



## The Goddard Association of Europe

### NEWSLETTER

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## YORKSHIRE TO NEW ZEALAND

### A much travelled family

Sometimes a little publicity for one thing leads to the discovery of something else. An e-mail exchange with Mrs Glen Currey in Wanganui in North Island New Zealand about her distant cousins, the Minall/Mynall family who have members buried in the cemetery in Newbury, brought back memories for her of the Goddard family whom she used to know in her childhood in the 1950s and whose parents owned Harwood's General Store in the village. Contact with the family having been lost, she has shared her memory for scraps of information that she has not considered of interest before.

Jim and Harry Goddard, brothers, must have emigrated from the UK to NZ sometime before World War I. Whatever work they had found in New Zealand after landing, they abandoned on declaration of war in 1914 and were among the first to enlist. Their enlistment records gave their next of kin as their mother "Mrs E. Goddard who lived at 45 Kensington Street, Knowle Park, Keighley, Yorks". A photograph taken of the brothers around the time they enlisted shows two good looking, slim and tall young men in smart uniform – Trooper Harry Goddard on the left and Sgt. James Goddard on the right.

Having been farm workers – amongst other things – both brothers were allocated to the Veterinary Corps and initially sent to Egypt. A detailed service career is available from Auckland Museum Cenotaph records [www.aucklandmuseum.com/130/cenotaph-database](http://www.aucklandmuseum.com/130/cenotaph-database). Jim had two bouts of serious illness and



spent time in hospital in France and England and was discharged in 1919 as "being no longer fit for war service". Both brothers returned to New Zealand where, under a Government Rehabilitation Scheme, they were allocated 200 acres of land about two miles from the Raetihi township "mostly standing in bush". They struggled to make a modest living "selling small lots of timber, supplying milk". However, in the recession of the late 1920s they were forced to abandon the land and move to Owhango, south of Taumarunui in North Island. Here they farmed and Jim kept bees to supply honey

for sale.

Mrs Currey says that Jim married Edith Bradley "whom he met whilst on leave from the Western Front" in January 1922. Mrs Currey remembers 'Aunt Edie' as short with curly grey hair, while Jim was "tall and rangy". They had two sons, Ray and Ken, both of whom served in the army and navy; and that maybe Ken came back to the UK. However, her memories are from her childhood in the 1950s. Besides supplying her family with milk and honey, they would give her a stick of Blackpool rock which they had sent from the UK, and 'Aunt Edie' would make small yellow cakes with currents in them from a recipe from home.

Expanding on the family tree of Jim and Harry, we found that they were the sons of George Goddard. George, born in 1854, one of the eight children born to William and Jane Goddard at Ruscombe near Wargrave, Berkshire, probably left home to find work. In the Acton area of London he became a 'carman' (carter) and also found a wife, Ellen Osborne, and they married in 1878. They had a fruitful marriage and after having Ellen Jane, William George, Elizabeth, Beatrice, Herbert, Harry and Walter in Acton, they moved back to the Bourne area of Lincolnshire where Ellen had been born. James (Jim) was born in 1891 while they lived at Aslackby there. They moved again and the youngest child Osborne (their mother's surname) was born when the family moved north to Keighley, Yorkshire, and joined some of George's relations. George found work there as a builder's labourer.

In the 1911 census Ellen says proudly that she has had nine children and has raised them all;

no mean feat in those days. In the 1911 census the sons still in Keighley had work; Herbert in the iron foundry, Walter as a dress goods finisher, James (Jim) as an iron bedstead maker, and Harry working on a farm outside Keighley.

George probably died between the 1911 census and the commencement of the war in September 1914, when Jim and Harry, on enlisting, gave their mother's name and address in Keighley, Yorkshire, as their next of kin. It could be that their mother did the letter writing in the family, or even that George was illiterate. That he belonged to a close knit family cannot be doubted. His sister Jane visited him and appears on the 1881 census in Acton. Perhaps she was there to help out when a second baby was due. George's younger brother Thomas William (born 1874) also established himself and his family in Keighley as shown in the 1911 census.

Is this your family? Their story certainly disproves the often stated "oh, my family did not move far". This branch of Goddards, it appears, are prepared to move anywhere – even to New Zealand – to find work. If you do recognise yourselves, back in New Zealand Mrs Currey would dearly love to know the recipe for the delicious little yellow cakes that "Aunt Edie Goddard" used to make.

Thanks for the help given by Glen Currey and Joan Dibble.

*Julie of Newbury*

### **DEVIZES SHOOTING**

I am sad to report that Devizes solicitor Jim Ward who was shot in the head while sitting at his desk, as noted in the last Newsletter, subsequently died. An article kindly sent to me by Jennifer Walker indicates that the law firm of Morris Goddard & Ward (now known as MGW Law) was set up in 1988 by Jim, his wife Nicola Morris and their great friend Francis Goddard, now a judge sitting at Bath County Court, after they had all gone back to university to study law as a second career. What I do not know is to which branch of the Goddard family Francis belongs.

### **ANGLER AGAIN**

Twice before mentioned in these pages (Newsletters 50 & 59), angler Ian Goddard of Malvern won the Derek Evans tribute contest in August. In memory of the Malvern United Angling Club stalwart, the contest is always fished on a river and by float only, this being the preferred style of fishing of Derek Evans. This year it was fished on the Avon at Salford Priors; but the weather was poor and boat traffic high so that only small fish were caught, Ian's catch of 2lbs 15oz. winning by a mere 8oz.

### **WEBSITE ACCESS – MEMBERS ONLY**

Please take especial note of this important reminder. If, for whatever reason, you change your email address or internet service provider, please update the Goddard Association Membership Secretary (membership@goddard-association.org.uk) with the details as soon as possible. If you do not, we have no way of knowing that a change has taken place and will lose contact with you but, more importantly, you in turn will lose your access to the 'members only' section of the Association website since half of the registered password is your e-mail address.

### **WITCHES 1 BISHOP 0**

In August 1612 a number of men and women from rural villages around Pendle Hill, whose whaleback shape divides the Ribble valley from the towns of Burnley, Nelson and Colne, were tried and hanged for witchcraft. The 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this trial of the Lancashire witches was commemorated by a giant 'artwork' on Pendle Hill. This took the form of the date '1612' in 500ft. high numerals painted on the hillside using biodegradable paint. Wishful thinking expected it to last a month. Well, one can only hope – local tradition has it that if you can see Pendle it's going to rain and if you can't see it, it is raining!

Protesters to the idea included my namesake John Goddard, the neighbouring Bishop of Burnley, who was forthright in condemning the project and was featured in an article in *The Times* of 25 July. His concerns were based on using persecution and paganism as a reason for celebration and to promote the area; but the Pendle Witches have been extensively promoted locally for centuries. It is a long-established custom to be out with the 'witches' on Pendle at Hallowe'en, and the express bus service from Pendle to Manchester uses the name 'Witch Way'. But the broomstick and pointed-hat costumes of the present day bear no resemblance to the pathetic old women who were the focus of the 1612 trial, which hinged on the malicious and fabricated evidence of a teenage girl.

This trial of alleged witches in 1612 was perhaps the most famous outcome of King James I's Witchcraft Act of 1604 and the resulting seventeenth century English witch mania. Many books have told their story in fact or fiction and Pendleside is the setting of two new books for young adults by my son-in-law. *The Enchanted Valley* and its sequel *Rainbow's End* in the *Nutters of Pendle Forest* series tell the story of four friends who discover that each have powers of white magic gifted to them by their ancestors, the Pendle witches.

*John of Accrington*

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Joan Dibble writes: "Belated but very warm birthday wishes to Daphne Bennett née Goddard who has been a member of the Association for more than a quarter of a century. Daphne, the eldest daughter of Frank and Georgina Goddard, was born at Cholderton, Wiltshire, on 26 August 1920, and baptised on 26 September 1920 at St Nicholas Church, Cholderton.



This beautiful picture of Daphne nursing her latest Goddard great grandson was taken during the party to celebrate her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Many thanks to member, Barbara Goddard, daughter of Francis, who kindly shared the photograph."

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## REUNITED

The Association is delighted to report another success in linking descendents of a shared 4x great grandfather. Three recent members, all living in south Wales, are from a Somerset branch whose origins are in and around the villages of Muchelney, Huish Episcopi and Langport. The earliest ancestor yet found is William 1740-1783. His grandson John 1814-1883 had several sons who moved to south Glamorgan around the 1870s. Sandy Merton and Terence Goddard are first cousins who knew each other, but Christine Jenkins was an unknown distant cousin descended from a different son of John. They have now been put in touch and have arranged to meet and exchange family history. Other members of this branch remained in Somerset, and we would be pleased to hear from anyone whose bell is rung by the names of these Somerset villages.

## NEW MEMBERS

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

Mr Anthony C. Dorman, 32 Lansdown Close, St John's, Woking, Surrey, GU21 8TF.  
Mr Martyn J. Gardiner, Heronsbrook, Stewton Lane, Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 8SB.  
Mr Terence W. J. Goddard, 15 Ewbank Close, Barry, South Glamorgan, CF63 2AE.  
Mrs Liz Kelly, Langham House, 4 Pine Hill, Hazlemere, High Wycombe, HP15 7QJ.  
Mrs A.S. Merton, 58 Woodland Road, Beddau, Pontypridd, Glamorgan, CF38 2SE.  
Mr Paul Smith, 46 Barramundi Street, Manly West, Queensland 4179, Australia.

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## 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:

**Anthony Dorman** is from the Bunwell / Aslacton Norfolk branch documented in Monograph 12, but extends that family tree from Henry, son of Jonas 1833-1879 and grandson of Robert Goddard 1791-1871.

**Martyn Gardiner** is descended from the Yateley branch, his great grandmother being Ellen Goddard, 1851-1934, daughter of John (1823-1911) and Louisa.

**Terence Goddard** is a member of the Huish Episcopi, Somerset, Goddard family that moved to South Wales in the nineteenth century. His great grandfather was Thomas 1849-1918, grandfather William Thomas 1876-1941, and father Thomas born 1908. He is related to two of our other South Wales members.

**Liz Kelly** is descended from Thomas William Goddard, born about 1830 possibly in Berkshire, but who farmed for many years in Hartley Whitney and later had a horse racing stables in Owslebury. His son Francis, one of twelve or thirteen children, is Liz's great great grandfather.

**Sandy Merton** stems from a Somerset branch that moved to South Wales in the nineteenth century, starting with William c. 1740 in the Muchelney area, through Samuel 1766-1834, John 1814-1883, Samuel Thomas 1849-1918, William Thomas 1876-1941, and Frank Thomas 1904-1993.

**Paul Smith** is descended from a Wiltshire family based in Devizes; Elizabeth Goddard 1832-1907, son Nathaniel 1852-1907, whose son Harry 1877-1959 emigrated to Queensland.

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## MAYOR OF OXFORD

I am grateful to Association member Ted Marshall who has written to say that he was recently alerted to the fact that the 2011 Lord Mayor of Oxford was a man called John Goddard. Also that he is or was a Lib/Dem councillor, though he does not have any more information than that. Can any other members place this Goddard?

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee held its 50th meeting at Treasurer John's house in Shrewsbury on Sunday 14 October 2012. Six of the eight members were present, Stephen of Buckhurst Hill having sent apologies, as also of course had Malcolm of Brisbane though he had sent two items with his comments for consideration. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved. There were no important matters arising not covered by the subsequent agenda. Treasurer John spoke about the healthy state of the Accounts, one of the points that Malcolm had raised in asking the question as to why we held such a substantial sum. While it was not the deliberate policy of the Association to accumulate large funds for their own sake, it was pointed out that twice in previous years Goddard tombs had been restored and that the Association had either contributed or paid in full for this work to be done; the same could happen again and it was considered better to have the funds already available than to have to launch an appeal. It was also reckoned that any research project out-sourced to professionals could easily and quickly erode the reserves. It was agreed, however, that the Research Co-ordinator be empowered to purchase electronic copies of Counties' parish records from which to extract Goddard entries and have them available on the 'members only' section of the website as soon as possible. These CDs cost on average some £12-£15 each and there might be a dozen or more per county. It was agreed to endorse the decision taken at the previous meeting of using Margaret Young's bequest to encourage younger members to join the Association. As usual there was a discussion as to how best to collect late subscriptions; members will be pleased to know there will be no increase.

Malcolm's second point for discussion related to the aims of the Association and how best to "re-invigorate the membership to actually get involved in researching their own families and sharing their research with the members, and not just receive the Newsletter every quarter". He also posed the question: "Where do you see the Association in five years' time?" A lengthy exchange of views ensued. It was generally agreed that the old adage 'you can take a horse to the water but you can't make it drink' was apt. While membership had remained fairly steady over the years, the number of new members just about replacing those that left or died, it was true that research seemed to have declined, fewer items were submitted for inclusion in the Newsletters, AGMs were less well attended, the age of active participants (the Committee for example!) was increasing, and

fewer people were prepared to give a hand – witness the fact that for the first time in twenty-five years and despite two appeals there was a vacancy on the Committee. No easy solution presented itself, though it was appreciated that Facebook was having a positive effect. Unless more volunteers were prepared to come forward, the outlook in five years' time was not encouraging. If anyone would like to participate more actively or has any bright ideas, please get in touch with Richard of Malvern (see back page for contact details).

The winner of the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial for 2013 was agreed, as also was the date and venue for the 2013 AGM: it will be held on Sunday 19 May in Brimpton Village Hall, Brimpton being situated just south of the A4 to the east of Newbury. It was hoped to arrange a talk of some description.

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## OBITUARY

The Association is very much saddened to record the death on 11 September of John William Hesketh Goddard, the head of the Swindon branch of the family and one of our first four Patrons. Although he had not been active in recent years, he was a most supportive early member, and he and Carol hosted the third AGM at Rendcomb in 1989. He leaves a widow Carol, four children Nicholas, Tessa, Camilla and Richard, and nine grandchildren. Co-incidentally Nick recently sent John of Accrington a photograph



of his uncle Ambrose's grave in Canada. John's elder brother, Ambrose Michael, died in Canada in 1944 while training as a bomber pilot and ditching in the St. Lawrence.

## **HMS GOOD HOPE**

Following the recent article on *HMS Good Hope*, I am grateful to Association member Frank Goddard of Santiago for sending me the following: “As your only member here in Chile I was naturally very interested to read the item in Newsletter 102 about seaman James Goddard of *HMS Good Hope*. The battle of Coronel is well known in Chilean history, and the account is basically correct except for one item. Admiral von Spee had not in fact moved his squadron to the South Atlantic before the battle, but was only on his way there when he caught the *Good Hope* and *Monmouth* at anchor in Coronel, then a busy port in our coal mining area.” Frank then enclosed an extract from a 1990 issue of the newsletter of the London Branch of the Anglo Chilean Society, describing the unveiling in a central plaza at Coronel on 8 November 1989 of a monument commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle as, apart from a fine memorial to Rear Admiral Cradock in York Minster, no previous memorial existed. He continued: “As Treasurer of the local branch of the Society I’m happy to report that the monument survived last year’s *tsunami* and is still standing. It does not record all the individual names of the crew, only the event. It is cared for by members of the British resident community. It is interesting to record that the German fleet then carried on round the Horn to the South Atlantic where it was subsequently defeated during the first battle of the Falkland Islands on 8 December 1914. The one surviving cruiser, the *Dresden*, rounded the Horn again to the Pacific and gradually made its way north along the Chilean Patagonian coast, hiding in inlets and helped by isolated pockets of Chilean German pioneers, mostly descendants of the wave of sponsored immigrants of the 1860s with still very pro-German sympathies. Mainly recovered, the *Dresden* then headed out into the Pacific where it was caught by the British navy and scuttled on 14 March 1915 off the island of Juan Fernandez where Alexander Selkirk – the origin of the Robinson Crusoe story – was marooned for two years. There it remains to this day much visited by scuba divers. Perhaps it will be of some comfort that James Goddard’s tragic loss was eventually recompensed by the sinking of the German fleet.”

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## **CHURCH APPOINTMENT**

In September Dr Andrew Goddard, a tutor in Christian Ethics at Trinity College, Bristol, was appointed an honorary canon of Winchester Cathedral. I do not think we have come across this clergyman before, so does any member claim him as a relative?

## **GODDARD AS A FORENAME**

In the July newsletter Edward Goddard Holding told of the use of Goddard as a forename in his family for several generations. He had no idea why this was so, having lost touch with earlier family details, but assumed that it came from a Goddard marriage into the family.

A little investigative work has revealed that five generations of Holdings have had Goddard as a first or second Christian name, the earliest being Robert Goddard Holding, born in 1834. Robert was the son of Abraham and Sophia Holding and it might have been expected that Sophia’s maiden name was Goddard. In fact she was Sophia Hornigold, born and married in Kings Lynn but moving to Southwark soon after the marriage. Robert also married a Hornigold, Lucy, in 1857 in London where she was in service. Lucy Hornigold also came from Kings Lynn, the daughter of Goddard Hornigold. Whilst not proven, it is probable that the Goddard name passed into the Holding family from the Kings Lynn Hornigolds via Sophia in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. That raises further questions. How did the Goddard name come into the Hornigold family and what was the relationship of Sophia to Lucy, who were of different generations? It’s unlikely to be coincidence.

This Hornigold family of north Norfolk used Goddard as a forename for at least two further generations. Some other Norfolk families also used Goddard as a forename. In the 1841 census are Goddard Buskall of Shipdham and Goddard Phillipo of Guist, both not far distant from Kings Lynn.

The Hornigolds weren’t averse, either, to using other unusual forenames; Peace, Pleasance, Forester and the really odd, Kerenhappuck, which caused considerable problems to Registrars and Census enumerators! This name also occurs in the Goddard family, the birth of Herenhappuck Goddard being registered in Yarmouth in 1851.

On a national scale, a scan through the 19<sup>th</sup> century birth index revealed twelve girls and nine boys having Goddard as a middle forename but only one instance of Goddard as a first name – Goddard Robinson Goddard, registered in 1897 in Greenwich and thus having three surnames! Extending the search into the 20<sup>th</sup> century will undoubtedly find more examples.

*John of Accrington*

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## **BISHOP**

John of Accrington has kindly informed me that the Rt. Rev. John W Goddard, Suffragan Bishop of Burnley, is to become Acting Bishop of Blackburn diocese later this month pending a new appointment.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Research Co-ordinator Joan Dibble writes: “Can you help two members? Miss Jennifer Walker believes that Edward Goddard born c.1740 in Wincanton, married to Mary Chaffin of Bourton in Dorset, may be at the top of her tree. Do you have this couple in your tree? The Reverend John Fancy is asking about Robert Goddard who in the 1851 census for Margate in Kent is a bachelor and a Land and Fund holder born in Chieveley in Berkshire. He has two servants, sisters Mary and Martha Dorsett. There are two boys in the household, Robert G and Thomas G Dorsett who are said to be sons of the head of the household. Births have not been found for the boys. Are you also researching this family? If you can help please contact the Research Co-ordinator.”

## HOW TO LOSE WEIGHT

*The Times* of 25 July was a good day for Goddard spotters! Not only did it report the Bishop of Burnley’s attitude to commemorating witches, but Jim Goddard from Shipley, West Yorkshire had a letter printed – and if you have ever tried getting a letter in *The Times* you will know it is not easy. John Goddard, Bishop of Burnley, is against a proposed commemoration of the Pendle witch trials of 1612. And Jim’s letter headed ‘Jelly Bellies’ suggests that the solution to the country’s alleged overweight and under-active population is for everyone to watch less television. He says that he gave away his TV set twenty years ago and has never regretted it, and that his waistline is measurably smaller. I am sure that we all wish him continued good health and freedom from the ailments which affect most of us as we grow older. There are, however, many who wish they could be more active and for whom television is a window on to the world. *Julie of Newbury*

PS Yes, I have had a letter in *The Times*. I wonder if this Jim is a member of the Association?

## OLYMPIC SWIMMER

As mentioned before, James Goddard of Stockport qualified for the 200m individual medley in the Olympic Games. He came a very creditable third in his heat, considering that he was in the same heat as the two outstanding Americans, Michael Phelps and Ryan Lochte. Roared on by the partisan crowd, he kept pace with them on the first three lengths, but fell back on the fourth. However, he still qualified for the final where he came a rather disappointing seventh, considering he had come fourth and fifth in the two previous Olympics. Aged 29 now, this will probably be his last appearance. We salute him for an outstanding career over many years.

## DEBORAH ROWLAND

Association member Jennifer Walker has kindly sent me a *Wiltshire Gazette & Herald* article of 27 July giving an obituary of Deborah (Debbie) Elizabeth Ann Rowland (née Goddard), who was aged only 56. Spending her early years in Penhill, Swindon, she devoted most of her life to nursing in and around Swindon until deteriorating health forced her to retire. She married Steve Rowland on 15 October 1977 at St Mary’s, Rodbourne Cheney, and had a son in 1980 and a daughter in 1984, and subsequently two grandchildren. They lived firstly at Stratton St Margaret before moving to Royal Wotton Bassett, where her widowed mother joined them. She was described as a “generous, warm-hearted woman” who “never lost her sense of fun”.

## CONTINUING EARTHQUAKES

A recent letter from our New Zealand Co-ordinator, Julie of Christchurch, tells me that the terrible earthquakes continue unabated. “Every day earthquakes interrupt our lives – 5.2 the worst. My staircase is a little looser; the bannister rails wobble. Most days we have at least a 4. something quake. I was in the city area today; it looks like a war zone – so many gaps and buildings half down.... I often wonder if in my lifetime I will ever see again the city I once knew; somehow that seems improbable. Our Anglican bishop is currently touring Europe....to get ideas for a new cathedral. Coventry is one of several that he has looked at.”

## MOTOR RACING

I am grateful to Association member Richard of Barbados for sending me this picture of his grandson



Richard Spike Goddard. Spike, a twenty year old Australian, raced for one year at home before becoming Formula 3 champion in the UK, where his grandfather came over to see him drive in his last set of races at Donnington. I hope we shall hear more about him in the future.

## WILTSHIRE RECORD SOCIETY – 8

The tenth volume of the Wiltshire Record Society published in 1954 covers two taxation lists, those of 1545 and 1576. The list for 1545 records eight Goddards assessed for Henry VIII's Benevolence (a euphemism for 'forced loan') of that year to pay for the troops opposing those of France and Scotland:

Thomas Godard of Overton £10. This was the largest amount at which any individual was assessed out of the 70 taxpayers in the 14 parishes of the Hundred of Everley and Elstob, one other equalling it and the next highest amount being £4.

John Godderd gentleman of Aldbourne £10. Similarly the largest amount in the Hundred of Selkley where there were 73 taxpayers in 17 parishes, the next highest assessment being £6 13s. 4d. [£6.66]. This indicates what substantial landowners Thomas of Overton and John of Aldbourne were.

William Godderd of Ogborne Saynt George 20s. [£1]. This was the equal highest assessment in this parish of 10 taxpayers.

Anthony Godderd of Ogbourne Andros [St Andrew] 20s. [£1]. Also Androwe Godderd of the same parish 6s. 8d. [33p], with two others assessed at a similar amount.

John Godderd of Water Yetton [Eaton] £3 6s. 8d. [£3.33]. Again, this was almost three times the next highest assessment out of the 106 taxpayers from the 24 parishes in the Hundred of Hyworth, Cryklade and Staple.

William Godderd of Cherell 26s. 8d. [£1.33]. This was the largest assessment of any of the 32 taxpayers in the 11 parishes of the Hundred of Calne.

And finally, Edmund Godard of Tollard 12s. [60p]. He was the second highest payer from the 32 assessed in the 8 parishes of the Hundred of Chawke.

The list of Goddards assessed for Queen Elizabeth's subsidy of 1576 – mainly raised to help the Dutch in their struggle against the Spanish – is twice as large, numbering seventeen:

William Goddard of Cumerford in the Hundred of Calne assessed at 20s. [£1] with 2s. 8d. to pay.

Anthonie Goddard gentleman of Bydeston and Hartham in the Hundred of Chippenham assessed at 40s. [£2] with 5s. 4d. [27p] to pay.

Thomas Goddard gentleman of Standen in the Hundred of Kynwarston assessed at £15 with 40s. [£2] to pay.

William Goddard assessed at £6 with 10s. [50p] to pay; and Vincent Goddard assessed at £4 with 6s. 8d. [33p] to pay. Both from the Borough of Marlebrogh.

Edward Goddard of Lishell and Castle Eaton in the

Hundred of Hyworth, Cricklade and Staple assessed at £50 with £4 3s. 4d. [£4.17] to pay.

Mary Goddard widow assessed at £5 with 8s 4d [42p] to pay; and Thomas Goddard assessed at £40 with £3 6s. 8d. [£3.33] to pay. Both from Aldbourne in the Hundred of Selkley.

William Goddard of Ogborne St George in the same Hundred assessed at £20 with 33s. 4d. [£1.67] to pay.

William Goddard of Ogborne Meysey in the same Hundred assessed at £10 with 16s. 8d. [83p] to pay.

Roger Goddard assessed at £5 with 8s. 4d. [42p] to pay; and Anthony Goddard assessed at £4 with 6s. 8d. [33p] to pay. Both from Cleve Peper [Clyffe Pypard] in the Hundred of Kingsbridge, Blagrove and Thornhill.

Edmonde Goddarde of Tollard in the Hundred of Chawke assessed at £20 with 33s. 4d. [£1.67] to pay.

William Godderd assessed at £6 with 10s. [50p] to pay; and Thomas Godderd assessed at £4 with 6s. 8d. [33p] to pay. Both from the Tething of Sedgell in the Hundred of Donworthe.

Thomas Godderd of the Tething of Wynsford in the same Hundred assessed at £4 with 6s. 8d. [33p] to pay.

And finally, John Godderd of the Tething of Milton and Upton in the Liberty of East Knoyle, Hyndon and Bysshoppe Fountell assessed at £6 with 10s. [50p] to pay.

I wonder if any members can find any of their ancestors amongst this list?

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### GODDARD LADIES

I am grateful to Association member Jennifer Walker of Malmesbury for sending me three recent articles from her local papers, each mentioning a Goddard lady. The first concerns Janet Byrne-Goddard who is team leader of Jigsaw, a charity run by Barnardos in Chippenham on behalf of the Green Square housing group, giving advice to families with young children. The second is Claire Goddard, a reception teacher at King's Lodge Primary School in Chippenham, who is training to become a forest schools practitioner. And the third is Vickie Goddard, Cotswolds support co-ordinator for County Community Projects, a charity based in Cirencester helping with housing problems. Jennifer also heard on Radio Gloucester of Michelle Goddard in connection with the National Steam Car Association and Traction Engines and their meeting at the Cotswold airfield at Kemble in August. Does anyone know any more about these Goddard ladies?

## JOHN ELLA

I am most grateful to Ray and Marie Ella for alerting me to the fact that the mother of John Ella, the founder of the Musical Union in London in 1845, was a Goddard, presumably of the Leicester branch since that is from where the Ella family came after they had moved from Thirsk in Yorkshire. Kitty (Catherine) Goddard married Richard Ella, a master baker, on 16 February 1801 in St Margaret's Church, Leicester and they ran a confectionary shop in the Market Place where they also lived. Ann was born in January 1802 and John in December of the same year. Eight more children followed: James born in 1804, Joseph Goddard in 1806, Sarah 1807, Jane 1809, Henry 1811, William Morton 1813, Edmund 1817 and Frederick in 1818. Kitty died in 1838 and her son John in 1888. Both Richard and Kitty Ella are buried in St Martin's churchyard, Leicester. Writing from London in May 1851, the famous composer Hector Berlioz pays a fine tribute to John Ella: "In London there are several quartet and chamber music societies, the most active of which [is] The Musical Union. It was founded by Mr Ella, a distinguished English musician, who directs it with a care, intelligence and dedication that are beyond all praise. The aim of the Musical Union is not exclusively the promotion of quartets, but of all fine instrumental compositions for salons, to which are added sometimes a few vocal pieces, almost always belonging to the productions of the German school. Though a talented violinist himself, Mr Ella modestly restricts his role to that of organiser and director of these concerts without participating in them as performer. He prefers to associate to the best players in London the most celebrated foreign players who happen to be passing there....The public is very satisfied with a system which provides it simultaneously with excellence in performance and a variety of styles which could not be obtained by staying always with the same players. Mr Ella does not merely devote his care to the performance of the masterpieces that are on the programme of these concerts, he also wants the public to appreciate and understand them. The programme of each matinée is therefore sent in advance to the subscribers, and it contains a synoptic analysis of the trios, quartets and quintets which are to be heard. The analysis is in general very well done, and speaks at once to the eyes and to the mind: the critical text is supplemented with musical examples on one or more staves which show either the theme of each piece, or the figure that plays an important part in it, or the most remarkable modulations it contains. It would not be possible to show more care or devotion."

## GODDARDS OF BRENTFORD

I am grateful to my elder daughter Diana for photographing this van when boarding the ferry back from the Isle of Wight last month. Researching the



company on the internet, I find that it is P. Goddard & Sons Ltd. of 225-226 High Street, Brentford founded by a Joseph Goddard in 1815 and now run by his descendants. Indeed, there is a fascinating history of the various members of the family. Do any of our members belong to this branch?

### GODDARD'S CRISP SPRAY STARCH

Association member Doreen Evans has recently written to tell me that she was doing some late spring cleaning when she noticed she was using a cannister of Goddard's Crisp Spray Starch. It cost 34p and was dated 1977. The company concerned was Goddard's, Frimley Green, Surrey. Has anyone else come across products from this company?

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