddard who married an ancestor of his, Elizabeth Satchell, at St. Mary's, Leicester, on 12 October, 1782, and may have two children, Mary born 1783 and Thomas born 1785. He is particularly interested in the incidence of twins.

Alan W. Goddard of 38 Queen Street, Ormond 3204, Victoria, Australia, who is interested in tracing an ancestor John, who married Matilda Gibson at Marylebone, Middlesex, on 31 May, 1818. Their third child and eldest son, James Gibson Goddard, emigrated to Australia in 1849. His father was said to be a footman.

Gerald S. Goddard of Downland, Penstowe Road, Kirkhampton, Nr. Bude, North Cornwall, EX23 9QT, who wants to trace his great-great-grand-father Thomas, a Pilot of the River Thames, who married Jane Rudland on 22 May, 1801, at St. Dunstan's Church, Stepney. He particularly wants his date of birth and parentage.

GAA THIRD CONVOCATION

As is by now sadly well known, Howard Goddard-Jones was to have been the principal guest speaker at the third biennial Goddard Convocation in Knoxville, Tennessee; and it was just outside Boston, visiting some of the earliest American Goddard sites on his way there, that he had his fatal heart attack. He had planned to make an eyewitness report of this splendid gathering - there was a record attendance of 212 families from 21 states, Canada and England - the main feature of Newsletter No. 4. This report is inevitably second best; it is compiled from the latest GAA Newsletter, No. 27.

One of the main features of this Convocation was the first meeting of the new Council to which every member of the American Association is entitled to belong. It also saw the election and installation for a two-year term of the officers and executive committee under the Association's new constitution, particularly the installation of the GAA's first executive secretary. She is Kathryn Goddard Meyer of 118 South Volutsia, Wichita, Kansas 67211, should any of our readers have American connections and wish to contact her. We wish them all every success in steering the GAA from strength to strength.

But it was not all business. Dr. W. Bruce Wheeler, History professor at the University of Tennessee, gave two informative and entertaining talks related to Goddard ancestors and their times, showing how the work of genealogists and historians should be dovetailed so that the former can enliven their data by using knowledge of the history of their ancestor's region. Then there was a slide show of the 1985 GAA tour of England and France - the tour which Howard used to arouse such interest here that it led directly to our Association's foundation. And yes, Howard's talk was given; His widow, Janet, had very kindly sent on the slides and text and two members of the GAA presented it. There was also, as the high spot of the Saturday evening, the by now traditional Talent Show, a Goddard cabaret.

A most successful Convocation ended on the Sunday with a Service of Remembrance and Celebration and a closing Fellowship Dinner. Afterwards everyone joined hands and sang "God be with you till we meet again", cementing the old and new 'family' friendships that had been made.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS...

The Association offers the warmest welcome to the 23 new members who have joined in the six month period from 1 April to 31 October 1986, and were therefore not included when the list of names and addresses was last circulated:

Mrs. D.J. Bennett,
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Mrs. May Bush,
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Mr. & Mrs. D. Bullock,
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Bryam-cum-Sutton,
Knottingly,
W. Yorks., WF11 9D.

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Mr. John Goddard,
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Essex.

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Bangor,
Gwynedd.

Mr. & Mrs. J.S. Wood,
37 Centre St. East,
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Canada.

Mrs. M.G. Yarrow,
1288 Country Club Dr.,
Salem,
Ohio 44460, U.S.A.

NEW PATRON WALTER GODDARD OF AMERICA

Last Easter the Association acquired an additional Patron in the person of Walter Goddard of Sunapee, New Hampshire, to whom we offer a warm welcome. It is particularly good to have someone from the other side of the Atlantic, as it will help to keep us from being too insular and may hopefully help to encourage more members of the GAA to join us.

Walter is descended from the William, seventh son of Edward of Englesham and Prescilla

d'Oyly, who emigrated to America in 1665. Although living and working mainly in America, he has recently bought Clyffe Pypard Manor, one of the ancestral homes of the Wiltshire Goddards which had originally been in the family from 1540 to 1970. But he would be grateful if members would not try to call on him since he does not live there at present, and the property is rented by a family who has nothing to do with the Goddards and value their privacy.

OBITUARY

The Association greatly regrets to announce the recent death of Mrs. Rosemary Paget of Gillitts, Natal, South Africa. Mrs. Paget was possibly the first overseas member of the Association and was a generous donor to its funds. Her grandfather was a member of the Clyffe Pypard line of the Wiltshire branch of the family. She was born and had lived in Africa all her life, and was the widow of Edward Paget, formerly Bishop of Salisbury, Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) before becoming Archbishop of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

GODDARD GOSSIP - A MISCELLANEOUS MEDLEY

The recent annual bulletin from the Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society informed me that the Goddard Room in Devizes Museum, which houses the Society's collection of Prints and Drawings, is in the process of improvement.

SUCCESS STORY

Over on holiday from Canada, Mrs. Madeleine Wood (née Goddard) by chance picked up the very copy of 'My Weekly', for 7 June 1986, which contained Marjorie Goddard's article on "The Great Goddard Family". Having lost touch with her father's Croydon cousins since her emigration to Canada in 1949, she wrote to Marjorie giving such details as she could and asking for any possible help.

Equally by chance Marjorie just happened to know of another family of Croydon origin now in Buckinghamshire, and sent back their address. Madeleine wrote, and some days later at 5.30 in the morning the telephone rang. She had struck lucky first time; on the other end of the line was the lady to whom she had written, together with her father - Madeleine's first cousin - who had been on the point of ending a few days' visit when the postman had delivered the letter from Canada. "I can't believe it," was Madeleine's repeated cry.

Mrs. Joan Harvey (née Goddard), whose family lived for several generations in the Paddington, London area, writes that she has seen a plaque with the Goddard crest on it in a church near the Thames at Datchet. Members living in that direction might like to investigate this and report back.

GODDARD GOAL

Paul Goddard, the former England striker, has been making something of a come-back for West Ham in recent weeks. Originally transferred there for £800,000, he lost his place over a year ago because of injury. Now someone else is injured and so he has been recalled; he made the most of his opportunity against Watford, demonstrating his class by scoring an excellent goal.

Congratulations to Cyril and Jean (née Abbott) Goddard on their Ruby Wedding. They were married on 31 August 1946, at St. Mary's Paddington and now live at Ashted, Surrey.

THAT WHISTLE AGAIN

Interest in the distinctive whistle has now reached Canada. Did anything come of the suggestion on page 4 of Newsletter No. 2 about writing the whistle down on a musical score? I can find no follow-up in Howard's papers. Mr. & Mrs. Percy H. Moore of 1 Sacht Road, Sayward, British Columbia, would like it put on tape together with the history of how it got started, the reason why it was used, and the names of the people involved. They make the suggestion that this could become a sales item for the Association.

Congratulations to Mrs. Miriam Goddard, aged 92, of 25 Orme Road, Bangor, North Wales who is believed to be the oldest and longest serving Conservative in the Bangor district with active membership going back for over fifty years. She recently received a special visit from the Welsh Under-Secretary of State and M.P. for Conwy, Mr. Wyn Roberts.

The silent auction was a novel idea which helped raise a considerable sum for the GAA at its recent Convocation. Over a hundred items had been donated by members and were on display. Bids were written on a piece of paper placed by each object. Members were constantly checking to see if their bid on a wanted item had been topped; if it had, they could then make a higher bid. At a specified time the pieces of paper were collected and the winning bids announced. Something to try in the future?

BISHOP'S APPEAL

Most of you will have received an appeal from one of our members, Bishop James Adams, for funds to restore Ogbourne St. George Parish Church. My predecessor had felt it wrong to commit any Association funds in this way - besides which they are still very meagre - but right that the Bishop should approach each member for support; it would then be up to the individual to decide whether to respond. The parish is, after all, closely connected with the Goddard family and contains one of two Goddard brasses (see back page).

The Bishop tells me that the appeal for £10,000 has just passed the halfway mark. £1,000 of this is in grants and most of the remainder has been raised in the parish. Currently ten members of the Goddard 'family' have contributed to the tune of £220 and the Bishop wishes to express his appreciation for "all that this represents of generosity, interest and concern". I am sure he would be equally appreciative of further help in raising the second half of the target.

ASSOCIATION GOES WORLDWIDE

Membership of the Association has reached 115 at the last count at the end of October, and is continuing to rise as I write. And it is important to realise that this represents families or addresses, not heads, since we do not ask for individual subscriptions. The most encouraging aspect is that our membership now spans the globe, with increasing interest being shown in Canada and the U.S.A., Australia and New Zealand.

But we must not be complacent. If we are to achieve the many aims we have in view we must continue to look for new members. May I please appeal for a concerted effort to double our membership by the meeting scheduled for 29 March 1987. Why not use it as a novel idea for a Christmas present? Or simply write to that cousin you have not been in contact with for too long. Or even get hold of your local telephone directory and give another Goddard a surprise! Please do it now.

G.A.E.'S FINANCE

For the benefit of new or prospective members - and as a reminder to the not so new - the Goddard Association of Europe was founded in May 1985 as a non-profit organisation, dedicated to preserve the Goddard heritage, to further genealogical research, and to create a sense of unity and pride in belonging to one of the great 'families' of the world.

We have repeatedly refused to use the word 'subscription' and make membership an individual issue. Emphasis has always been on the concept of 'family', and we therefore ask for a donation of a minimum of £5 per address per annum, and hope that those who feel they can afford it will give more, as many generously have. Equally, we will not immediately drop from the circulation of the Newsletter - for some the only medium of communication - those who do not renew their donation on time.

I trust that we shall continue to merit your support; if not, please do not hesitate to say why.

POINTS OF CONTACT

One of the following three addresses should provide you with the appropriate point of contact you need:

Acting Chairman & Secretary:
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And if a reply is required the inclusion of a stamped addressed envelope is much appreciated; it does save the Association's funds.

We are hoping to build up a network of regional co-ordinators in this country and national co-ordinators overseas, so if you feel you can offer your services in this respect Marjorie in particular would be glad to hear from you. The object of co-ordinators is to act as more local points of contact.



Richard & Elizabeth Goddard, Aldbourne, 1492
Brass rubbings from churches in Wiltshire, England

Thomas & Joan Goddard, Ogbourne St. George, 1517
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POSTCARD

Just before he died, Howard produced the postcard (shown here in actual size), hoping to use it both as a fund raiser and as an advertisement for the Association. These are now offered for sale in multiples of ten, price £1 per 10 postage free, and are obtainable from Richard Goddard whose address is as above. Cheques should be made payable to the Goddard Association of Europe.