



The Goddard Association of Europe

NEWSLETTER

No. 7 - JUNE 1987

THE GODDARD GHOST STORY

Probably the best documented ghost story in Wiltshire, and arguably one of the best in the country, concerns a Goddard and is contained in a deposition made under oath and before witnesses at Marlborough in November 1674. The full story is entitled: "Apparition of Edward Avon, Father-in-Law of Thomas Goddard, Marlborough" and runs as follows:

The Narrative of Thomas Goddard, of Marlborough, in the County of Wilts, weaver, made on the 23rd November, 1674, and deposed in the presence of Christopher Lypiatt, mayor; Ralph Bayly, town-clerk; and Joshua Sacheverell, rector of St. Peter's. Who saith: That on Monday, the ninth of this instant, as he was going to Ogbourne, at a stile on the highway near Mr. Goddard's ground, by nine in the morning, he met the apparition of his father-in-law, one Edward Avon, of this town, glover, who died in May last, having on to all appearance the same clothes, hat, stockings, and shoes he did usually wear when he was living, standing by and leaning over that stile. As Goddard came near, the apparition spoke to him in an audible voice these words, "Are you afraid?" To which he answered, "I am thinking of one who is dead and buried whom you are like." To which the apparition replied with the like voice, "I am he that you were thinking of. I am Edward Avon, your father-in-law. Come near to me; I will do you no harm." Goddard answered, "I trust in Him who hath bought my soul you shall do me no harm." Then the apparition said, "How stand cases at home?" Goddard asked, "What cases?" Then it asked, "How do William and Mary?" meaning, as was conceived, his son, William Avon, a shoemaker here, and Mary, his daughter, the said Goddard's wife.

Then it said, "What, Taylor is dead?" meaning one Taylor, of London, who had married his daughter Sarah, and died about Michaelmas last. Then the apparition held out its hand, and in it, as Goddard conceived, twenty or thirty shillings in silver; and then said, with a loud voice, "Take this money, and send it to Sarah; for I shut up my bowels of compassion to her in my lifetime, and now here is somewhat for her," And then said, "Mary (meaning his, the said Goddard's wife, as he conceived,) is troubled for me; but tell her I have received mercy contrary to my deserts." But Goddard answered, "I refuse all such money." Upon which the apparition said, "I perceive you are afraid. I will meet you some other time." And immediately it went away up the lane. So Goddard went over the same stile, but saw it no more that day.

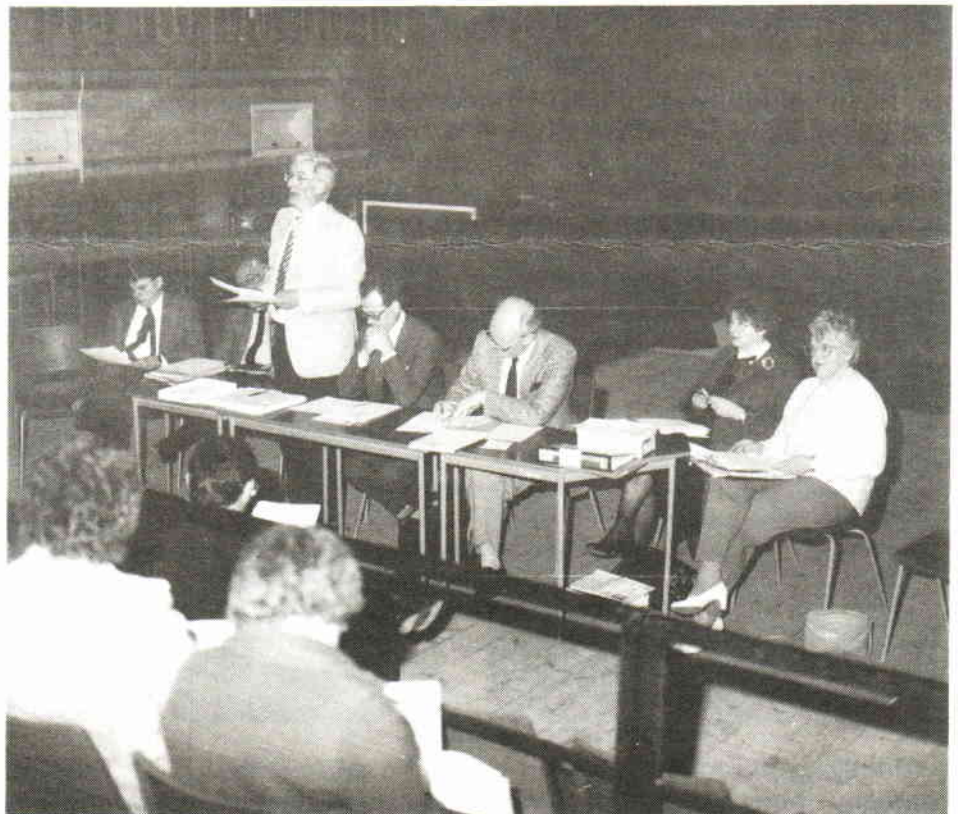
(To be concluded)

ASSOCIATION ON FIRM FOUNDATION FIRST A.G.M.

The Association's second gathering and first official A.G.M. duly took place in the Theatre of Malvern College at 2.30 p.m. on a somewhat bleak Sunday 29 March 1987. It would be less than honest not to admit that the attendance of only 34 was disappointing; various reasons for this, together with a number of apologies for absence, were produced.

Welcome

The Acting Chairman, Richard, welcomed those present, some of whom had come considerable distances. Kathleen Milicent Goddard was the oldest member attending but, despite coming from Suffolk, was eclipsed in distance by Earl G. Goddard from Palo Alto, California - although it has to be conceded that he was already in this country and had not flown in specially! It was good to have his message of greetings from Dr. John W. Harms and another from Executive Secretary, Kathryn Goddard Meyer on behalf of the Goddard Association of America. We were delighted to
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Treasurer John presenting his Report, flanked by Brian, Patron John, Richard, Dennis, Julie and Marjorie.

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have one Patron present - Captain John Goddard of Swindon - and especially pleased to see Howard Goddard-Jones's widow, Janet, and their younger son, Richard. And to Tony Goddard of Uxbridge must go the credit of producing the largest family party present; without their warm support the meeting would have seemed even colder than it was!

Howard Goddard-Jones

In giving a brief resumé of the Association since the inaugural meeting of 25 May 1985, the Acting Chairman paid particular tribute to Howard Goddard-Jones who was the moving spirit behind its inception and the driving force during its first year of existence until his tragic death. There were now 152 recorded addresses of members and many of these were world wide: Australia and Barbados, Canada and Germany, New Zealand and the U.S.A.

Treasurer's Report

In presenting his financial report for the year ending 31 March 1987 (see p.7) the Acting Treasurer, John, pointed to an income - entirely from donations - of £1,034.62 and expenditure of £679.84, thus leaving a credit balance of £354.78. Together with the surplus of the previous year of £310.36 and £435.35 in the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial Fund, accumulated funds currently stood at £1,100.59, though the reprinting of the "Goddards of North Wilts" by Richard Jefferies, available just in time for the meeting, was a substantial item which had not yet been met. Future financial policy was discussed - see separate section on p.8 - but no questions were raised on the report which was adopted unanimously coupled with grateful thanks to John for all his work.

Constitution

The Constitution, or Rules, of the Association - as set out on p.2 of the last Newsletter - was presented. Julie and Brian Goddard, who had kindly submitted it in the first place, spoke of the possibility of subsequently acquiring charitable status, hence its format. The main aim was to keep it as simple as possible. The choice of the Library of Devizes Museum as beneficiary in the (hopefully) very unlikely event of dissolution, was due to it currently possessing possibly the best set of records on the Goddard family. The Constitution was unanimously adopted unaltered.

Officers

The meeting then proceeded to elect the Officers en bloc, including two members - Annica Leach (nee Goddard) and Janet Goddard-Jones - not nominated in time to appear in the last Newsletter. The full Committee are shown opposite, with gratitude to Philip Goddard who took the photographs - apart from the one of himself!

Computerising Records

Julie and Brian spoke about collecting and computerising our records. There was still a good deal of preliminary work to be done in deciding in just what format it would be best to do so, and it was proposed

eventually to produce a standard form (not in time to accompany this Newsletter) for members to fill in and return. In the meantime Julie would be pleased to receive any material - names, addresses, occupations, dates of birth, deaths, and marriages, locations and even special pursuits and interests - and this might help Brian to decide what system to adopt. But it was still felt to be worthwhile keeping a basic card index of one's own.

The G.A.A.

Mention was next made of the projected Goddard Association of America visit to the UK this coming October; no details were yet available. Unfortunately since then I have heard from the Executive Secretary of the G.A.A., Kathryn Goddard Meyer, that as there were only eight firm bookings, the tour has had to be abandoned. The G.A.A. has held Convocations in 1981 in Kansas City, Missouri; 1984 in Wichita, Kansas; and in 1986 in Knoxville, Tennessee; and the next one is in San Diego, California, in 1988 - to which, of course, I am sure G.A.E. members would be most welcome. The tentative plan is now for a projected G.A.A. tour to this country in 1989, and that should give us time to make suitable arrangements.

Thanks to Derek Webber

Discussion then turned to the future with regard to our own Association. More detailed reports on meetings, recruitment, and the Newsletter will be found on p.8. This was followed by a few items of other business, particularly including a special vote of thanks to Derek Webber, a retired Clyffe Pypard and Swindon schoolmaster, who had done pioneering research on the origins and early history of the Goddard family, but who had subsequently suffered severe ill-health. It was agreed that the President should send him a letter of thanks and good wishes for his recovery, and that he should be sent the Newsletter. This has been done.

In thanking those present for their attendance, and his wife Helena for her catering arrangements, the President declared the meeting closed at 4.15 p.m., invited everyone to tea in House No. 6, and wished them a safe return home.

EARL GODDARD'S LOAN

The President would like to place on record the very great sense of debt the Association owes to member Earl G. Goddard of Palo Alto, California. Earl spent two or three weeks this spring transcribing material from diaries and notebooks he was interested in at the Devizes Museum Library. To help himself with this task, he bought a new Amstrad PC 1512 and printer. Note: he bought, not hired it; because he had already conceived the idea of leaving it behind when he returned to the U.S.A., on loan to the Association for the purpose of assisting the editor to compile this Newsletter. Our part of the bargain is to make it available to him whenever he returns to this country and for as long as he needs it. A very generous gesture for which we are truly grateful.

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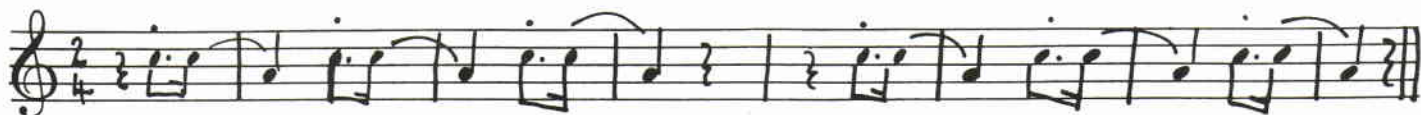
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THE GODDARD WHISTLE



The combined help of Tony Goddard of Uxbridge, his daughter Denise of Dorset, and Eileen Horne of Northampton, has now satisfied requests from as far afield as Canada and produced the Goddard whistle in note form. I am indebted to Denise for the following information:

"Since early childhood I can remember hearing our family whistle, generally used as a means of attracting the attention of other family members. If, for example, my brother or I ever strayed too far from our parents on picnics or family outings, Dad had only to whistle to have us come running.

My father recounts a story that as a child he had been involved in a minor accident and had been taken to St. Thomas' Hospital, London. After receiving treatment he was waiting for Grandad to collect him from a very crowded waiting room. As Grandad came into the room he whistled, Dad stood up and waved to him, and

the man sitting next to him asked if that was his father. It turned out that this man was his cousin Bobby. He had never previously met my father, and the pair had been seated next to each other for several hours totally unaware of their relationship.

Another tale is one that occurred when I was a child. My parents, brother and I were shopping in Oxford Street (an annual treat) when we became separated by the crowds. Dad whistled, and the lady walking in front of him stopped and asked if he was a Goddard. Dad replied that he was "Buffs" son. "In that case, hello, I'm your cousin Sylvie," was her response!

The many small incidents associated with our whistle are too numerous to tell, and I am sure there must be many other family members across the country who would be able to add to these stories.

Well, are there?

The Association offers congratulations and very best wishes to Mark Goddard and Jo Sampford following their wedding on Saturday 30 May this year. Both attended our inaugural meeting in Swindon, and Mark is the son of Tony and brother of Denise of the Goddard Whistle story.

Wiltshire search of marriages 1538-1837 undertaken by Mrs. Barbara J. Carter of 28 Okus Road, Swindon. Cost: Marriages 20p per marriage, minimum £1. 1851 Census (no trades) 50p per page, minimum £1. Catalogue 50p plus 9"x4" envelope. Postage extra. (Mrs Carter is a retired professional genealogist).

CAN YOU HELP?

Mr. N.J. Colfer of Christian Lodge, Church Road, Rudgeway, Bristol, BS12 2SH, who is seeking information on an Edmund George Goddard, whose address on 13 September 1905 was given as 10 Hamilton Road, Bristol, and his occupation as that of Pilot. On that date a daughter, Kathleen Margaret Goddard, was born to him and Marguerite Kathleen Colfer. It appears that the parents never married, and that Edmund disappeared soon after the birth of his daughter. What became of him? Did he subsequently marry? And if so, to whom? And when and where did he die?

Miss M.F. Ellison of 65 Haworth Road, Bradford 9, West Yorks BD9 6LH, who is trying to identify subscribers to the "Orthodox Communicant" engraved by John Sturt and written by L. Howell in 1721. One of them is a Mr. William Goddard, and she wonders if anyone can claim such a relation at that date. He was connected with Jacobitism and might have been an antiquarian, bookseller or engraver.

Mrs. Alice Campbell of 76 Woornack Road, Carnegie, Victoria 3163, Australia, to trace her grandfather's ancestry. He was born John William Goddard about 1840 in Maidstone, Kent, son of another John William Goddard and Grace Buck.

Miss June and Miss Joyce Goddard of 48A Sussex Crescent, Northolt, Middlesex UB5 4DR, who wish to trace members of their family. Their great-grandfather George, 1843-97, married Fanny Thirza, whose son, Harry, married Adelaide Boniface and had three sons, one of whom was their father. Joyce has a twin brother, Dennis, and the only other known twins in the family goes back to two brothers who emigrated to New Zealand in the nineteenth century to become sheep farmers.

Philip Goddard of 25 Swindon Road, Old Town, Swindon, Wiltshire SN1 3JJ, to contact Steve Goddard who had a car hire business in London about 1951.

Mr. M.D. Goddard of 14 Wonga Street, North Balgowlah, New South Wales 2093, Australia, who wishes to trace his great-grandfather, Captain William Goddard, a Master Mariner. According to his N.S.W. marriage certificate he was born at Bucks in Norfolk to another M. Mariner, John Goddard and his wife, Susan Warnes; but other information suggests that he was born on 26 January 1835 at Beccles in Suffolk. He went to sea in 1848 and captained several ships until his retirement in 1896. Did he have any brothers or sisters and are there any descendants now living?

Mrs Amy Gladys Barefoot (nee Goddard)

The Association offers its warmest congratulations to Mrs. Gladys Barefoot on reaching her one hundredth birthday.

Gladys Goddard was born on 8 May 1887 at Barlaston (now the home of the Wedgwood Museum), south of Stoke-on-Trent. The "pottery" connection is more than coincidental. Her grandfather, Dr. Thomas Goddard (1791-1872), a very versatile man was, among other things, a master potter; and her mother's mother, born Mary Lovering, was a member of the celebrated Cornish china clay family. Thus she could claim joint Staffordshire and Cornish ancestry; but when she married Leslie Barefoot in 1913 she was living in Surrey, and her life after that was spent almost entirely in Suffolk, where her husband settled after the First World War to practise as an architect.

Leslie Barefoot also ran an amateur dramatic company, and his wife took part in many of its productions. He also served in World War II, and was one of the first Army officers to be awarded the George Cross. He died in 1958. Ever since, Mrs. Barefoot has con-

tinued to live in Ipswich, first in her own home, latterly at the Methodist Home for the Aged. On Friday 8 May she celebrated her 100th birthday by presenting her late husband's George Cross to the Imperial War Museum. All her three sons are living; she has seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Alison, daughter of John Goddard of Accrington, is the proud possessor of a new Creda washing machine, ceramic hob Cooker and microwave oven, won in a competition following her wedding last year. One of her wedding photographs was entered in the Fuji Wedding Photographer of the Year competition and after winning a monthly heat in October last was voted overall winner in January. The presentation took place during a commercial photography exhibition at Wembley. The photographer, Paul Duxbury of Accrington, received a crystal rose bowl, a Paris holiday and a framed enlargement of the photograph which will appear in "Brides" and other magazines.

Transcription of Indenture, Newsletter No.6 p.5

THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH THAT James Robert Goddard a minor of the age of thirteen years Son of Stephen and Hannah Goddard of the Parish of Silchester in the County of Southampton Maltster hath put himself and by these presents by and with the consent of his said Father testified by his being a party to and sealing and delivering of these presents doth put himself Apprentice to Thomas Goddard of the Parish of Silchester in the County aforesaid Carpenter and Builder to learn his Art and with him after the Manner of an Apprentice to serve from the day of the date hereof for and during and unto the full End and Term of Five Years from thence next following to be fully complete and ended During which Term the said Apprentice his Master faithfully shall serve his secrets keep his lawful commands every where gladly do he shall do no damage to his said Master of the same he shall not waste the Goods of his said Master nor lend them unlawfully to any he shall not commit fornication nor contract Matrimony within the said Term he shall not play at Cards or Dice Tables or at any other unlawful Games whereby his said Master may have any loss with his own goods or others during the said Term without Licence of his said Master he shall neither buy nor sell he shall not haunt Taverns or Playhouses nor absent himself from his said Master's service day or night unlawfully But in all things as a faithful Apprentice he shall behave himself towards his said Master and all his during the said Term And the said Master Thomas Goddard shall use the utmost of his endeavours to instruct his said Apprentice in the art of carpentering and joining which he useth by the best means that he can shall teach and Instruct or cause to be taught and instructed Finding unto the said Apprentice sufficient Tools during the said Term of Five Years This Indenture sheweth also that James Robert Goddard is to serve the said Master the first year without any remuneration the 2nd yr the said Master is to allow his Apprentice 4s per week the 3rd yr 5s per week the fourth 6s per wk the 5th 8s per week And for the true performance of all and every the said Covenants and Agreements either of the said Parties bindeth himself unto the other by these presents In Witness whereof the Parties above named to these Indentures interchangeably have put their Hands and Seals the 25th day of April and in the Second Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria the First by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen Defender of the Faith and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred

NB The Indenture Covenant Article or Contract must bear date the day it is executed and what Money or other thing is given or contracted for with the Clerk or Apprentice must be inserted in Words at Length otherwise the Indenture will be void the Master or Mistress forfeit Fifty Pounds and another Penalty and the Apprentice be disabled to follow h(is) trade or be made Free.
Signed sealed and delivered being first duly stamped in the presence of Charles Pimsell (signed)

James Robert Goddard
(signed and sealed)

Stephen Goddard
(signed and sealed)

Thomas Goddard
(signed and sealed)

ROUNDHEADS AND CAVALIERS

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Vincent Goddard is attributed in various sources as either a son of the Ogbourne branch of the family or the Upham branch. I suspect that there is confusion between two cousins with the same name. One source suggests that he was "thè great fatte gentleman" who in 1636, when out hawking, surprised his own shepherd who was poaching. The shepherd, one Thomas Hopkins, threw his "prong" at his master, mercifully missing his mark but killing his dog. The gentleman (whether Vincent or his father) rode away shouting back that it "would be a dear partridge for him".....Not that the Goddards were above poaching. They appeared in the records of the Star Chamber the same year charged with taking the king's deer.

However, in 1642 when Civil War became inevitable, Vincent elected to support the king and joined Lord Digby's troop. This, by November 1642, was based at Oxford, the Royalist Headquarters. Realising how important it was to keep all main roads to the east and west in friendly hands, the Royalist commanders sent Lord Digby to take Marlborough, a strategically important town on the London to Bath and Bristol road, which was being held by Sir Nevill Poole (a Goddard cousin by marriage). Not realising how small a number of men Sir Nevill had at his command, Lord Digby did not attack at once but sent Vincent to parley with the defenders. Sir Nevill, knowing his weaker position (Lord Digby had 400 men) kept Vincent talking until he had persuaded "700 countrymen" coming into town for the weekly market to join him. They must have been armed with a curious variety of weapons! At last the time came for the talking to stop and Sir Nevill came forth and declared that, while he would welcome the king if he came in person, he wanted nothing to do with "that traitor Lord Digby". He then called upon his ten musketeers to fire on Vincent. All ten bullets missed their mark - which Sealed Knot friends of mine tell me is not all that surprising when the inexperience of the amateur soldiery is taken into account.

Vincent hurriedly retreated, probably hardly believing his luck, and the Royalists withdrew to camp at Aldbourne and to think out their next move. Sir Nevill, emboldened by his success, led a sortie out of Marlborough in the night and captured Vincent and others. He would have been a good prize to be held and exchanged later for some Parliamentarian high ranker.

Lord Digby got his revenge. He waited a week or two and then returned with a larger force and captured Marlborough, setting fire to many buildings and allowing his men to loot as they wished.

James Goddard of the South Marsden branch declared for the Parliamentary side as did his father, **Edward** of Inglesham. Edward was made Parliamentary commissioner for Wiltshire in 1645 when Parliament had gained the upper hand and was setting up a reformed administration to govern the country and raise some money. It was one of his duties to fine the erstwhile Royalist supporters. James had been married to Elinor, daughter of Sir James Long, another local landowner whose father held Draycot Cerne in Wiltshire. The king had in fact made him Sheriff of

Wiltshire the previous year. Bowing to the inevitable, Sir James paid up. But he was not the type of man to submit tamely. His close friend John Aubrey describes him as the archetypal country squire, fond of hunting shooting and fishing - and a fight perhaps. Waiting for an opportune lull in the fighting he gathered a few friends and swooped down from Oxford, raided Inglesham and burnt it down. Some accounts say that Edward was captured and kept prisoner. If so he was soon exchanged and went to live with his eldest son, John, at Upton Noble in Somerset. No one has recorded what Elinor Goddard thought of her father's actions.

Sir James Long again was made to pay in 1649 and "allowed to compound for his estates at Goldsmith's Hall" in London. But still he remained in London and did not quietly leave the country as did many of his friends. Oliver Cromwell met him in 1655 when he was out hawking on Hounslow Common. Two keen sportsmen recognised each other as such and Roundhead and Royalist stood and talked and arranged to meet another day to the disapproval of the friends of both.

The Long family have survived the centuries alongside the Goddards. They have descended through Walters and Richards and Jameses to the present day and similarly have had to sell their estates and manor houses to exist.

Sources:

Richard Jefferies "The Goddards of North Wilts".

John Aubrey "Brief Lives".

Ida Gandy "The Heart of a Village: an intimate history of Aldbourne".

Elsbeth Huxley "Gallipot eyes; a Wiltshire Diary".

Julie Goddard

The Newbury Journal in its Bygones column reprints an item from the Mercury of February 26th 1787:

"A few days since was married Mr. Wm. Louth of Chieveley in this county, aged 70 to Miss Jane Goddard, a very agreeable lady, aged 20."

Does anyone own to having the young lady in their family?

LT. COL. A. W. GODDARD, M.C.

The Association offers its deepest sympathy to one of its Patrons, Captain John Goddard, on the death of his father on 26 May 1987, aged 95. Lt. Col. Ambrose William Goddard was born on 19 March 1892 and fought with the Royal Fusiliers in the First World War, winning the Military Cross and bar. He became the head of the Swindon branch of the family sixty years ago on the death of his uncle, Fitzroy Pleydell Goddard, in 1927.

FINANCIAL POLICY

Set out below, for the benefit of those unable to be present at the AGM, is the Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31 March 1987.

Income and Expenditure Account

| | | | <u>1986</u> | | |
|------------|------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1986 | | | | | |
| 158 | Newsletters | 226.84 | <u>666</u> | Donations | 1034.62 |
| 30 | Postage | 109.93 | | | |
| 120 | Printing & Stationery | 294.32 | | | |
| 10 | Genealog. Research Directory | — | | | |
| 13 | Guild of One Name Studies | — | | | |
| <u>25</u> | Goblets | <u>48.75</u> | | | |
| 356 | | 679.84 | | | |
| <u>310</u> | Excess of Inc. over Expend. | <u>354.78</u> | | | |
| 666 | | 1034.62 | <u>666</u> | | <u>1034.62</u> |

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 1987

| | | | <u>1986</u> | | |
|------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------|---|----------------|
| 1986 | | | | | |
| | Accumulated Funds | | 49 | Stock of Goblets | — |
| 310 | Balance at 1.4.86 | 310.36 | | | |
| | Surplus in 1986/87 | 354.78 | 665.14 | Balances at Trustee Sav. Bank | |
| | | | 261 | Ordinary Account | 165.14 |
| | | | — | Deposit Account | 500.00 |
| — | Howard Goddard-Jones Mem. Fund | 435.45 | — | Leamington Spa Building Soc. Deposit Account | 435.45 |
| <u>310</u> | | <u>1100.59</u> | <u>310</u> | | <u>1100.59</u> |

It remains the firm policy of the Association not to ask for a fixed individual membership subscription, but to adhere to the decision taken at the inaugural meeting, namely to ask for a minimum donation of £5 from each address to which a Newsletter can be sent, with no upper limit for those who can afford it and are generously disposed to give more. Equally, we do not intend to strike anyone off the list the moment their donation becomes overdue. We wish to rely on the goodwill and support of members, and would like to remind them that, although the balance sheet is in a

healthy state at present, one of the original aims was to build up reserves so as to be able to fund research. The Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial Fund is a particularly appropriate vehicle for this, as research was one of the main objectives Howard had in mind. If you have not already contributed to this Fund, please do not feel it is too late to do so. And while on the topic of contributions, I am sure Treasurer John would wish to remind you that those for 1987-8 are now due! His address is Coton Grange, Shrewsbury.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Association offers a most warm welcome to the 14 new members who have joined since the last Newsletter went to print:

Mrs. Alice Campbell, 76 Wornack Road, Carnegie, Victoria 3163, Australia.

Mrs. E Dearnaley, 26 West Street, Tintwistle, Hadfield, Hyde, Cheshire.

Miss Veronica Goddard, 1 Sispara Gardens, Southfields, London SW18 1LG.

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Miss Mary Horne, 145 Downside Close, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Mrs Penny Harrowing, 95 Chester Road South, Kidderminster, Worcestershire.

WARM WELCOME IN CHILE

It is encouraging to think that the affairs of the Association have even been discussed in the bar of the Prince of Wales Country Club in Santiago! Frank Goddard says that he was approached by no less than the British Consul - one Ian Lewis whose mother is a Goddard from Norfolk - and handed Newsletters Nos.

1 & 3. Frank thinks he is the only UK Goddard in Chile, but he has noticed one or two hybrids in the telephone directories and on local TV, notably a captain in the Marines and another as commander of a Chilean destroyer, all probably of UK descent. He plans to contact them in due course and report back.

CAN YOU CLAIM THIS TREASURE?

Mr. Bill Moss of Newcastle-under-Lyme (Staffs) has at last found time to open the safe which he bought with premises in Cemetery Road, Shelton (Notts) in the 1970s. On retiring he took the still unopened safe with him and after much hard work managed to "crack it". Among the contents was a bank receipt dated February 5th 1897 stating that the money was "for the girls when 21". The receipt belonged to Mrs Mary Ann Goddard of Basford (Notts). After 90 years quite an amount of interest should have accrued! Mr. Moss, in a local newspaper item, says that the bank concerned have no records going that far back and that a claim could only be considered from Mrs. Goddard's descendants. One of our members has registered an interest with the bank but so far has not been able to prove his descent. Are there any more claimants?

Further details from Julie Goddard.

FUTURE MEETINGS

A certain amount of discussion in the A.G.M. took place regarding future meetings. While not everybody favoured Sundays, a majority of the members present felt that weekdays and Saturdays were unsuitable for those in business. It was also felt that a week-end meeting was too ambitious at present - and also too expensive. And so a one day meeting was agreed, with lunch followed by the business meeting and possibly including a talk. April was thought to be a better month than March as it would give the Treasurer time to produce the accounts; and so Sunday 10 April 1988 has been selected for next year. A possible venue also provoked some discussion, and it was generally agreed that it should move about the country to ensure a fairer share of travelling for all. Buxton and London were both mooted, but nothing was decided at the time. Since then a serious proposal to return to our inaugural meeting place at the Goddard Arms Hotel in Swindon has been proposed on the grounds that the name would attract more people. This is currently being investigated, and if any of you have strong views on the subject please let me know.

THE NEWSLETTER

This newsletter continues to be edited by Richard at 6 The College, Malvern. At the A.G.M. he requested the views of those present as to what they would like. It was agreed that eight pages was about right, but there was a general demand for more topical items to go alongside the historical. One or two people have already submitted news, but I should be grateful for more. I cannot, of course, guarantee to print everything, but will welcome material from any source. Another request was for humour, to which the retort was: then please produce some. I am still waiting!

RECRUITMENT OF MEMBERS

Discussion at the A.G.M. showed much satisfaction that the number of addresses had already exceeded 150, but warned against complacency. Various alternatives for recruiting more members were put forward. Philip Goddard, for example, had sent out 146 letters to Goddards in his postal area and had put an advertisement in the local newspaper. The use of local free newspapers and local radio was urged, and

perhaps also the occasional advertisement in the personal column of one of the national dailies. But it was generally agreed that personal contact was the best method. If each member recruited just one more over the summer months, good progress could be made. To paraphrase one currently well-publicised national campaign: Don't let any Goddards die in ignorance of their Association.

PUBLICATIONS

The following publications are available, all post free, from Richard at 6 The College, Malvern WR14 3DJ:

"The Goddards of North Wilts". A 1987 reprint of the original 1873 monograph by the celebrated Wiltshire author Richard Jefferies. Price £5.00

Back numbers of the Association's Newsletter. Price 50p each

A Goddard postcard, designed from the two Wiltshire Goddard brasses in Aldbourne and Ogbourne St. George Churches. Price £1.00 for every 10

A few remaining copies of the original colour photograph of the members who attended the inaugural meeting of the Association at the Goddard Arms Hotel, Swindon on Saturday 25 May 1985.

Size: 8"x6" Price £2.50
5"x4" Price £1.50

And there are two publications available from the Executive Secretary of the Goddard Association of America, Miss Kathryn Goddard Meyer at 118 South Volutsia, Wichita, Kansas 67211, U.S.A.:

The Goddard Book, Volumes I & II. Vol.I, which has already been produced, contains records of American Goddards; Vol.II, which is due out at the end of this year or the beginning of next, will update this and also include English material. Currently priced at 35 Dollars (or equivalent), but may have to be increased by 5 Dollars on publication of Vol.II.

The Goddard Family Cookbook, compiled by members of the G.A.A. from their favourite family recipes and produced in time for their Third Convocation in 1986. Price 5 Dollars plus 1 Dollar postage by surface mail.

SENTENCED FOR STEALING STOCKINGS

By no means every account of Goddard doings is honourable! In his book "Marlborough - The Story of a Small and Ancient Borough" Christopher Hughes refers to the case in 1799 of one Sarah Goddard, who was convicted of stealing a pair of stockings from Stephen Shipway. She was sentenced to be put in the cells for one month and to be privately whipped.