

The Goddard Association of Europe

NEWSLETTER

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SHATTERED ILLUSIONS

Family research is a wonderful hobby. As we travel back through time, learning about our ancestors and their lives, we slowly get to know them and form pictures of each and every one of them in our mind and, probably like me, you look upon them through rose coloured spectacles – as I did as I got to know my great great great grandmother, Jane. The daughter of Robert Rayner, Jane was baptised in Ruckinge in Kent on 25 August 1822 and, aged 18, she married a young widower, Samuel Goddard, on 8 June 1840.

Samuel's is a sad but all too familiar story of the time. He had married Elizabeth Newman in Folkestone in Kent on 7 April 1833. Elizabeth was twenty and Samuel about 22 years old. They settled in Bilsington and had three children, Samuel baptised 9 March 1834, Elizabeth 10 April 1836 and William 7 February 1838. Sadly, Samuel's wife Elizabeth died in Folkestone on 14 April 1839 of consumption. I can only imagine that having three young children in Bilsington, Samuel couldn't manage and Elizabeth went home to her family at the end of her life. Practicalities meant that a new wife was needed and Samuel married Jane, who lived in the next village, a little more than a year later.

The 1841 census for Bilsington tells us that in the family unit is Samuel Goddard, a farmer aged 65 (Samuel's uncle), Samuel a farm labourer aged 26, Jane aged 15, Samuel aged 7, Elizabeth aged 5, William aged 5 and Catherine (the first child of Samuel and Jane) aged 3 months. Uncle Sam and young William died in 1845, Samuel and Jane had nine children together, two dying in infancy.

As I started to unravel her story, Jane became my heroine. The rose coloured spectacles shaded out the fact that the family probably lived in extremely modest accommodation, had no running water, sanitation, washing machine or fridge, Jane would have cooked on an open fire and there was certainly no Tesco's super store up the road as there is today. But never mind, Jane was

a god-fearing woman who always wore a starched white apron, her floors and children were scrubbed and polished until they shone and wonderful food was on the table every day, the vegetables, chickens and eggs grown and reared by Jane in the garden and meat brought home by Samuel. I knew this way of life as it was mine in the 1950's. Think *Lark Rise to Candleford* and this is the picture I had of Jane and her large brood.

That is until earlier this year when my dear friend and GAE member, Cathy Goodwin, went to Maidstone to have a really good look at something she had noticed a few months before at CKS (The Centre for Kentish Studies), and totally shattered all of my illusions with what she found.

It's March 1854 and Jane and

Samuel find themselves in custody accused of sheep stealing!!! They are accused of stealing two new born lambs from William Sillingbourne, a farmer from Sevington, a village a few miles from Bilsington. William had put out fliers offering a reward of £5.00 and it was soon brought to the attention of the local law enforcement officer, Jeffery Barton, that John Goddard, the son of Samuel and Jane, has offered for sale to William Crunden of Aldington two new born lambs for 1s & 6d each. Jeffery calls at the home of Samuel and Jane who are out; John tells him that the lambs are in the barn. Shortly after, Jane and her daughter arrive home and the young girl contradicts her brother saying they are in the house. Jane tells her daughter to hold her tongue. To cut a very long story short the lambs are found upstairs in a bedroom; Jane is arrested as is Samuel when he arrives home soon after. To no avail Jane tries to convince Jeffery that she bought the lambs from a man in the lane and then that she had been given them by her uncle Edward Hill, her mother's brother-in-law, who in a statement under oath says that this is untrue.

Jane and Samuel appear at the East Kent Sessions on 7 April 1854 and quite amazingly are acquitted, I would imagine to the great relief of the good folk of Bilsington as, found guilty, they would probably have been transported to Australia and the children would have to have been supported by the parish.

After reading through all of the paper work all I could do was shake my head and think, 'Jane, how could you?' *Joan Dibble*

Ed.: I should be very interested to hear from any member who could tell a similar story. It is often the case that the black sheep are the more interesting!

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the new members who have joined the Association since the last Newsletter:

Mr Christopher Beard, 4 Weavers Court, Scorton, Garstang, PR3 1NQ.
Mrs Susan Davies, 197 Greenlees Drive, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, K7K 6P8.
Mr Peter D. Goddard, 17 Richmond Park, Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 2PS.
Mrs Jenny E. Manning, 23 Whitehall Close, Colchester, Essex, CO2 8AJ.
Mr Alan R. Newitt, 10 Rectory Close, Little Waltham, Essex, CM3 3LT.

NEW MEMBERS FAMILIES

The information below is given to enable existing members to get in touch with new members who appear to belong to the same branch:

Christopher Beard descends from Samuel Goddard who was born at New Mills in about 1813. His son, John Samuel who was born in Stockport in 1836, married Mary Ellen Carter. Their son, George Carter Goddard, is great grandfather to Christopher, who is interested to find if any members are related.

Susan Davies is descended from Rose E. Goddard born in 1859, daughter of Thomas (born in London in 1820) and Mary née Smith. The family moved back to Derbyshire, where they had connections with Ilkeston, and were living in Derby in 1871. Thomas is thought to be the grandson of Jonathan Goddard who married Mary Richardson in 1767. Susan is interested in finding more about Samuel and Maria, siblings of Thomas, and also of William, possible son of Thomas and Mary, born in 1822 in London before the family moved back to Derbyshire.

Peter Goddard descends from a north Wiltshire branch thought to begin with George of Rockley near Ogbourne St Andrew. His grandfather, also George, was born in 1890, married Gertrude Dobson in 1913 and moved to Devizes where their children were registered; George J. in 1913, Lilian N. in 1920, Thomas Harry in 1924 and Donald F.C. in 1930. Donald married a Miss Drew in 1956 and is Peter's father. Any help in identifying earlier generations would be appreciated.

Jenny Manning descends from Susan Goddard who married John Peake in Rushall, Norfolk in 1834. Her parents were Joseph Goddard and Maria Burgess who married in Great Linstead, Suffolk in 1793. Jenny needs to identify the Goddard family to which Joseph belongs, there being at least two possible candidates, one around Stoke Ash and the other around Hoxne.

Alan Newitt is descended from a Wiltshire family, possibly from Moore Goddard, baptised in 1730 at Ogbourne St George, but more certainly from Joseph who married Anna Smith at Woodborough in 1784. The family moved to Market Lavington and Orcheston St George from whence his great grandmother moved to Romford.

LINKAGE SUCCESS AND A PLEA

I always hope, when a new member joins, that the Association will already know of that family and can add to the member's knowledge. Mostly, though, we get a short branch of an unknown tree that can't be joined up from the records we have. Once in a while an application causes a stir of recognition and excitement because I can make a connection. To get two such applications within a month is almost unknown but it happened recently.

Member Sarah Phelps is from a Croydon branch of the Brimpton Goddards who are represented by several members. She is a great grand-daughter of Albert Edward Goddard and we have introduced her to another of his great grand-daughters. They didn't know of each other but are now arranging to meet.

New member Andre, who lives in France but was born in Yorktown, has sent a tree which links to the Yateley Goddards and adds another branch to the information in our north east Hampshire publication.

And now the plea! Some of the more recent members may not know of our database of BMD certificates. This was begun some years ago and now contains details from more than 600 certificates. The aim is to make it easier to link families and also avoid the cost of purchasing certificates already held. If you have any to add I will email/send you a standard form to complete. Finally, if you haven't sent a tree or have up-dated your research please let either me or the research co-ordinator have a copy. Many of our records are being added to the website in the near future and we want these to be as up-to-date as possible.

John of Accrington

BONA VACANTIA

Being a huge fan of *Heir Hunters* on BBC2, and having just watched the latest series, I thought to look at the Bona Vacantia website <www.bonavacantia.gov.uk> and found that the December 2011 release listed six Goddards who had died without leaving a will.

Daisy Goddard died 11 February 1990.

Donald Charles Goddard died 21 November 2007 in Hertford, Hertfordshire.

Florence Goddard died 12 May 2003 in Hemel.

Maria Erika Goddard died 13 Aug. 2001 in Ascot.

Mary Joan Goddard died 25 November 1997 in Belsize Park London NW3.

William Goddard died 16 June 1993.

Do you recognise any of these as long lost relatives? I'm pretty sure Daisy and William are not doable but the other four look interesting. There could be a handsome windfall just waiting to be claimed.

Joan Dibble

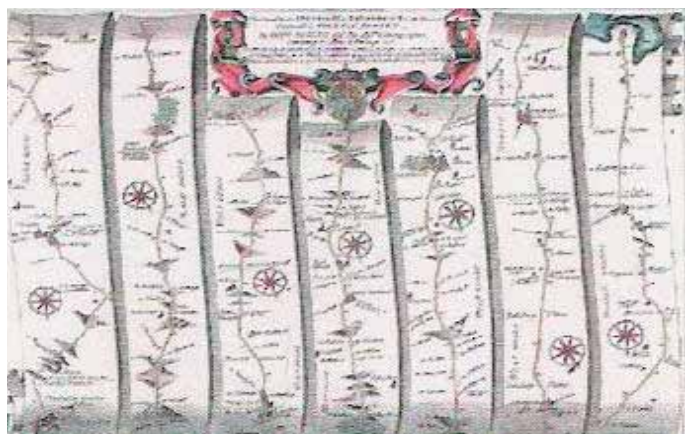
THE CURSE OF THE COSMOGRAPHER

Whether pictures of the GAE President cutting his hedge, or the house of the author having a new



gas pipe laid, will be of interest to those idling over historical research facilities in some 350 years in the future remains to be seen. These and all the other pictures that can be obtained from <http://maps.google.co.uk> from their so-called 'Street View' are by many considered a modern phenomena and an intrusion into one's privacy, but that is far from the reality of the situation. One might wonder how you would feel at the end of a long period of civil unrest if you found out that not only your house had been identified but that you had been labelled as one of those providing armed suppression in the recent conflicts!

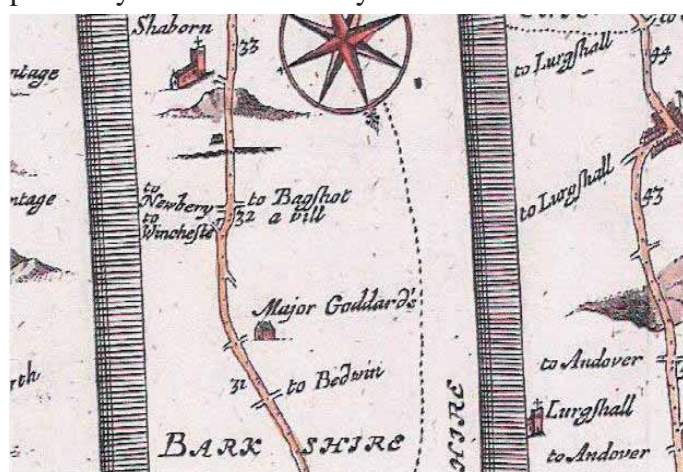
This was the position that Major Edward Goddard of the Berkshire Militia would have found himself in 1675 when the *Britannia* atlas was published by John Ogilby of White Friars, London, clearly identifying



his house at Standen Hussey and his politics. This atlas set the standard for the future road maps. At that period some of the minor roads used the local mile, rather than the standard mile of 1760 yards which Ogilby adopted in his atlas. One hundred strip road maps are shown in the atlas, accompanied by a double-sided page of text giving additional advice for the map's use. Another innovation was Ogilby's scale of one inch to the mile (1/63360). These are marked and numbered on each road, the miles further

being divided into furlongs. But note that the map orientation, North towards the bottom of the page, follows the convention of that period.

Of particular interest is the part of plate 83 from this road book *Britannia* – the 'strip map' which, like all these maps, is a hand coloured copper plate engraving road map. Plate 83 is for the road from Oxford to Salisbury via Abingdon (Oxfordshire), Great Shelford and Hungerford (Berkshire), North Tidworth (Wiltshire), through a corner of Hampshire, to Salisbury (Wiltshire), then Cranborne, Wimborne Minster and on to Poole (Dorset). The Goddard house at Standen is positionally correct and certainly would be recognised from its representation by any passer-by on that road today.



This is just one (HMCMS:FA1998.173) of the many maps from the Hampshire 'on line' map collection of Portsmouth University at www.geog.port.ac.uk/webmap/hantscat/html/mapacm.htm (all one word – no spaces). For the many member GAE geeks 'Cosmography' is the science that maps the general features of the universe, describing both heaven and Earth, but without encroaching on geography or astronomy.

Brian of Newbury

POSTAGE PLEA

I had not intended to make a further appeal to more of our members to take the Newsletter electronically, feeling that I was probably beginning to flog a dead horse! However, I dare say many of you in this country will have read with horror of the proposed 50% increase in postal charges to take effect from this spring. Needless to say, this will have quite an impact on our costs, and so I must urge those of you – both in the UK and abroad – who can please to re-consider downloading the Newsletter from our website, letting me and Malcolm of Brisbane know so that I can cease posting you a copy and he can put you on his electronic early warning list advising you when the next Newsletter is ready.

OUTBREAK OF WAR

The day the Second World War broke out my mother was six months pregnant with me. Shortly after my parents' marriage in 1936 (in their small Hampshire village of Silchester) they had bought their first home at Shepperton, in Middlesex, on the north bank of the Thames. It was here on 3 September 1939 that my mother was living alone as my father, who was a reservist, had been called up six weeks earlier in the expectation of war. And with her husband in uniform I can imagine that my mother listened particularly intently to the Prime Minister's message that we were at war with Germany.

My mother's parents lived only a few miles away on the other side of the Thames in Surrey and, although I cannot be sure whether this was the case, it seems quite probable that they may have come over to have Sunday lunch with their daughter in Shepperton on 3 September. My grandparents would have been particularly concerned with the news as they had been in exactly the same position themselves when my mother was born in 1914! Immediately the First World War had broken out Grandad Tickner was off to France with the British Expeditionary Force. Similarly, as soon as WW2 broke out Dad was off to France with the new BEF.

On the day I was born in November 1939 my Dad, serving with the Royal Army Service Corps, was billeted with a few of his comrades in arms in a small café in the little village of Petite Vimy on the slopes of Vimy Ridge a few miles north of Arras. When news reached France that my father had a new son the café proprietor went into his cellar and retrieved a bottle (or two!) of champagne and they drank my health. Before leaving England my father had mentioned to my mother that if the baby was a son (there was no scanning procedure to identify the sex of the baby in 1939!) he wanted him named after his grandfather who had died a few years earlier – James. However, in November with her husband Stephen at war, it is understandable that she should veto my father's request and name me Stephen. James came along in 1946!

In the 1960s my father, with my mother, myself and my new wife, paid a return visit to the café, at which the wine again flowed liberally – thanks to the proprietor's daughter. She remembered the British soldiers celebrating my birth in 1939, as a young girl helping her father (who sadly had died only a few months before our visit) at the bar!

Stephen of Buckhurst Hill

Ed.: Do any of our members have any similar tales to tell?

CABINETMAKERS

There was a celebrated New England Goddard family of cabinetmakers, whose furniture was some of the first to be made in America in the late seventeenth but mainly through the eighteenth and into the beginning of the nineteenth centuries. Quakers of English ancestry, they intermarried with the equally famous Townsend family, and in four generations twenty Goddard and Townsend craftsmen are known, peaking in the mid-eighteenth century. They founded the Newport, Rhode Island, school of American furniture, and were particularly noted for designs in Queen Anne and Chippendale styles characterised by an original type of shell carving and surface treatment.

The son of Daniel Goddard, a carpenter in Massachusetts, John Goddard (1723-1785) moved with his family in the 1740s to Newport, where he and his younger brother James worked for Job Townsend, subsequently marrying his daughters. John then set up his own workshop, becoming prominent by the 1760s and being commissioned by some of the leading figures of the day. A superb cabinetmaker, he basically followed the Queen Anne tradition, but kept his adaptations simple. He is credited with having originated the 'block' or 'tub' front; this is a particular furniture front that is divided vertically through alternating convex sides and concave centre panels. His desks, secretaires and cabinets in this style usually had console legs, having curved inner edges and straight corner edges, and were decorated with his distinctive shell ornamentation. Many of his best known pieces were made of mahogany from either the West Indies or South America.

Only two of John's sons, Stephen and Thomas to both of whom he bequeathed his tools and shop, were cabinetmakers, although Townsend Goddard (1750-1790) – probably his eldest son – was named as executor of his will which had been written in 1761. Stephen, who died in 1804, and Thomas (1765-1858) had both worked with their father and carried on his business for many years. They produced some works in his style, but later veered towards the Hepplewhite and Sheraton styles which were then current in England; but, again like their father, they did not slavishly follow the original, but adapted it to suit themselves. Stephen's son, another John (1789-1843), was also a cabinetmaker. But they were all survived by Thomas, who remained something of a relic of a bygone era until his death in 1858; the author of his obituary in the *Newport Mercury* described him as "one of the century's most humane and benevolent of men".

TARIQ GODDARD

The young author Tariq Goddard – he was born in London in 1975 and studied Philosophy at King’s College London before going on to read Continental Philosophy at the Universities of Warwick and then Surrey – has featured in these pages before (Newsletters 64, 68 and 76 to be precise), having written three books up to the time I last mentioned him: *Homage to a Firing Squad* (2002) set in Spain at the end of the Civil War, *Dynamo* (2003) about the rivalry between two football teams in Stalin’s Moscow of 1938, and *The Morning Rides Behind Us* (2005) which is set in the New Forest in post Second World War Britain. Now I have discovered he has written two more: *The Picture of Contented New Wealth* (2009) and *The Message* (2011). He lives with his wife on a farm in Wiltshire where, amongst other things, they grow organic herbs.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Last October I spotted in the BBC TV Celebrity Antiques Road Show in a Hastings Antique shop a Memorial Plaque awarded to the families of those who died in the First World War, or from war wounds. This particular plaque was for Leonard William Goddard who died on 2 March 1919 aged 25. He was the son of Mary C. Goddard and the late W. H. Goddard of Burton-on-Trent. It was priced at £70. Looking at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records shows that he was in the 9th Bn, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. There is also a note on the Memorial Certificate for Pte. L.W. Goddard that, buried in the same grave in Burton-on-Trent Cemetery, is Pte. Ernest Goddard, who died 7 April 1924 aged 27. How sad it is that the family have lost ownership of this Memorial Plaque.

Julie of Newbury

CONGRATULATIONS

The Association offers its warmest congratulations to its Patron, Peter Goddard, and to our member and his cousin, Jane Falloon, on their marriage at the Parish Church of All Saints, Cuddesdon, Oxford, on Saturday 5 November 2011. Jane is the daughter of our former Patron, Air Marshal Sir Victor Goddard.

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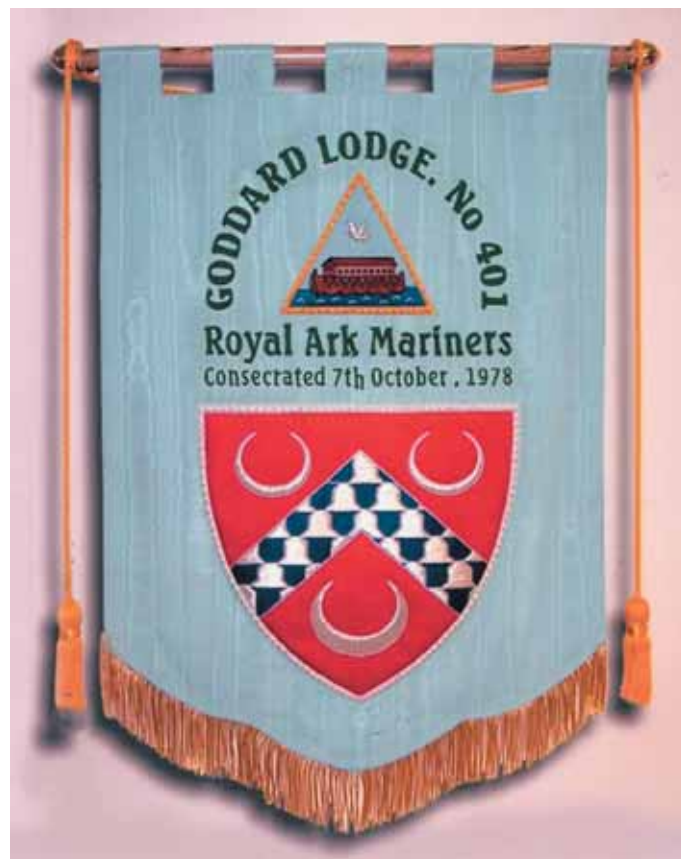
Proud grandmother and Association member Daphne Bennett has told me that her ice hockey playing grandson, Liam Chong who currently plays for the Basingstoke Bisons and featured in Newsletter 98, was recently selected to represent England against Germany.

YET ANOTHER AUTHOR

I have recently come across another Goddard author. Browsing in a secondhand bookshop the other day, I spotted a paperback entitled *Libidan* and written by a Paul Joseph Goddard in 2001. On the back cover the book is described as “the first black comedy of the biotechnological age. At its heart lies the defining ethical question of the genomic revolution: when scientists can manipulate at will the body’s every mechanism, what will human life become?” And the author is labelled as “the epitome of modern renaissance man. He was born in Birmingham, England in 1958, the youngest of four children of a celebrated family of academics and intellectuals. After graduating with a degree in Classics in 1979, he went on to occupy a number of positions in high-technology industries, including electronics and biotechnology. A fluent Japanese speaker and an accomplished composer, he lives in Surrey with his wife and son.” Does any member recognise this able Goddard as a relative?

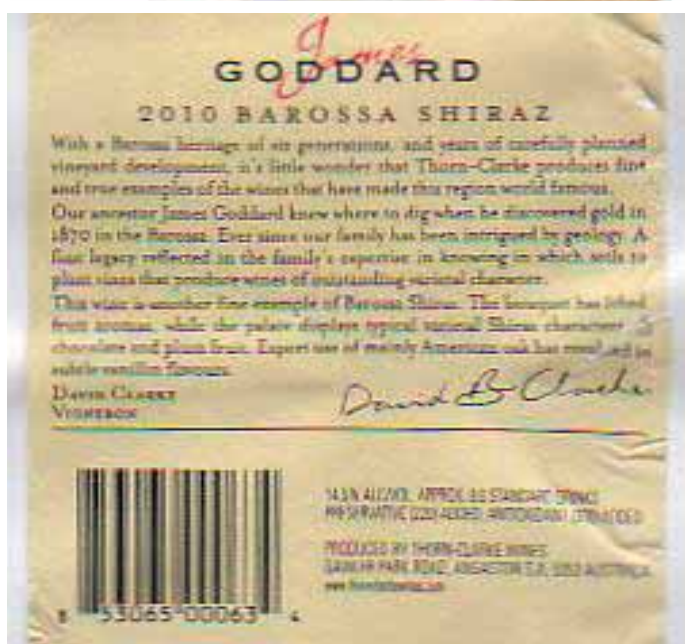
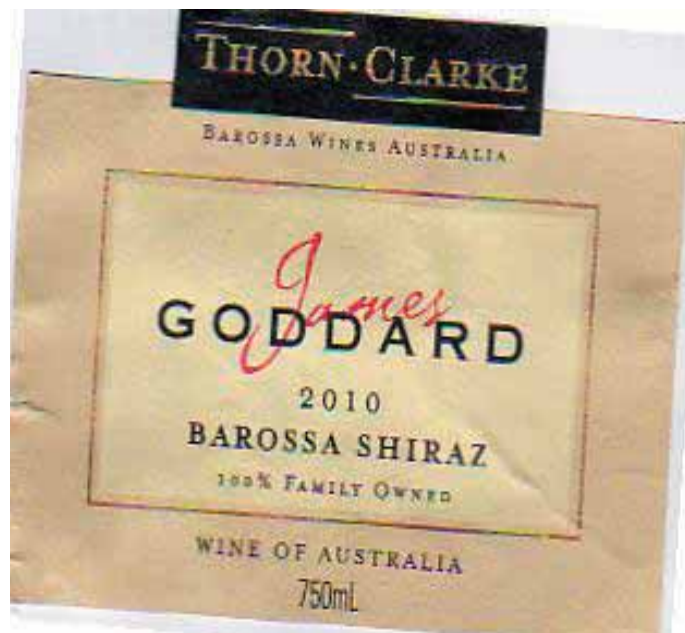
MASONIC BANNER

I recently attended my grandfather’s Masonic lodge in Swindon, where I have the privilege of being an Honorary Member, and was told that the Goddard Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners – named after Fitzroy Pleydell Goddard, the last of the Swindon Goddards to live at The Lawn and a keen Freemason – was soon to have a new banner dedicated; and here it is.



GODDARD WINE

I am grateful to our Australian Co-ordinator, Ian of Balcatta, for the following. He writes: "I recently acquired a carton of JAMES GODDARD 2010 BAROSSA SHIRAZ online through <getwinesdirect.com.au>. The attached label gives an overview of



the wine and why it has been named 'James Goddard'. If you are unable to read the small print I will repeat it here: 'With a Barossa heritage of six generations and years of carefully planned vineyard development, it's little wonder that Thorn-Clarke produces fine and true examples of the wines that have made this region world famous. Our ancestor James Goddard knew where to dig when he discovered gold in 1870 in the Barossa. Ever since our family has been intrigued by geology. A fine legacy reflected in the family's expertise in knowing in which soils to plant vines that produce wines of outstanding varietal character. This wine is another fine example of Barossa shiraz.

The bouquet has lifted fruit aromas while the palate displays typical varietal shiraz characters of chocolate and plum fruit. Expert use of mainly American oak has resulted in subtle vanillin flavours. DAVID CLARKE, VIGNERON.' So there you have it; one of our Goddards first discovered gold in South Australia and is a distant relative of the wine producer. I wonder if any of our members may trace their roots back to James? Incidentally the wine is very good for drinking now, but if it is laid down for a few years I believe it will be exceptionally good." So, can any member claim relationship with this Goddard or tell me more about him?

RAW RESEARCH FILE COLLECTION

The second major project in two years for the Goddard Association of Europe Website 'Members Only' section is now complete, the first being adding 25 years of Newsletters to the website. I have just now posted the complete 'Raw Research File Collection' to the website. There are now 323 original files online, and warmest thanks are due to Joan Dibble for undertaking the mammoth task of the scanning. These files are the collected work of many Goddard Association of Europe members over more than 25 years from 1985. They are scans of letters, research, family trees and data that members amassed in their search for their own family lines. There is also a great deal of communication with the former research co-ordinators of the GAE as they assisted members with their research. The place names of the files relate to the places discussed in the documents, and not necessarily to the origins of the individuals named or researched therein. To access the files go to www.goddard-association.org.uk and look for the 'Members Only' link on the menu; if you have registered, use your email and GAE membership number to log in to the database page. If you have a query about anything that you read in these raw files, please write to the GAE Research Co-ordinator for advice and pathways to contact the original writer; people's privacy should be respected, some might even be deceased. Members should only contact the current GAE Research Co-ordinator (Email: research@goddard-association.org.uk) for further information.

There are currently two more projects in the pipeline, being a number of searchable Goddard databases created by the former GAE research co-ordinators, and the transcribing of a vast number of previously unseen Goddard wills. Both these projects will be added to the website as soon as they are completed.

Malcolm of Brisbane

CAR BOOT SALE

It never ceases to amaze what turns up at car boot sales. Birth, marriage and death certificates would seem to be an unlikely commodity, but that is what appeared recently. Let Stephen of Buckhurst Hill tell the story in his own words. "Just before Christmas I received an email from a old friend of mine who knows I am very interested in family history. She had been to a car-boot sale – she lives in Camberley and I think it was probably somewhere near there. At the sale she picked up a small cache of Goddard baptismal, wedding and death certificates involving Goddards from the period 1867 to 1935. Being Goddards she thought they would interest me, but she did not know just how much! They are all my direct Silchester relatives. Lily Goddard, whose baptismal certificate for 1867 was the oldest in the collection, was my father's aunt (my grandfather's sister). She was actually born in 1864 but was not baptised until she was three. An interesting sideline is that her father and my great grandfather were called James. I named my eldest son James after my great grandfather and without realising he had a great grandaunt named Lily, he named his eldest daughter Lily too! The next certificate dates from 1897 when Lily was married to William Thorne, a grocer in Westminster. My grandfather and Lily's brother – Arthur James – and her father James were witnesses to the wedding. The next certificate is William Thorne's death certificate dated 1917. Lily was present at his death in Pimlico. The final document in the collection is the bottom of an invoice for £4 and seventeen shillings dated 5 June 1935 for doing something at Silchester Church on a number of occasions costing 3/- a time! It was in Silchester Church that Lily was baptised in 1867 and married in 1897. My parents were also married there in 1936. I am sure my dad's aunt Lily would have been there for that wedding too. Thank you, Sandra, for finding these documents for me." As has often been said before, it's a small world; but what are the odds of such a coincidence?

MARGARET YOUNG

Readers of the last Newsletter will sadly recall the obituary of Margaret Young of Reading who died in August after a short illness. Imagine our surprise when Treasurer John was contacted by her solicitor just before Christmas to say that she had made a most generous bequest to the Association in her will, the first that we have ever received. I am sure at our next Executive Committee meeting in May we will discuss how best to use this most welcome donation. Thank you, Margaret.

MAPLE CUP WINNER

I am grateful to Association member Margaret Turnbull for the photograph of this handsome cup, the Maple Cup, which belongs to her local Brooklands



Garden Society. At last September's Show she won it for the third consecutive year, as she puts it "as a reward for my efforts in the jams, chutneys, cakes, knitting, sewing, flower arranging field". She adds that her "husband's third prize for his tomatoes has spurred us on to do better on the gardening side next year!" Congratulations Margaret!

USA CO-ORDINATOR

The Association offers its warmest thanks to Alice Godard Allen of Connecticut for all her sterling work as USA Co-ordinator, a post she has now relinquished. She has held it for the past nineteen years, having kindly agreed to pioneer taking it on in 1993. She rightly deserved the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial award for 2010. There now follows an appeal, therefore, for someone to volunteer to take her place. Let me soften the request by stating that the task is not too onerous and is open to members of either sex. The first part of the job entails keeping a list of the American members of the GAE and collecting their dues once a year – or it could be once every two years if you would prefer. The second part is to send out individual copies of each Newsletter (which I send to you in bulk) as it comes out; this happens four times a year. Alice addressed her own envelopes, but I can prepare labels if preferred. Again, it is not too onerous; there are currently some dozen American members, of whom three have agreed to download the Newsletter from the website, leaving very few to post. This is at no cost to you; expenses are deducted from the dues collected before the remainder is transmitted to Treasurer John of Shrewsbury. If you would be willing to take the job on, please get in touch with me, Richard of Malvern (contact details on page 8).

INVITATION FROM JOAN

Joan Dibble writes: "Join us for a long weekend and a Goddard get together. The 26th AGM will be held at 2.00pm on Sunday 20 May 2012 at the Swan, Whittington near Worcester, right by junction 7 on the M5. Knowing how popular it is and how quickly it fills up, my husband and I have already made a booking for a long weekend, Friday to Monday, at the Tewkesbury Abbey Caravan Club site in the centre of Tewkesbury to attend the 2012 AGM. If you have a motor home or caravan why not join us? The site is a short stroll to The Royal Hop Pole Hotel (where members could also stay) for a drink or two on Friday evening to get to know one another and dinner on Saturday evening also at the hotel. There will be time on Sunday for a leisurely breakfast, and maybe shopping, a service at the Abbey or an early lunch before departing Tewkesbury just after 1.00pm, leaving ample time to travel to Whittington. Members to make all bookings and payments themselves, but please do contact me if you will be coming to Tewkesbury to enable me to bring members together during the weekend. Joan Dibble JDbbl@aol.com Tel. 01554 890641"

OWLERTON GINGER ALE

John of Accrington has a far better memory than I! He has spotted that this company mentioned in the last Newsletter also featured briefly in issue 37 (not to be confused with a different Goddard brewery on the Isle of Wight) and at slightly greater length in issue 44. I would still like to know more about it and the Goddards associated with it.

WILTSHIRE RECORD SOCIETY – 5

No Goddards appear in the fifth or sixth volumes of the Wiltshire Record Society, but the seventh volume published in 1951 contains four. It is the *Calne Guild Steward's Book 1561-1688*. The first reference is to Anthony Goddard[e] who was listed as a commoner in 1569 and as one of the two stewards in 1571. He is mentioned three times in the Accounts for 1571: as being paid owed money, as presenting the accounts, and as paying arrears of £4 with his colleague. In 1586 Thomas Goddard at Og[g]bourne Court with five others paid just over £1 11s [£1.55] for trenching. Moving on to 1630 2s 6d [12.5p] is recorded as "sums ungathered from Thomas Tyler for widow Goddard". And, finally, on 9 May 1685 John Goddard, above whose name is written 'disfranchised', was nominated, elected and sworn in as a burgess of Calne along with twenty-three others at the Ogbourne Court by the deputy steward.

KISS OF LIFE PIONEER

I am grateful to Association member Daphne Bennett for sending an article from the *Brentwood Gazette* in early December, which paid tribute to Roy Goddard who died of cancer on 6 November 2011 aged 74. He had first joined the British Red Cross Society at the age of eleven, enrolling as a member of the Essex Voluntary Aid Detachment, rising to the role of an instructor by the age of 21. He hit the national headlines in the late 1950s, having become one of the



first people in the country to learn the new life-saving technique of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, a skill he then taught others, notably all the emergency service personnel in Essex. In 2008, shown here with his wife Julie of forty years, he was given the British Red Cross long service award for sixty years' devotion to saving lives.

USEFUL ADDRESSES

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