

The Goddard Association of Europe

NEWSLETTER

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DAME LOWELL GODDARD

Well Qualified to Head the Child Abuse Inquiry

All but our newest members will recall Newsletter 111 in which I featured a photograph and potted career details of Justice Lowell Goddard, who had just been made a Dame in the New Zealand Birthday Honours for her services to that country's judiciary. But it came as quite a surprise on 4 February, just after Newsletter 113 had gone to print, when the Home Secretary, Theresa May, announced her as the new head of the inquiry into historical child sex abuse in England and Wales – a case, let us hope, of 'third time lucky' since her two predecessors, Baroness Butler-Sloss and Lady Fiona Woolf, had both survived little more than a week or two each, on the grounds that both were perceived as having too close associations with this country's Establishment to be widely regarded as completely impartial. This new appointment has been met with general approval. As one commentator put it, Justice Lowell Goddard "is a world away, both geographically and institutionally, from the characters and parts of the British state that victims insist must come under uncomfortable scrutiny". A High Court Judge since 1995 and now the longest serving one, Lowell Goddard has had a distinguished career dealing with human rights issues, including being the first woman in New Zealand to chair the Independent Police Conduct Authority which, when she was at the helm, produced a report on the outcome of its inquiry into police handling of child abuse cases. One British QC described her as "one of the most respected and experienced judges in the Commonwealth".

Born in Auckland, New Zealand on 25 November 1948 Lowell Patria Goddard was the daughter of Squadron Leader Pat Vaughan Goddard; she also claims Maori descent, having Ngati Kahungunu ancestry. She studied law at the University of Auckland, graduating in 1974, was admitted to the bar in 1975 and started practising as a barrister in 1977. Among her early work was a period as a member of the committee which helped establish a facility for victims of sexual abuse; this assisted police to establish a better approach to the

examination and interviewing of victims. She also took part in a youth advocacy pilot scheme for children and young people, and as member of a panel on New Zealand's policy regarding children in care. In 1988 she was one of the first two women to be appointed Queen's Counsel in New Zealand. She was Crown Counsel and Head of the Criminal Law Team at the Crown Law Office in Wellington from 1989 to 1995, and served as Deputy Solicitor-General from 1992 to 1995, when she was appointed what is thought to be the first High Court Judge of

Maori descent. She has also sat as a member of the Criminal Division of the Court of Appeal, and as an expert to the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture.

In 1969 she married Sir Walter John Scott, fifth baronet, a British journalist and farmer, and had a daughter the following year. But the marriage soon ended in divorce, Sir John remarrying in 1977. Lowell did not marry again until 1992; her second husband is a fellow lawyer and judge, Christopher Hodson QC. He is Judge Advocate General of the New Zealand Armed Forces and the Chief Judge of the Court Martial of New Zealand.

Appearing before the House of Commons Home Affairs Select Committee on 11 February, Lowell said she would allow survivors of sexual abuse to be heard. She also insisted she was not part of the Establishment. "We don't have such a thing in my country", she said; "I did have to seek clarification on exactly what it meant. Do I have any links with any institution or any person related to the subject matter of the inquiry? No, I don't." Explaining the role of the inquiry, she added: "There will be an investigatory side to this, but I see also scope and necessity for a truth and reconciliation type process. Survivors may wish to be heard in a way they feel they haven't been heard until now." She thought the inquiry would have "huge scale" and might take several years but, once she had completed an exercise looking at its scope, she expected to begin work in "very early April".

Things have gone quiet recently and I have not read any press coverage relating to the enquiry. One can only assume Lowell is beavering away behind the scene!

NEW MEMBERS

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

Mr Paul John Godard, 39 Summit Drive, Devon Hills, Tasmania 7300, Australia.
Mrs Michelle C. Kahler, 93 Arber Ten Road, Glenwood, Queensland 4570, Australia.

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:

Paul John Godard's family lived in the East End of London from about the 1850s to the 1950s. His great great grandfather George Goddard was born in St Luke's around 1853 and at some point changed the spelling to Godard, although his siblings retained the original. According to the census records his father John Goddard was born around 1815 in Fakenham, Suffolk (probably Fakenham Magna rather than Fakenham, Norfolk). He was married around 1835 to Eliza, who was from Ashbourne in Derbyshire, and he worked as a carman. The only marriage Paul has traced is at Shoreditch in 1835 between a John Gorrard and Elizabeth Milward. He writes: "My understanding is that the accent often confused the spelling. As to his father I can not be sure. There was a Charles Gorrard who was married in Fakenham Magna in 1810 to Susannah Gherkin. But there is also a John Goddard married in 1801 in the same village and who stayed there the rest of his life. I have found two of his sons, Charles and Edward, who were born in 1817 and 1819 and are living with him in 1841 (the first residential record I have). My feeling is that his first son would probably have been christened John, and possibly my ancestor could be him, and he moved away before the 1841 census." Paul would be very glad to hear from any member who may recognise this family and be able to add further information; his e-mail address is paulgodard@bigpond.com

Michelle Kahler has traced descent back to a Mark Goddard who died in 1736; he was a Bristol merchant who married Hannah Rickards. Their daughter Elizabeth married Rev. John Ash in Pershore, Worcestershire, on 2 September 1751. She would love to know more of the Goddard connection and possible links to other Goddards.

OBITUARY

The Association is saddened to record the peaceful passing of former member Alan Goddard of Weymouth on 15 March. Our sincere condolences have been sent to his widow Pat. Alan came from a Berkshire branch in the Longcote and Shellingford areas.

EXCHANGE OF INSULTS

I hesitate to write another story about the Brimpton and Newbury Goddards, but as they are actively being researched it was bound to happen. The Friends of Newtown Road Cemetery in Newbury are amassing a large pile of files, and each entry in a file represents something about the life of someone who was interred in the cemetery between 1850 and 1950, mainly from *The Newbury Weekly News* which began in 1867. The following is an example of what has been found:

On Thursday 1 July 1875 Jesse Breeze was returning from working in the hay fields and met John Goddard, to whom he had not spoken for three months. Goddard shouted to him the remark that he could see that Breeze was having to beg for work since everyone now knew he was dishonest. Further insults were exchanged until the irate Breeze hit out and punched Goddard. Goddard said that he would make him pay for it and reported the incident to the police. As his cousin was the borough police superintendent he probably thought he would get a sympathetic hearing. The Police Court was not impressed and decided that Breeze had hit Goddard but that he had been severely provoked. He was fined 1s. [5p] with 11s. 6d. [57p] costs.

But look behind the bare facts of the case. Both Breeze and Goddard were in their early forties and well matched physically. Breeze said he had sickness in the family and he was under stress. Goddard, I would imagine, was not very intelligent and did not realise that he was provoking Breeze and went too far. At the time he was married with children, but seven years later he died in the Cholsey Asylum, the Berkshire Mental Hospital of the day. He was not buried in the Newbury cemetery, but his name was added to the memorial on his father Richard's grave, which already had his mother's name upon it.

Just a small incident – a verbal exchange followed by an assault – but into which a lot more can be read. Certainly no one would have thought at the time that 140 years later it might be worth remembering!

Julie of Newbury

CURATOR

In the last Newsletter under the above heading mention was made of an Alice Goddard as curator of the Jeffrey Museum Almshouses in Shoreditch, London. Long-standing Association member Kay Staniland has pointed out that this should read the 'Geffrye' Museum founded in 1914 in alms-houses built in 1714 and named after Sir Robert Geffrye, a former Lord Mayor of London and Master of the Ironmongers' Company.

THEOBALDS

Despite my Goddard ancestry it was in connection with someone in another branch of my family tree that I recently read a book entitled *Theobalds through the centuries: the changing fortunes of a Hertfordshire house and estate*, edited by P.E. Rooke and published by the Broxbourne Press in 1980. I was surprised and interested to find a story about a Goddard in it.

The Theobalds estate is near Cheshunt, in the south-east corner of Hertfordshire, and from 1820 to 1929 it was the home of the Meux brewery family. In 1841 Henry Meux inherited the estate on the death of his father (also named Henry), and began an extensive programme of improvements to the house and grounds. This involved the employment of a number of new staff, one being my x2 great-grandfather, George Press, who was a gardener. By 1914 the head of the household at Theobalds was Sir Hedworth Meux, who that year was appointed by Winston Churchill to the Naval post of Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth. The following year, the book tells us, there was a noteworthy event at Theobalds:

“In 1915 a party of [Royal Naval Air Service] midshipmen doing balloon training set out from the Hurlingham Club grounds in Putney. A south-west wind took them across London and they looked for a country house near which to land, having found from experience that such houses provided balloonists with manpower to hold the balloon, transport to take it to the station, and tea. In attempting to land at Theobalds their grapnel caught in the chimney of the conservatory boiler, bringing it down on the splendid Victorian glasswork erected by the second Henry Meux in the early 1850s. The crew finished up in the duck pond and it was with consternation that they learned that the conservatory they had wrecked belonged to the Admiral Commanding at Portsmouth. The conservatory had to be demolished and was never replaced.”

In 1951 Theobalds became home to Theobalds Park School, and the chapter in the book dealing with this period in the house's history reveals the identity of one of the balloonists. Mentioning some of the distinguished people who came to speak and present the prizes at the school's annual prizegiving ceremonies, it says that one was particularly eagerly welcomed because he was able to give a first-hand account of the mishap to the conservatory. He was Air-Marshall Sir Victor Goddard, KCB, CBE!

George Press married Martha Clark, one of the domestic servants at Theobalds, and moved on to other gardening jobs in Hertfordshire and Middlesex.

Eventually George and Martha had a grand-daughter, Alice Eleanor Press, who in 1894 married Robert Goddard, born in 1872 in Friern Barnet, Middlesex, and descended from the North-East Hampshire Goddards. Robert and Alice were my maternal grandparents.

Eileen Bostle

Ed.: I am most grateful to Eileen for sending me this amusing account from the past. Air Marshal Sir Victor Goddard was one of the Association's first patrons; his obituary is to be found in Newsletter 6. Eileen's article reminds me that in either the late 1950s or early 1960s, he gave a series of highly amusing short radio talks outlining his early ballooning exploits and their frequent mishaps. This was one of them! I must try and get hold of a typescript of them.

FIRST WORLD WAR SURVIVORS

In these centenary years of the 1914-1918 war much is being made of those who lost their lives in that conflict. We tend to forget that, in addition to those who died, there were as many or more who were wounded, gassed or suffered illnesses. Those who survived such traumas are perhaps only remembered in their own family stories, but some were notable enough to leave an official record.

As an Army surgeon in Belgium, Harold Gillies had become aware of French experiments in facial reconstruction, and persuaded the authorities to set up a facial injury ward at Aldershot in 1916 which, in 1917, became Queens Hospital at Froggnal House in Sidcup. Hundreds of men with horrific wounds to the face were treated and repaired by Gillies and his team, earning him a reputation as the 'father of plastic surgery'.

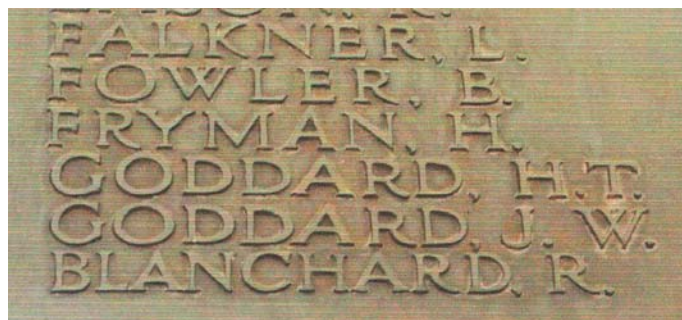
The hospital records include three Goddards who were among the guinea-pigs of plastic surgery. 341177 L/Cpl. Frederick William Goddard of the Royal Engineers had been wounded in his left eye on 16 August 1918. According to his record he was born in 1887/8. 203330 Pte. George Goddard of the 1/5th South Staffordshire Regiment received gunshot wounds to the face, shattering his upper jaw. His birth date was given as 1884. 4762 Pte. Hugh P. Goddard had also been shot in the face, fracturing his lower jaw. His birth date was given as 1889. No further details of the treatment or outcome are given, and it has not been possible to identify these men in the census or birth indexes. If you can help to identify them, or if any of them belonged to your family, we should be glad to know more of their stories.

John of Accrington

GODDARD MEMORIALS AND FAMILY RESEARCH

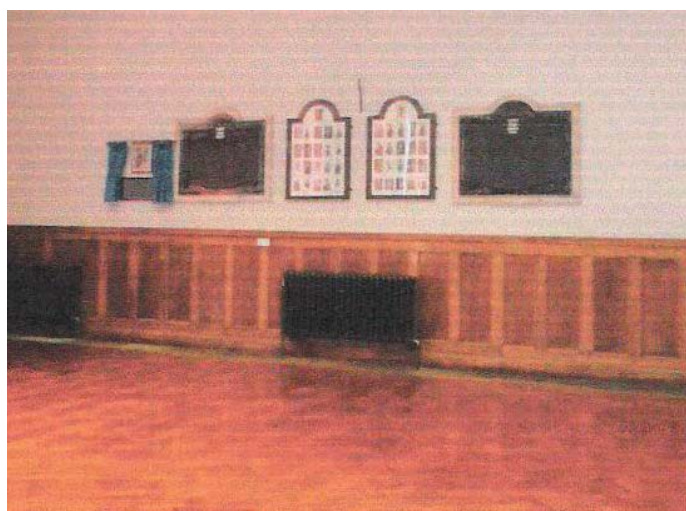
I am grateful to member Lindy Jennings, via Malcolm of Brisbane, for the following: “I have intended contacting the Association for a long time regarding Goddard connections between Great Grimsby and Portsmouth, but never quite got round to it. Now I have been slightly overtaken by events regarding something else. An item caught my eye in the recent Newsletter – the article on page 4 ‘Stories from the Probate Index’. Imagine my surprise to recognise the name of this serviceman: ‘E.R.Art. H.T. Goddard, RN’ – not because he is related to me (at least, not so far as I have discovered), but because he is named on a memorial board in a school in which

a probate list. I am attaching a few photographs (of photos on the memorial boards). They are not my best work I’m afraid, and I should have moved some curtains in order to get some better photos, but I was in haste at the time and hindsight is wonderful isn’t it! Anyway, they give an indication of where this officer is remembered and what he looked like. It is interesting to note that under this young man’s photograph someone made a mistake with his initials

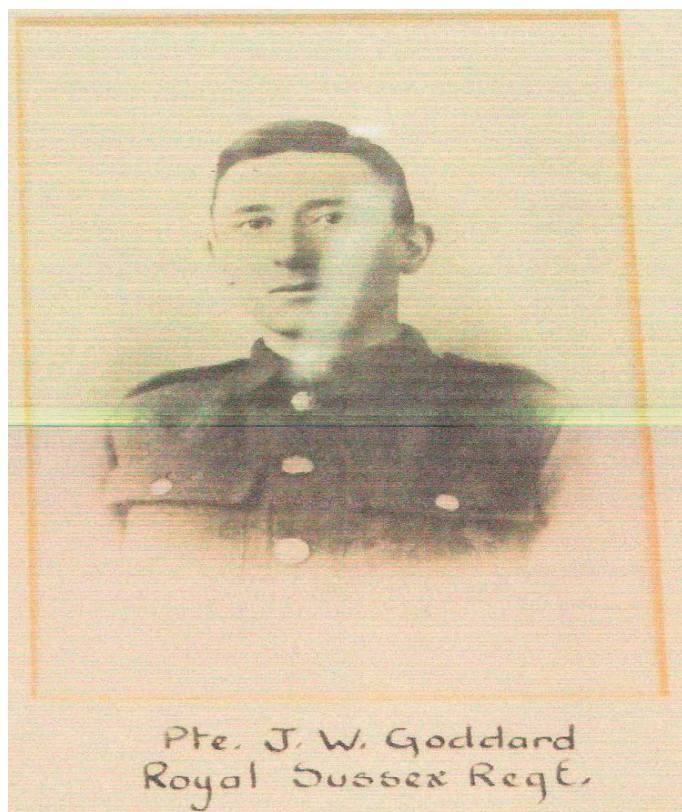


and put H.J., but if one looks at the memorial plaque the correct initials H.T. have been used.

I have also attached a photograph (of a photograph) of another Goddard – Pte. J.W. Goddard, Royal Sussex Regt. – also remembered on the same memorial board. Unfortunately again for me there does not seem to be a connection to my branch of the family. I wonder if any other members of the Association may claim a connection? Upon further investigation and



I taught some time ago. There is also a photograph, so now your readers can put a face to this name from



using the website ‘Find a Grave’, it can be found that this serviceman is buried in Saint Sevre Cemetery Extension, Rouen. The above mentioned school used to be the Clee Grammar School for Boys in

Cleethorps, Lincolnshire. Over time the school has gone by different names (I was teaching there when it was Matthew Humberstone School) and, if googled, all manner of information starts to pop up!

Meanwhile can you help? Here are some details of information on Goddard certificates which I have obtained and hold:

1. Frank Goddard. Fisherman / Trawler skipper born 1899 Great Grimsby, County of Lincoln. Died June 1983 Cleethorps (my grandfather). Birth certificate 1899 and marriage certificate 1919.
2. Alfred Henry Goddard. Fisherman (father of Frank) born 1870 Portsea Island, sub-district of Landport, County of Southampton (my great grandfather). Died 1962 Great Grimsby. Birth certificate 1870 and marriage certificate 1898.
3. William Austen (? Auston / Austin) Goddard. Commercial traveller (father of Alfred Henry). Born 1831 in Middlesex, London. Died 1895 Portsea. Marriage certificate 1857 Portsea Island.

If anyone can help me here that would be wonderful as I am stuck. I have William A. Goddard aged 29 on the 1861 census for Portsea with wife Mary Ann aged 20 and son William A. Goddard aged 2 months. The 1871 census shows William A. Goddard aged 39 with wife Mary Ann aged 28 and five children, the youngest being Alfred Henry aged 5 months. By 1881 I have William A. Goddard aged 50 with daughter Jane aged 13 and son Alfred Henry aged 11, in the Union Work House Portsea Island. In 1891 William A. Goddard is still in the Union Work House, but appears to be on his own. What might have been the story behind all of this, I wonder?

William A.'s father was William Goddard, a 'confectionary' who was married to Jane; but that is as far as my research has taken me. I wonder if any members might have some further knowledge for me? What trail to follow to uncover more details? And accurately. Some of the ages given don't seem to tally – between census ages and looking at the 1857 marriage certificate, for example. Perhaps on further investigation ages will fall into place better – assuming I have made the correct family connections. There is a lot of information here now I have finally started an email to the Association. I hope you can point it all in the right direction for me in the hope I may have helped other members, and that some may be able to help me with my investigations.”

TWO RELATIVES

My thanks to Association member Sandra (Sandy) Merton neé Goddard of Pontypridd, Glamorgan, for sending via Malcolm of Brisbane two articles discovered online by her husband. She says that both the Goddards featured are her relatives.

The first one, Joseph Goddard, was her great great uncle and only fourteen at the time of the accident which took place on the evening of Wednesday 30 July 1865 and was reported two days later in Yeovil's *Western Flying Post*. It reads: "Accident. – A boy named Joseph Goddard, in the employ of Mr John Barnard, farmer, of Huish Episcopi, had his left thigh broken by a kick from a horse on Wednesday night. He was directed by his master to fetch up the horses from the field to the barton [farmyard], and incautiously rode down on a mare belonging to Mr G. Tilley, which was on the premises. When he got to the field, the horses commenced kicking at the mare he was riding, and he sustained such injury that it broke his thigh bone. George Lenthall, the postman from Langport to Long Load, who lives near the field, fortunately heard his cries for assistance, or he might have remained in the field the whole of the night. Lenthall went for Mr Barnard, who obtained a door, and they carried the lad home, and sent for surgical assistance. The fracture was reduced, and he is going on as favourably as the nature of the injury will allow." Sandra writes that this same Joseph had a second accident years later and died on 22 July 1878 when he fell off a trailer carrying hay and was crushed by the wheels; he was just 27 years old and left a wife and children.

The second incident was, somewhat surprisingly given the considerable difference in location, reported in Dundee's *Evening Telegraph* on Monday 28 March 1927 under the heading "Boy Stowaways 220-miles Walk". It concerned Cyril, the above Joseph's grandson and a distant cousin of Sandra, who was aged seventeen at the time. "Three Penarth boys, Cyril Goddard, Harry Cheeseman, and Vincent Lara, who stowed away in a cargo boat, were discovered, taken ashore at Newlyn, Cornwall, and then disappeared, have been found at Cardiff. They had walked 220 miles from Cornwall in eight days. When they left Newlyn they had no money, and search parties and police were sent out in all directions. The boys were absolutely exhausted, and were taken in charge by the police. Arrangements were made for their immediate despatch to their homes." Sandra writes that both Joseph and Cyril would also be related to member Christine Jenkins of Rhondda Cynon Taff.

BLACKNEST AGAIN

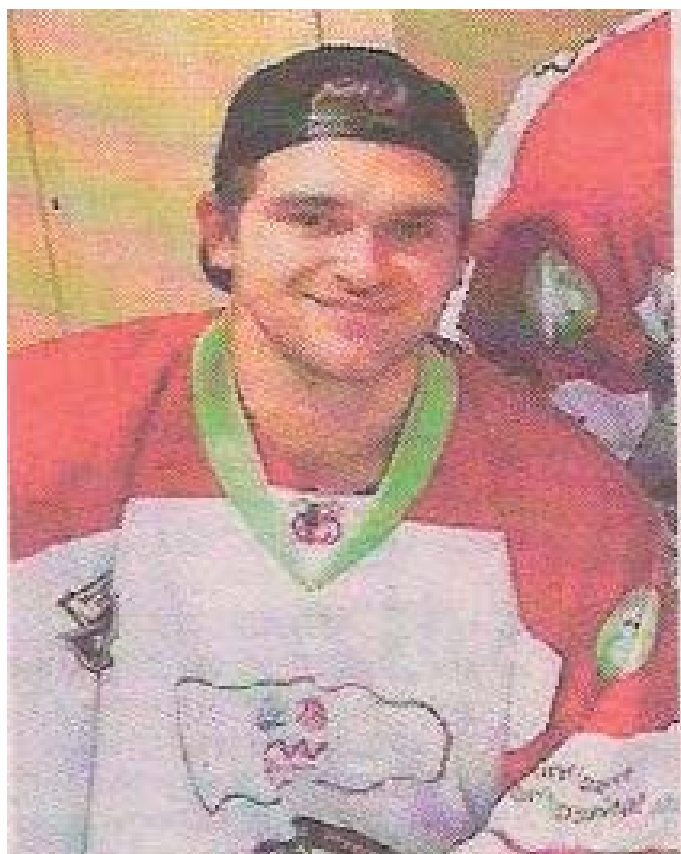
It is always encouraging when a member makes contact to follow up on an article seen in the last or a previous Newsletter. Kay Staniland has done just that. She writes: "I was interested to read Michael Andrews-Reading's information in the article on 'Bear' Grylls. I, too, am descended from Richard Goddard of Blacknest, Brimpton – via Jane Elizabeth, his grand-daughter. Her son (my great-grandfather) Charles Joseph Staniland seems to have gone in for naming his houses 'Blacknest'. I hope one day to see the original, though it seems heavily added to, and perhaps not easily accessible [now said to be part of Aldermaston Atomic ENergy Agency]. There is a story in the family that Jane's father gambled his fortune (and his daughter) away, committing suicide in the basement. I wonder if they have ghosts? Perhaps this was why Jane went up to Hull to her stationer brother W.R. Goddard and married Joseph Staniland? I never got to the bottom of that migration." But in a later e-mail Kay writes: "I have been sorting out my files on family history and realise that the story about the suicide at Blacknest is untrue; my late uncle muddled up some of his 'facts'."

WILTSHIRE RECORD SOCIETY – 13

Volume 17 *Apprentices and their Masters, 1710-1760* published in 1961 mentions seven Goddards, four apprentices and three masters, although one of the latter had two different apprentices simultaneously. In general apprenticeships lasted for seven years unless otherwise specified. The four apprentices are John Goddard, son of Edward, gent., of Marlborough, apprenticed on 1 October 1711 to Edward Gouldney, merchant, of Bristol for the sum of £100, and his brother Thomas, also apprenticed in Bristol, to Robert Bayley, apothecary, on 11 May 1713 for £49 10s.; Mathew Goddard, son of Mathew, yeoman, of West Wellow, apprenticed on 24 June 1720 to John Vanderplank, clothier, of Romsey (co. Hants), for £20; and George Goddard who was apprenticed on 23 December 1756 to Joseph Bullen, a carpenter of Calne, for five years for the sum of £16. The three masters are William Nicholas Goddard, a cutler of Romsey (co. Hants), who took as apprentice William Turner of Upton Scudamore on 1 March 1720 for the sum of £13; John Goddard, a butcher of Donhead, taking as apprentice John Foot of Dorset on 29 October 1750 for £5 5s.; and James Goddard, a cutler of Salisbury, who acquired two apprentices in 1754 – John Fielder (origin not given) on 15 October for £40, and Thomas Briant (again origin not given) on 26 October for £30.

ICE HOCKEY STAR

I am grateful to Margaret of Worsley for sending me a cutting from the *Manchester Evening News* of 12 March relating to her great nephew Declan Ryan, the



professional ice hockey netminder, who has featured in earlier Newsletters (97 & 100). Now playing for Manchester Phoenix, he was due to compete in the Challenge Cup final against Telford Tigers, a side he was with for the previous four years. Telford were crowned Premier League champions the week before so were hoping to do the double.

COLCHESTER CASTLE

John of Accrington has kindly sent on to me a newspaper article concerning Colchester Castle. Apparently it was closed in January 2013 in order to undergo a £4.2 million revamp. This took some sixteen months, and it was not re-opened until May 2014, since when it has proved a most popular attraction. And the Goddard connection? Perhaps somewhat tenuous, but it has just notched up its 100,000th visitor who happened to be Erin Goddard and daughter Daisy. To mark the occasion they were presented with a free yearly family pass and various other items. Both the East of England Heritage Lottery Fund and the local Council consider the money well spent and that the castle now offers an excellent visitor experience, particularly for families and young people. So if you live in the area – or even if you don't – try it out for yourself.

RESEARCH WEBSITES – 2

Here is the second of John of Fareham's new series of articles on basic modern research tools.

"We will now look at using GENUKI. This contains genealogical information for the UK. Type GENUKI into a search engine, for example Google. Select GENUKI by clicking on www.genuki.org.uk. Next, select a country from the regional page links – in this case we will select England. Next we can select a county, for example Hampshire, either by clicking on the county name or on the county in the map of England. You should now be in a county page which contains a wide variety of information. Click on church records; this will show a headline Hampshire – churches and their records, and under this two chapters (1) Parish registers and (2) Indexes to church records. Go to chapter (2) and look through the contents, paying particular attention to underlined items. Find the item Hampshire Family History – Parish Registers. Click on this item. You will now be on a page which contains a large list of internet sites; look in particular at Parish Register Transcripts on the Internet. This contains many village sites. Go to one of these sites – I have chosen Yateley – Baptisms 1636-1837. Click on this site. You should now be on the Yateley Parish Records site. Click on Yateley Baptisms 1636-1904. You should now have a list of baptisms in the village. If you are in Google, click on the three horizontal bar icon (top right) and select 'find'. Click on 'find' and a small window will appear near the top of the page. Type some query in this window, for example 'Goddard'. You should now have a comment in the window which says that there are 422 cases of Goddard in the file. You can select individual records using the up and down arrows. The item will be marked in the file. Item number 1 shows that Nicholas Goddard had a son Thomas on 2 February 1664.

John of Fareham <johnogoddard@gmail.com>

QUIT SMOKING

Association member Ted Marshall has kindly sent me a cutting from the *Times* of 25 March relating to the death of a couple's pet dog whose demise was attributed to their prolific smoking habit of over forty years. Keith and Heather Goddard, aged 67 and 61 respectively, of Seaton Delaval in Northumberland recently lost one dog and were warned by the vet that their other pets faced a similar fate unless they stopped. They have since managed to do just that with the aid of patches, and strongly urge others to do likewise – or, at the least, to smoke out of doors. It will no doubt help improve their own health too!

MORE RESEARCH RESOURCES

The research team have been busy extracting Goddards from a range of sources mainly, but not entirely, from the period before civil registration and censuses. Some of the more extensive records so far completed are:

- Marriage index 1871-1900
- Cheshire wills
- Cheshire BDM, non-conformist and RC
- Cheshire, north, non-resident burials (mostly from adjoining Derbyshire)
- Surrey marriages
- South London (Surrey) will abstracts 1470-1856
- Sheffield baptisms pre-1837
- Sarum marriage licence bonds
- Staffordshire BMD
- Shropshire BMD

It may be some time before these can be added to the website, but in the meantime enquiries can be sent to membership secretary John or research co-ordinator Joan, whose addresses are on the back page.

John of Accrington

RICHARD JEFFERIES

I have recently acquired a scarce original copy of *A Memoir of the Goddards of North Wilts* by Richard Jefferies published in 1873. Imagine my delight on discovering that it was a presentation copy from the author to a friend and contains a hand-written letter from Jefferies, written at Coate near Swindon on 29 August 1873, in which he says "I have forwarded you a copy of a little book I have just issued upon the 'Goddard Family', and I hope that you will do me the honour to accept it, in acknowledgement of your courtesy on many former occasions."

SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE

May I remind all members that subscriptions for 2015-16 are due as from the first of April, and that the rate remains the same as ever: £7.50 for younger members, £5 for senior citizens. Please contact Treasurer John direct (details on back page), making sure you identify yourself clearly, preferably by your membership number. Members in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the USA have their own arrangements with their respective co-ordinators. Members who take the Newsletter by post will get a reminder in the same envelope; so this appeal is chiefly to the increasing number of you – and thank you for that – who take the Newsletter electronically. It would be appreciated if you would take the initiative and thus save the Treasurer from having to chase you!

AGM

The 29th AGM will be held at 2.00pm on Sunday 17 May 2015 at the Clyffe Pypard and Bushton village hall just south of Royal Wootton Bassett, the Wiltshire town a few miles west of Swindon and where we met in 2011. For those of you who remember how to get there, well done! For those of you who do not or are new and have a satnav the post code is SN4 7PX. For anyone else please see the separate directions on this page. The Agenda will follow the usual format:

1. Welcome by the President.
2. Apologies.
3. Minutes of the Last Meeting.
4. Matters Arising.
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Research Co-ordinator's Report.
7. Election of Officers:
 - (a) President.
 - (b) Secretary.
 - (c) Treasurer.
 - (d) Two Committee Members. Joan Dibble and Margaret McAlpin retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election.
8. Any Other Business.
9. Date and Place of the next AGM.

The business part of the meeting over, the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial for 2015 will be presented. This will be followed by a talk on the Goddard Brewery in the Isle of Wight given by its Managing Director, Patrick Birley, who is married to Henrietta Goddard. Tea and biscuits will then be served, and there will be the usual raffle to help defray the cost of hiring the venue.

AGM DIRECTIONS

Clyffe Pypard and Bushton village hall is somewhat off the beaten track, so I append some directions for your assistance. For those of you with a satnav I repeat the post code is SN4 7PX.

If you are approaching from the direction of the M4, take exit 16 into Royal Wootton Bassett (A3102). Carry on through the town on the High Street. At the end of the town you drive over a railway bridge after which you take a left turn to Bushton and Clyffe Pypard. Two miles later turn left at a T junction. Half a mile later go straight across crossroads, past the Trotting Horse pub on the right. The village hall is a mile further on, on the right immediately after Smith's Farm.

If coming from the A4 via Marlborough, leave the town towards Rockley and Broad Hinton. Drive over the downs and some four miles later, at the junction

with the A4361, turn right and immediately left into Broad Hinton (a sort of staggered crossroads). Go through the village, round a double bend and take the left turn to Clyffe Pypard. Continue on the same road for about two miles, down a steep hill, round a double bend left and right, past some houses on the right, round another double bend and the village hall is on the left – if you get to the Trotting Horse pub you have gone too far!

If coming from the A4 via Calne, continue on the A4 towards Marlborough. At the Beckhampton roundabout follow signs to Swindon and Avebury, the A4361. After some three miles take the left turning marked to Winterbourne Bassett. Go through the village and continue for another mile or so. At the T junction turn left, down a steep hill, round a double bend left and right, past some houses on the right, round another double bend and the village hall is on the left – if you get to the Trotting Horse pub you have once again gone too far!

ANOTHER JUDGE

The *Daily Telegraph* for 21 April has announced the appointment of another Judge Goddard with effect from 1 May. She is Suzanne Hazel Read Goddard QC, who has been appointed a Circuit Judge deployed to the Northern Circuit based at Manchester Crown Court. She will be known as Judge Goddard QC. Does any member claim her as a relative? This is the third Goddard lady judge in the last decade.

USEFUL ADDRESSES

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