



The Goddard Association of Europe

NEWSLETTER

No. 121 – January 2017

PETER THOMAS ALLEYNE GODDARD

23 November 1924 – 6 October 2016

In the last Newsletter the front page article related to my first cousin Lister Goddard, who was killed in action on the Somme in 1916. And, as promised in that issue, this one's front page carries the obituary of Lister's nephew and the Association's patron Peter Goddard, who was a familiar figure at recent AGMs effusively thanking the Committee for their work in running the Association. I am greatly indebted to Peter's nephew, Andrew Peters, for very kindly allowing me to use a heavily edited version of the eulogy he gave at his uncle's thanksgiving service held on 21 October in the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin at Great Milton near Oxford.

Peter Thomas Alleyne Goddard was born in Felixstowe on 23 November 1924. His parents had quite recently returned from a posting in the Falkland Islands where his father, Thomas, had been serving since 1914 as ADC to the Governor and, by way of an historical note, had distinguished himself somewhat playing a key part in one of the outstanding encounters of the First World War, the Battle of the Falkland Islands on 8 December 1914. Not long after Peter's arrival the family learned that, after freezing in the Falklands, his father's next posting – this time as Colonial Secretary – was to be in one of the world's hottest locations, Sierra Leone, the country then often referred to as 'the White Man's Grave'. So, with his father leaving for West Africa and his mother, Beryl, following on once she had got her two children settled in England, Peter and his older sister Patience were destined to spend much of their early childhood being cared for by other family members. Upon completing his tour in



Sierra Leone, Thomas had been anticipating a less climatically challenging posting with his next assignment being as Governor of Cyprus. However, before that, certain local developments required his return to West Africa for another six-month period and, while there in 1935 and at only 46 years of age, the White Man's Grave claimed another victim.

Peter, therefore, was denied those vital early years when the presence of a strong, paternal guiding hand can have such an influence on a young man's life and character. Because of the family situation, in 1930 and

at the almost unthinkable early age of only five, Peter became a boarder at Cordwalles Prep School. In spite of his youth and size, he nevertheless distinguished himself at boxing, starting his pugilistic career, aged seven, at Flea Weight! Then in 1938, aged just thirteen, Peter followed in the footsteps of his distinguished uncle and mentor, Victor Goddard, and was enrolled as a Cadet at the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. He was lucky enough to serve ten terms at Dartmouth before going to sea in his first ship, the cruiser *Orion* which was engaged in escorting convoys to Malta and, later, in the invasions of Sicily and Italy. From *Orion* he moved to the destroyer *Petard* for his Midshipman's training, and while there participated in what was acknowledged, some forty years later when the veils of secrecy were publicly lifted, to be one of the most important naval achievements of the Second World War.

Being ordered to put to sea from Port Said, and in company with other destroyers, *Petard* hunted a German U-Boat for eleven hours before her depth charges forced it to the surface. Peter's Journal records the surface action which ensued, culminating in the U-Boat being boarded, with *Petard*'s First Lieutenant, Tony Fasson, and Able Seaman Grazier going below for the Confidential Books. Fasson shouted from the bottom of the conning tower that he had 'found a box which seemed to be of a valuable nature'. The box was passed up and transferred to *Petard* but, unhappily, neither of the seamen was able to climb back up the ladder and escape in time as the submarine had been scuttled by its crew and it sank with them still aboard, a sacrifice which earned both men the George Cross. The

'box' they had discovered was a 4-wheel Enigma coding machine with the coding books to go with it and its capture, as we all now know, vitally accelerated the breaking of the enemy's U-Boat communications. A few weeks later *Petard* successfully captured an Italian U-Boat, the *Uarscieck*. The Confidential Books were removed and *Petard's* Midshipman was left aboard as captain of the prize crew. But despite their best efforts, *Petard* was once again denied her prize which sank under her British crew within sight of Malta. But this time all ended happily and Peter was Mentioned in Despatches for his part in the enterprise.

After serving as Navigator on the destroyer *Eskimo* before and after D-Day and, later, in the Mediterranean, the Indian Ocean and beyond, Peter left the ship in 1945 to do a Long Navigation Course. However, after successfully completing the course, he contracted pleurisy and, although he recovered fully, naval regulations meant that he could no longer be considered for a sea-going appointment. And so, in 1948, after rejecting the offer of a shore-based Staff post, Peter resigned from the Navy. So, what to do next?

Peter decided upon a career in business and, in 1949, joined the Radiation Group as a management trainee, staying with the company for seven years. After a series of moves, including the Booker McConnell Group, an opportunity arose for him to shake off the protective environment of big conglomerate enterprise and to become an entrepreneur in his own right. In 1969 he purchased a UK franchise from an American company called Photo-Scan International and, with a small investor group, went on to develop what was to become one of the leading companies of its day, providing closed-circuit television systems in the field of in-store protection and surveillance – something that we take for granted today, but which was then in its infancy. The development of Photo-Scan was not without its challenges and when, in 1984, business expansion required significant additional capital beyond what Peter and his co-investors could themselves provide, it was sold to the Relyon Group. Peter remained as Vice-Chairman for four years in a consultative capacity before finally retiring.

But enough of his business life; what of his private life? Peter married firstly on 31 January 1953 Sheila O'Hara, a glamorous fashion model. They had to be patient while awaiting a longed-for family, but Thomas Paedar was born on 16 February 1965 and Alleyne Rex followed on 12 September 1973. Sheila died on 20 October 2010 and Peter married secondly on 5 November 2011 Jane Helen Falloon (née

Goddard). She was, in fact, his first cousin and they had first met not long after the Second World War, but had been discouraged from marrying on grounds of consanguinity. Jane devotedly provided Peter with comfort and care for the last five years of his long life. The Goddard Association is much indebted to him for his encouragement and support.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Mr Tom H. Croft, 2029 Meadow Place, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada V8R 1R2.
Mr Jeffrey Lane Floyd, 2/9 Virginia Street, Mount Waverley, Western Australia 3149.
Mr Graham J. Kent, 84 Granson Way, Washingborough, Lincoln LN4 1HB.
Mr B. Michael Koppen, 30 Dene Way, Donnington, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 2JW.
Mrs Pat Williams, 103 Winchester Street, Overton, Hampshire, RG25 3HZ.

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:

Tom Croft is descended from a Warwickshire family commencing with John Goddard, born about 1770 at Monks Kirby, who married Hannah Wright in 1793. His son William, baptised in 1795, married Elizabeth West in 1816 at Withybrook and then moved to Hanborough Magna. Their son, also William, married Mary Collier in 1842 and they are Tom's great great grandparents on his mother's side.

Jeffrey Floyd is from a London branch presently being researched and starting with William and Ellen of Hammersmith in 1901.

Graham Kent's interest comes through his mother Brenda Goddard, whose family comes from Easton Royal, Wiltshire, Pewsey and Andover, beginning with David Goddard 1797-1884 and continuing with Henry 1838-1915, Charles 1881-1954 and Frederick Norman 1907-1963.

Michael Koppen is from a Berkshire family around the Newbury area. John Goddard, born 17 December 1820 at Bagnor the son of John and Martha, was baptised at Northbrook Street Wesleyan Church, Newbury, on 18 February 1821 and married Martha Gilmore in 1848. Their son, John Gilmore Goddard born 1853 at Kintbury, later ran Castle Farm at Donnington and in the 1920s farmed at Bagnor where is now the Watermill Theatre. His son, Levi Edwin born 1898, married Elsie Gawthorne in 1932 and had a dairy farm at Bagnor.

Pat Williams is the descendant of a London branch starting with William Goddard born about 1778, a clockmaker of Cock Lane in 1809. His son William Henry 1809-1905, his grandson William Henry 1843-1915 and great grand-daughter Ethel Rose 1884-1969 are her ancestors.

RESEARCH WEBSITES – 7

There are few sources for births, deaths and marriages before the requirement for parish churches to keep records during the reign of Henry VIII. One possible source is 'Boyd's Inhabitants of London'. This was compiled by Percival Boyd and provides information for research into London families, many of which had property and connections outside of the capital. The data covers the period from the 13th to the 20th centuries, with the majority in the 16th to 18th centuries. Each sheet is given a sheet number and is related to one man who is usually a citizen of London and a member of a guild. The sheet contains information about that man and his family, often including births, deaths and marriages, together with the sheet numbers of other related families. They are often called family units.

This data is available on several sites. For the present I have used Find My Past. Select (1) A - Z record sets, (2) United Kingdom, (3) type Boyd in the search panel and then select Boyd's Inhabitants of London & Family Units 1200-1946. A search page will appear. Type in Goddard and select Name Variants and select Search. Select order by year ascending. This will show 394 results available.

One of the earliest data sets available is for John Goddard for the year 1380. Select view image and a handwritten page will be shown containing the following data:

- 1). Goddard John 1380 (record no. 18689)
- 2). Wife Cicily
- 3). Profession Citizen and Goldsmith
- 4). Brother Martin Goddard
- 5). Wife second marriage to William Sudbury (record no. 18761)
- 6). Buried at St Nicholas Acons (destroyed during the Great Fire of London and not rebuilt)
- 7). Will...11339 and Will Cicily 1417 PCC 39 March
- 8). Children a) Catherine married 1403 to Peter Wymondham (record no. 18745) b) Anne married 1408 to Thomas Wysshe (record no. 18760) --Citizen and Draper c) John

Similarly, if Richard Goddard 1632 is selected the following data will be displayed on a single sheet:

Richard Goddard of All Hallows Bread Street, born 1607, married Catherine Rapley (born 1602) at Stepney Middlesex, he was a citizen of the City of London and a member of the Merchant Taylors Guild. One child is recorded Richard Goddard born 2 August 1637 at Eling Hampshire who attended the Merchant Taylors School in 1647.

John of Fareham <johnogoddard@gmail.com>

GOLFER AGAIN

As promised in the last Newsletter, I can now reveal the result of the *Daily Telegraph* Junior Golf Championship played at Quinta do Lago in Portugal which took place at the beginning of November. Two years ago, aged only fourteen, Hertfordshire's Harry Goddard had qualified last but come a very creditable fourth in the competition. He failed to qualify in 2015, but in 2016 he qualified third and won the



tournament by the wide margin of nine strokes after the three rounds, including breaking the course record by shooting a six under par 66 on the first day. A wayward 77 followed in the second round, but in difficult conditions on the third day he played near faultless golf to record a 67. He will still be young enough to defend his title next year should he choose to do so. Harry is currently studying sports science at Herts Regional College. As the *Daily Telegraph* sports headline said, he has a bright future ahead.

OBITUARIES

Association members will be saddened to learn of the death of John Goddard of Whaley Bridge, brother of former Committee member Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith, and we offer our sincere condolences to his family. We are likewise saddened to hear that Mrs Brenda Golden of West Clandon, Guildford has died at the age of 94; she was a descendant of John Goddard of Clyffe Pypard by his first wife Elizabeth Fettiplace, and had been a member since 1991. Again, our sympathy to her family.

HONORARY DOCTORATE

I am grateful to Ernest Goddard of Gunnislake, Cornwall, for sending me details of The Open University's 2016 Degree Ceremony held in Exeter Cathedral on 7 October. He is the proud father of Ceri, first mentioned in Newsletter 93, who was the recipient of the honorary degree of Doctor of the University in recognition of her public service. Her citation reads: "Ceri Goddard has devoted her life to



campaigning for social progress, justice and equality. An impassioned and effective advocate for the rights of minorities and marginalised groups, she has made a vital contribution to shaping a fairer and more equal Britain. Ceri began her career as an activist and campaigner working for a variety of community-based groups. She worked in advocacy and support for several women's, lesbian, gay, bisexual and other community-based equality charities, before moving into more strategic and capacity-building work within the voluntary sector. This grass roots experience has informed her career ever since.

"For several years she worked for Ireland's Combat Poverty Agency, developing programmes to promote equality and social justice in policy making and in the

peace and reconciliation process. She then became Head of Practice and Development at the British Institute of Human Rights. Subsequently, as Chief Executive of the Fawcett Society, she became known and admired as a campaigner with great authority and personal impact across the UK. The Fawcett Society, currently celebrating its 150th anniversary, is one of the UK's most important campaigning organisations, championing the cause of equality between men and women. Under Ceri's leadership, the Fawcett Society put gender issues centre-stage in economic and political debates. Thus it highlighted how austerity measures, such as changes to tax credits and thresholds, as well as public-sector pay freezes and job cuts, hit women the hardest. To this end, the Society famously launched a high-profile legal challenge to the 2010 Budget. Throughout her tenure at the Fawcett Society, Ceri campaigned for improved maternity rights and equal wages, highlighting the persistent 'motherhood penalty' and gender pay gap. And she continued to fight for women's visibility and representation, especially in politics. She became a trusted and respected commentator on women and gender issues across the media.

"Today, Ceri is the Director of Equality Innovation at the Young Foundation, an independent centre that works to transform society through research and practical work relating to gender, place, education, health and investment. If some of this seems reminiscent of the mission of The Open University, this is not a coincidence; the work of the founder, Michael Young, greatly inspired the setting up of The Open University. Ceri is responsible for the Gender Futures programme, aiming to address the systematic gender inequalities which still permeate our society. This exciting and far-reaching programme is designed to harness social innovation and investment to encourage radical, fundamental and disruptive change. A former Chair of trustees at the Women's Resource Centre, she is also a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, a member of the Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations and a previous trustee of the Equality and Diversity forum. Ceri's name regularly appears on lists of Britain's most powerful women and most influential LGBT people.

"In summary, Ceri is an outstanding role model, a vitally important voice, and is one of the most significant social reformers making a difference in Britain today. Her vision of a fairer and more equal nation, especially for women, is one we share at The Open University, and we are delighted to honour her important work."

SUCCESSFUL RESEARCH

We should never underestimate the power of the internet and Facebook when researching. In October John of Accrington, our Membership Secretary, forwarded to me an e-mail that had been sent to him and Ian of Balcatta, our Australian Co-ordinator, by Isabelle Godard in France (sic): “Dear All, I manage the website www.vignacourt.free.fr linked with lost diggers, and I do research as volunteer. I looking for info and descendants (probably in Australia but maybe also in UK) Roland Henry Goddard Private No. 2636 born at London, probably in 1890. They lived at Mrs W.T. Goddard mother, 29 Tunis Road, Shepherd’s Bush, London and after in Australia at Gingin (Perth region) with his mother WT. Do you have info about this soldier?”

John asked if I could help. This was my reply: “Just a note to let you know I started looking at this yesterday afternoon. I probably won’t be a lot of help. I have found two ‘bits’ but Isabelle probably has them already. I don’t have the skills to find living descendants but I will do a piece for Richard to put in the January Newsletter. It might ring a bell with someone.”

John and I each looked into it and found the same. This is what John found: Roland Henry Goddard, registered at birth as Henry Rowland in Fulham, London 1890 son of William and Ellen. In 1901 they lived at Tunis Road, Hammersmith. He doesn’t appear in 1911 and I think he is the Rowland H. Goddard who left UK for Freemantle on the *SS Otway* in June 1910. A Rowland Henry Goddard aged 24 enlisted in the army in London in September 1914 and gave next of kin as Isobel L. Goddard. Probably his wife and married in Australia. The Australian Imperial Force Nominal Roll includes Pte 2686 Rowland Henry Goddard, AROC, born 1890 embarked Melbourne 1914 from Depot Supply Unit but I can’t access further details from these rolls as I don’t have World subs. He is said to have returned to Australia post war and lived with his mother Ellen (Mrs W.T. Goddard) at Gingin, Perth.”

Not having anything else to offer I again said I would write an appeal for Newsletter 121 and ask Richard if he could add it. On 11 November our Facebook friend Jeff Floyd posted, with a lovely picture, in our FB group ‘Our wonderful Mum, Peggy Goddard died last Sunday at 96 in Melbourne. Her sister Joyce is still living in London at 90. Mum was the daughter of Sapper Cecil Goddard and the niece of Roland Goddard who fought for Australia in the Great War then settled in Amiens, France.’

I was absolutely amazed. An enquiry that I didn’t

think I could help with had been solved with that short post in the Facebook group. As you can imagine I immediately passed this information to John and Ian who contacted Isabelle and also Jeff Floyd. You will see in ‘New Members; in this edition of the Newsletter that Jeff immediately became a member of the Association. If you haven’t already joined the Facebook group please do, if you have a Facebook account. It is here that we come together regularly, add photographs and generally promote the Goddard Association of Europe. When non-members find us they often go on to become members of the Association.

Joan Dibble

CAN YOU HELP?

Our Research Co-ordinator **Joan Dibble** JDbbbl@aol.com to extend the research she has been undertaking for two of our members? The first is **Chris Troke** and Joan writes: “I have been working on the family tree of new member Chris Troke for the last couple of months and have her history back to the late eighteenth century. At the top of the tree I have George Goddard, a stone mason, who was married to Susan née ?. I have found two sons for this couple. Jeffery Goddard (from whom Chris descends) born or baptised on 16 June 1812 at St Nicholas, Kings Lynn, Norfolk. Like his father he became a stone mason. The second son was George Goddard born on 2 February 1817 in Kings Lynn. I haven’t expanded on George yet. Initially Chris was able to give me a very comprehensive twentieth century history of her family which enabled me to work back to George and Susan. Do you recognise this family? Are you related to Chris?”

The second is member **Susan Law**. Again Joan writes: “I have had an appeal from Susan Law who lives in Australia. Her roots are in Sussex. She has been advised by a cousin of her father that three (possibly four) of his other cousins migrated to Australia in the 1950s and 1960s. She has searched the ANA database for £10 poms, but they don’t appear there so they may have been privately sponsored. She wondered if any long term Australian Goddards had come across them. Their names were Raymond W., Derek Victor (returned to the UK), Anthony Roy, and David A. Goddard. They are descended from the Newtimber / Brighton Goddards. As a footnote, Susan and my Goddard families are not related, albeit from next door counties, Sussex and Kent. Imagine our surprise when Susan discovered that her husband Alan and I are related through our Rayner family. Small world!”

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

Thanks to John of Accrington, who sent me a page from the *Derbyshire Times*, I am able to give an update to a story that featured in the last Newsletter under the above heading. I had noted that William Goddard was found guilty of the manslaughter of his wife and was sentenced to twenty years penal servitude. Justice moved swiftly in 1882; William denied killing his wife on 28 January and was sentenced on 18 February! From the *Derbyshire Times* of Wednesday 1 February 1882 we learn that William kicked his wife to death:

“William Goddard and his wife Sarah, both inhabitants of Sheffield, moved to Station Lane, Chesterfield, three days before the atrocity. The couple hadn’t lived together on the best of terms and had separated for eighteen months two or three years back. Married for fourteen years they had four children, the youngest just twelve months old and the eldest about seven. Sarah had cooked supper and when William came home drunk between eleven and twelve a quarrel arose as stated by Sarah before she died. It appears he kicked her three times below the abdomen. She bled profusely and her screams alerted the neighbour. On the way to get the doctor, PC Dolphin was told that Goddard had left the scene. When told he had worked for Mr Reuben Wragg, a slater, he remembered he had known him for some years. PC Dolphin met Goddard in Tapton Lane, requested that he follow him to the doctors, which he did, and then quietly went back to the house with him. Despite the best efforts of police constable Dolphin and doctor Bluett, Sarah bled to death about an hour later. When charged with wilfully murdering his wife Goddard declared ‘I never touched her’. At the inquest Mary Goddard, wife of Charles Goddard, Pye Bank, Sheffield, a slater, said that the body viewed by the jury was that of her late daughter-in-law and was wife of William Goddard of No. 5 Station Lane, Chesterfield; he was a slater. William Goddard was found guilty of manslaughter by the jury. The coroner then committed the prisoner to take his trial upon that charge at the ensuing Assizes. He was removed to the cells.”

With information gleaned from the above, I found a marriage in the September quarter 1867 in Sheffield of a William Goddard, possibly to a Sarah Hodgetts. I found the couple in the 1871 census living in Cadmans Yard, Brightside Bierlow, Sheffield. William Goddard is aged 23 and a slater born in Sheffield; his wife Sarah is also 23 and born in Sheffield. I am confident this is the correct William as on the same page of the census I found, living at 69 Pye Bank,

his father Charles Goddard, a slater, his wife Mary and their children Albert, Elizabeth and Charles. All were born in Sheffield. To confirm that I had the right marriage for William Goddard I searched for the birth of his wife and found that a Sarah Hodgetts birth was registered in the September quarter 1846 in Birmingham. The 1881 census I believe confirmed that this was indeed the right person, even though the age in the census doesn’t quite match. “1881 Census: Derbyshire - Chesterfield - District 15. William Goddard Head mar. age 33 a slater born in Yorkshire Sheffield. Sarah Ann Goddard Wife mar. age 33 born in Birmingham.” Their children are: “Albert aged 6 and William aged 5 born in Sheffield, and Henry aged 2 and Charles aged 5 months born in Derbyshire, Chesterfield.”

Sarah Goddard’s death was registered in Chesterfield in the March quarter 1882; she was 35 years old. I searched for the boys in the 1891 census and possibly found two, but am not entirely confident in them: “Chesterfield Union Industrial School Henry Goddard aged 13 born Chesterfield. London Stockwell Orphanage Charles John Goddard aged 12 born Derby Derbyshire.” William had possibly been released from prison before the 1901 census: “Derbyshire – Chesterfield – District 16” I found living in the house of “Sarah J. Rhodes a widow aged 39 William Goddard widr aged 57 a slater born Sheffield”; but again the age is not great.

With all of this extra information maybe you will recognise them as being your family. *Joan Dibble*

TREVOR LESLIE GODDARD

I can not help wondering if any other family can boast of having three members who played cricket at the highest international level and all during the middle decades of the last century. They were Tom Goddard of Gloucestershire and England during the 1930s (and probably the 1940s had the war not intervened), John Goddard of Barbados and the West Indies during the 1940s and 50s, and Trevor Goddard of Natal and South Africa during the 1950s and 60s. Sadly the last surviving of these three, Trevor, died on 25 November 2016 aged 85. I have featured him before in these pages, so please see Newsletters 29 for his career and 68 for his photograph. After he retired from cricket he became a dedicated evangelical Christian working in Cape Town and then East London. He is survived by a son and a daughter from his 1954 marriage to Jean; she died of cancer in 1975 and three years later he married Lesley, a widow with four children.

GEORGE BOUVERIE GODDARD

George Bouverie Goddard made a brief appearance in these columns in 2005 as a short entry in the latest edition of the *Dictionary of National Biography*. His origins are in Donhead St Mary and Tisbury near Salisbury. Three of our members descend from the same family. George was a painter and illustrator of the mid Victorian period, especially noted for his animals and sporting subjects. Born in Salisbury on Christmas Day 1832 the eldest son of George Goddard and Mary (née Brettell), he was uncle to Frank, Ben and Jack, the brothers who went to Africa as told in Newsletter 81.

George had a precocious talent and even without formal training his works were in demand from the age of ten. In 1849 at the age of sixteen he moved to London, sharing a studio in Baker Street with Charles Keene, a fellow magazine illustrator. He spent two years sketching animals at London Zoo and making a living by drawing illustrations for *Punch* and the *Illustrated London News*. His drawings were excellent and for those two years *Punch* rejoiced in its new hunting draughtsman. Some of his fourteen works were adjudged to be the best drawings of horses since Leech, the caricaturist. But oils were his best medium and he left the magazine to concentrate on painting. The 1851 census shows him back with his family in Tisbury aged 18 and described as 'artist and animal painter'. His father and brothers were more concerned with the family business as chemists and farmers. Finding limited opportunities for painting in Salisbury, although his enthusiasm for field sports could be pursued there, he returned to London in 1857. He first exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1856 and was a regular exhibitor until 1885, having twenty-four paintings accepted during those years. He also continued his connection with Salisbury. In March 1860 on show at a shop in the town was a painting of a bull and two cows which elicited the comment that he would become one of the foremost cattle painters of the time. At the 1867 Bath and West Show in Salisbury the principal exhibit in the Fine Arts room was his painting 'Casuals at the door of the dog's house', showing a variety of lost and starving dogs on a wet evening. This had been shown at the Royal Academy in 1866 and was thought by the London press to be one of the best pictures of animals in the exhibition. Another of his paintings, 'The Meet', a hunting scene, sold for \$25,000 at Christies in New York in 2007. Some of his works can be seen in major galleries, including Salisbury, Whitby and Liverpool and prints are available of some of his more popular subjects.

He married Ellen Mary Carrigan at Tisbury in 1860 living first at Wardour, near Tisbury, and later in Hammersmith with their five children: George Herbert, who became an actor; James Arthur and Edward Benedict, both of whom went into banking and shipping; Alfred, who began a career in shipping but later became an artist; and Ethel Mary. After a visit to his dying father at Romsey, George caught a chill and died in Chelsea on 6 March 1886, surviving his father by only a few hours. *John of Accrington*

RESEARCH TOOL

If you are actively researching, committee member John of Fareham has produced the most amazing BMD database plus other information covering many counties in the UK stretching back to the early sixteenth century. If you think it would aid your research, let me know and I will send it to you.

Joan Dibble

GUERNSEY GODDARDS

The street sign 'Rue des Goddards' in the last Newsletter reminded me that twenty years ago a past member, Jeanne Blondel who lived in Guernsey, had mentioned this name and pointed out its position. It is in the civil parish of Castel and runs due east from Vazon Bay on the north-west coast. Off it are two other residential roads bearing the name: 'Clos de Goddards' and 'Goddards Rise'. The siting of the sign on a boulder seems to indicate that it is at the shore end of the road. Jeanne photographed another road sign more traditionally sited on the garden wall of a cottage at the inland end. Jeanne couldn't offer any history for the name, but it does seem to point to an English connection considering that until the mid 20th century French was the main official language and would probably have used the Godard spelling for road signs. She mentioned a Henry Goddard in St Peters Port in the late 1800s and that her own family originated in Devon. She also remarked that there were twenty-three Goddards in the phone book and a Goddard owned department store on the island. There were also Goddards in Jersey in the 18th century.

John of Accrington

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Again I have been asked to remind members to send any changes of address, particularly e-mail, to Membership Secretary John of Accrington. Electronic newsletters and Treasurer's requests are still being returned to sender because we do not have the correct information.

AGM REMINDER

This is just to remind you that, as mentioned in the last Newsletter, the 2017 AGM will be held at 2.00pm on Sunday 21 May at Meriden Village Hall, 65 Fillongley Road, CV7 7LW. Full details will be published in the next Newsletter.

ARABELLA GODDARD

In Newsletter 39 Julie of Newbury wrote a front page article on the celebrated Victorian concert pianist Arabella Goddard. This was followed in Newsletter 40 by the publication of the programme for her concert at Nelson, New Zealand on 3 November 1874, as part of her three year world tour, which was found by Julie of Christchurch and her brother Tony. Now they have come across the write-up of the concert which appeared in the *Nelson Colonist* two days later under the heading 'Madame Goddard's Concert':

"Madame Arabella Goddard gave her first grand concert in Nelson in the Provincial Hall on Tuesday evening. The Hall was crowded in every part, and the talented artiste must feel highly satisfied with the glorious reception given her on this, her first appearance in New Zealand. Before proceeding to notice the concert it is only fair to say that the accounts we have heard of Madame Goddard's ability are not in the slightest degree exaggerated. Her wonderful skill on the pianoforte excited the admiration and envy of her enraptured hearers, and after each of her solos she retired amidst the vociferous applause of the audience, loaded with bouquets. She was repeatedly encored, and on each occasion she very kindly responded to the call....We are not so egotistic as to suppose that anything we may say will add materially to the fame of Madame Arabella Goddard, but we may state positively that in no cry in the southern hemisphere has her equal ever appeared, and we advise all who may read this notice to go and hear her."

It should be remembered that just over four months previously Arabella had survived an horrendous shipwreck when the Torres Straits mail steamer *Flintshire* had struck and stuck fast on the Great Barrier Reef. Fortunately no lives were lost, but Arabella was in an open boat all night in pouring rain and lost all her possessions (see Newsletter 58).

EEL PIE

Do you ever feel that you might like to try Goddard's Pie, mash and Liquor but couldn't get to London? Well, they now do mail order. I think I might treat myself after Christmas! *Joan Dibble*

DAME LOWELL GODDARD

A day or two after the last Newsletter went to the printer, the real reason surfaced for Justice Lowell Goddard's surprise resignation as chairman of the national child sex abuse inquiry last August. The Home Secretary had previously told MPs that New Zealander Dame Lowell had resigned because she was "homesick and lonely". But in an eight page letter to MPs Dame Lowell disclosed how she was forced into tendering her resignation following an increasingly bitter power struggle with senior colleagues on the inquiry. On 4 August three of the four panel members had confronted her and made it clear she no longer possessed their support on procedure and decision making. Interestingly, one of the three has himself since resigned and another has become the new chairman. Dame Lowell felt the letter was sufficient explanation and did not intend returning to the UK to be quizzed by MPs in person.

NEWSLETTERS AND MONOGRAPHS

Now that the Newsletters and Monographs have for several years appeared on the Association's website, I feel it is time to recover some of my study floor by disposing of all the surplus hard copies. However, before I do so, I feel it only right to give all members the opportunity to acquire any they might like, for a nominal sum plus postage. So, please get in touch with me (details on this page). I will undertake to retain them until the next AGM in May.

USEFUL ADDRESSES

Association web page: www.goddard-association.org.uk
Australian Co-ordinator: Ian Goddard, P.O. Box 618, Balcatta, Western Australia 6914. Tel: (08) 9245 4510
Email: australia@goddard-association.org.uk
Canadian Co-ordinator: Janet Berkman, 383 Elm Road, Toronto, Ontario, M5M 3V9, Canada. Tel: (647) 637 2721
Email: jeberkman@gmail.com
Membership Secretary: John C. Goddard, 2 Lowergate Road, Huncoat, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 6LN. Tel: 01254-235135
Email: membership@goddard-association.org.uk
New Zealand Co-ordinator: Julie Goddard, 2/36 Young Street, Christchurch, New Zealand. Tel: 03-9815175
Email: newzealand@goddard-association.org.uk
President & Newsletter Ed.: Richard G.H. Goddard, Sinton Meadow, Stocks Lane, Leigh Sinton, Malvern, WR13 5DY. Tel: 01886-832404
Email: president@goddard-association.org.uk
Secretary: Miss Denise Goddard, 28 Wherretts Well Lane, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 2SD. Tel: 07752-165207
Email: secretary@goddard-association.org.uk
Research Co-ordinator: Mrs Joan Dibble, 17 New Street, Kidwelly, Carmarthen, SA17 5DQ. Tel: 01554-890641
Email: research@goddard-association.org.uk
Treasurer: John W. Goddard, 7 Radbrook Road, Radbrook, Shrewsbury, SY3 9BB. Tel: 01743-357866
Email: treasurer@goddard-association.org.uk
USA Co-ordinator: Mrs JoAnn Daniel, 1381 Creswell Drive, Yuba City, California 95991, USA. Tel: 530-671-2111
Email: usa@goddard-association.org.uk