

## The Goddard Association of Europe

### NEWSLETTER

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## DON'T FORGET THE FAMILY SILVER

### Listen my children and you shall hear Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere

Many people have heard the famous poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow – Paul Revere's Ride – but few would know that Paul, the famed silversmith and Son of Liberty, was also well known to our Goddard family in Boston and Brookline, Massachusetts, USA, before and after the American Revolution. Occasionally in my search for Goddard family I come across interesting items that are quite special. As many of you will know our Goddard family settled in Brookline, Massachusetts in the second half of the seventeenth century and remains there to this day.

In January 2008 I was looking through auction sites on line when I came across a couple of pieces of Paul Revere's silver at Christies in New York that had a strong connection to our family. The silver teapot and sugar bowl were originally owned by Benjamin and Louisa (May) Goddard of Brookline who were married in 1792, and it appears that William Goddard (brother to Benjamin) gave the items to Benjamin and Louisa as a gift – the items are engraved with script monogram "WG to LG". The connection of the silver to Paul Revere lies not only in their design, but also in the historical connection of Benjamin's father, John Goddard, to Paul Revere during the revolution.

Like Paul Revere, John Goddard was a patriot and key figure in the battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775. John Goddard had stored artillery in his barn in Brookline and, the night before Revere's famous ride, he transported cannon and other ammunition to Concord. Goddard was witness to



the bloodshed in Lexington, where Minutemen confronted British soldiers on their way to seize the military supplies at Concord, and was officially placed in charge of artillery for the army by George Washington. And, after the defeat of the British in Boston in 1776, Washington appointed Goddard Wagonmaster General of the Continental Army.

Paul Revere was quite the busy craftsman when he wasn't borrowing horses for late-night rides through the Massachusetts countryside. Among collectors

today he is regarded as the best Colonial Boston silversmith, and his works are on display at the Museum of Fine Arts, the Worcester Art Museum and many other institutions across America. But not all of Revere's silver is on public display. In fact, this silver teapot and silver sugar urn are likely to have been gathering dust in a Newton Massachusetts attic for most of the last century.

*Christies Auction Lot Notes: Sale 2091, 17 January 2008.* The engraving on this teapot is identical to that on a sugar urn by Paul Revere for his own family's use. Documented in Revere family inventories that were donated to the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, by the Estate of Pauline Revere Thayer in 1935.

*Inscription on base:* Louisa May (1778-1832) who married Benjamin Goddard (1766-1861). To Eleanor Goddard May 1916. To Frederick May Eliot and Elizabeth Lee Eliot, 1923.

*Provenance:* William Goddard (1784-1835), gift (1811) to Louisa May Goddard (1773-1832), married Benjamin Goddard (1766-1864) of Brookline, by descent to Eleanor May Goddard, 1916, then Frederick May Eliot, of Brookline, who married Elizabeth Lee Eliot, 1923, by descent to the current generation of the Eliot family.

The Christies New York catalogue at the time listed the estimated sale price at \$8,000 and \$6,000 each. The price was established before Christies knew anything about the history of the items, just basing them on being attributed to Paul Revere. The silverware did in fact realise more than was estimated by Christies and, with spirited bidding, the tea pot sold for \$25,000 and the sugar urn for \$9,375.

*Malcolm of Brisbane*

## NEW MEMBERS

The following new members have joined the Association since the last Newsletter was distributed. They are, of course, warmly welcome and, as usual, the outline family information below is given to enable existing members to contact new members who appear to belong to the same branch. Please do so via the Membership Secretary whose details are on the back page.

**Katie Boulton** descends from the Clyffe Pypard branch of the North Wiltshire Goddards through the Association's first patron Air Marshal Sir Victor Goddard (1897-1987), her grandfather. Her father, John Inglis Goddard, who was born in 1925 and was Sir Victor's elder son, was an early member of the Association's executive committee from 1996 to his untimely death in 1998.

**Amanda Brookes** descends from the Silchester branch beginning with Stephen and Hannah of the Crown Inn, through Charles Allen born 1819, Joel of Burghfield born 1867, and Victor Harold (Harold Victor) born 1897, her grandfather.

**Camilla (Milly) Goddard** is also descended from the Goddards of North Wiltshire, but from the Swindon as opposed to the Clyffe Pypard branch. These two branches diverged from the original Aldbourne line in the middle of the sixteenth century. She is the younger daughter of Captain John Hesketh William Goddard, who hosted the Association's third AGM at Rendcomb in 1989.

**Judy Nokes** is also a member of the Clyffe Pypard line, her grandmother being Sir Victor's sister Irene Eleanor (always known as Inie), who married Harold Edward Dyson, a doctor in her father's medical practice in Wembley, in 1918. Their son Michael was Judy's father.

**Simon Parsons** is researching on behalf of Michael Ellis who descends from a Goddard family of the Donhead villages in Wiltshire. William Goddard, son of George, born 1809, married Harriett Weavings in Salisbury in April 1842 before moving to Fulham. His son Charles, born 1848, married, firstly, Fanny Trumper in 1883 and, secondly, Clara O. Konig in 1900. Charles Theodore, 1887-1967, son of Charles and Fanny, married Mary Simons and was father of Susan C. Ellis 1936-1996.

**Terrill Riley-Gibson's** family originates with James Goddard (1811-1877) in Pulborough, Sussex. He later married and moved to London where he became a policeman. The family moved to Devizes after a third marriage to Susan More. The forename Talbot has been used in the family in every generation.

## OBITUARIES

The Association is saddened to record the death some months ago now of Mr Peter Beck of New Milton and offers his family our sympathy. Similarly our condolences go to the family of recently deceased member Michael Ford.

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### MURDERERS HANGED

In the article under this heading in the last Newsletter I stated that the murder referred to had been covered in Newsletter 35. My finger must have slipped on the keys; it should read '25'. So my sincere apologies if you have been searching in vain!

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### FRED GODDARD AGAIN

Just recently I have been very gratified to receive two or three contacts resulting from Newsletter articles I wrote or edited several years back. I have just had another. I wonder how many of you remember reading about Fred Goddard, a Second World War veteran, in Newsletter 55, where I reviewed his remarkable autobiography *Battlefields of Life?* I also mentioned him on four further occasions: Newsletters 57, 59, 61 and 84. I have just received a delightful e-mail from one of his sons, Dennis, in which he writes: "Having just completed some research on my late father's book *Battlefields of Life* – Fred Goddard – it was so interesting to see and read an article in your Association Newsletter 55 of August 2000. I actually read the full Newsletter with interest. This is the first time I have seen the review and would like to thank your Association on behalf of the Goddard family in Plymouth, Devon. The reason for the current research is that my grandson Hayden has been asked to study and review his great grandfather's book at school over the next two weeks. Kind regards, Dennis Goddard. Retired Royal Navy 25 years and retired Devon and Cornwall Police staff 25 years. Born in Haywards Heath, West Sussex, made in the Royal Navy." I have thanked him for his kind remarks and suggested he might like to join the Association!

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### TARIQ GODDARD AGAIN

I have just finished reading another of Tariq's idiosyncratic novels. Set in a fictional African state in the grips of a civil war provoked by the emergence of another Mahdi, a pretender to the leadership of the Islamic world, *The Message* adds to the melting pot Iranian 'advisers', an SAS contingent, a family of unscrupulous mercenaries, and a kidnapped English girl. The twists and turns of fate are bloodily played out in the African bush.

## BABY DOLPHINS

Thanks to Australian Co-ordinator Ian of Balcatta for an article from his *Sunday Times*: “Mandurah Baby Boom”. Mandurah is one hour’s drive south of Perth near the estuary of the Murray River, and the boom in question is of dolphins, about eighty of whose parents frequent the area. The Goddard connection is Natalie Goddard from Mandurah Cruises who works with them as part of her job. Two dolphin calves have already been born and another seven or eight are expected over the next few weeks. Do any of our W. Australian members claim Natalie as a relative?

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## KENT CAREW GODDARD

In 1996 the Association fielded an enquiry from a John Wilkinson in Rotherham trying to contact a school friend, Kent Goddard. This January John of Accrington had a phone call from a Dr. Rees who had somehow seen this item on the internet and was able to tell us that Kent Goddard had died in Burton-on-Trent last October aged 83. Does anyone remember the original enquiry which had details of how to contact John Wilkinson (even if he is still alive 25 years later)? There are apparently about sixty John Wilkinsons in Rotherham!

*John of Accrington*

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## GODDARD PLATES

In February Australian Co-ordinator Ian of Balcatta sent me a request from a cancer charity shop volunteer who had been tasked with valuing recent donations for resale. Among the items was one of the limited edition plates depicting the various armorial shields of different branches of the Goddard family. They were produced in two sizes, dinner and side plate, and featured in Newsletter 41 in 1997 before Ian’s time, hence his lack of familiarity with them. The larger sold for £15 and the smaller for £10; but as I still have 20 of the larger size for sale, I don’t think they can be classed as heirlooms just yet!

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## JUST WONDERING

The BBC serial *Holby City* has a new doctor, Ange Godard. Assuming that ‘Ange’ is short for Angela and since the actress has a strong Scottish accent, I wonder why the writer decided to drop one of the central ‘d’s and use the French form of our name. The cast pronounces it as we do, not as “Gohdar”. But whilst I’m pondering, why do we need two ‘d’s? Godard sounds the same in this country, historically had one ‘d’ in Domesday Book and probably helps in the long term and in a small way to save the environment by its economy in use of ink and paper. Idle thoughts of an idle fellow!

*John of Accrington*

## ARSENIC POISONING

I have just finished reading *Tiny Histories* by Dixie Wills. It is sub-titled “Trivial Events and Trifling Decisions that Changed British History”. Both amusing and informative, one of the last events recounted is in the (dreaded) Health & Safety section of the book headed “The People of Bradford Briefly Develop a Taste for Arsenic”. The events that concern us took place in the autumn of 1858, and are described as “a simple misunderstanding [which] brought about one of the worst cases of mass poisoning in Britain”. The item which caused this situation was a batch of sweets – humbugs. Rather as modern drugs are padded out with similar looking substances by dealers to make them go further and thus increase their profits, often substantially, so in Victorian times a similar trick was used where sugar was concerned, as in those days it was a much more costly commodity. The padding in question was called ‘daft’. After an increasing number of people began feeling unwell and then started dying in the Bradford area, the police were called in and quickly traced the cause of the outbreak. What appears to have happened is this.

William Hardaker, known locally as ‘Humbug Willie’, needed a new consignment of humbugs for his stall in Bradford’s Green Market. He did not make these boiled sweets himself, but got them from a spice dealer, one Joseph Neal. He, in turn, procured his ‘daft’ from Charles Hodgson, a pharmacist in nearby Shipley. Temporarily out of gypsum – the ‘daft’ used in this instance – he sent one of his employees to Hodgson to get some more. Though in the shop, Hodgson was not feeling well so asked his young assistant, William Goddard, to fetch it from the attic where it was kept in a cask in a corner. William did so, Neal’s employee returned with 12lbs of white powder and a new batch of humbugs was made using the entire consignment of ‘gypsum’, 40lbs of sugar, 4lbs of gum and a dash of peppermint oil. One or two people had noted that the new batch had a slightly different colour from usual, but it did not concern them enough to do anything about it. The police arrested William Goddard, Charles Hodgson and Joseph Neal and they were charged with manslaughter. The charges against Goddard and Neal were eventually dropped and Hodgson was acquitted at York Assizes. The case led to the passage through Parliament of the 1860 Adulteration of Food and Drink Act, which regulated what could be added to foodstuffs; and the 1868 Pharmacy Act which required pharmacists to sign a poison register in future. But you cannot legislate against a genuine mistake.

## THE RATCATCHER OF PYTCHLEY

### A tribute to my great x 4 uncle

Arthur Goddard, the eldest child of Joseph and Elizabeth, was born about 1810 in Pytchley, Northamptonshire. He was baptised with his brother William on 24 November 1811. A year later he had a younger sister named Mary and later two siblings named Anne and John who died as infants. His mother passed away when he was about five years old, most likely after the birth of John. His father then married in 1816 Mary Perkins Marriott, the widow of William Marriott. The family doubled in size with Mary's two sons, Samuel and William, and the birth of Stephen Goddard in 1817. Stephen was not baptised until right before his half-sister Mary's death in 1830. Mary had been baptised in 1812, but panic due to a sudden illness must have prompted a second baptism with Stephen along for good measure. The Goddard family was Methodist, which may explain the baptismal irregularities.

Arthur's father Joseph was most likely an agricultural labourer, as were brothers William and Stephen. Joseph died in 1837 and his widow Mary married a third time to Thomas Clapham, the widower of Mary Mays. Arthur became the ratcatcher of Pytchley. It is unknown when his trouble began, but luck was not on his side and harvest ale became his poison – for himself, not the rats! It seems his bad press began in 1841 with an auction of his tenement home. A large farm owned by George Bates was listed for auction in the *Northampton Mercury* on 13 March 1841. The newspaper reported that Arthur was living in a dwelling on the east end of the farm yard. The census that year states he was living with his wife, the former Hannah Anne Freeman, and children. On 29 October 1842 Arthur found himself in a dispute, as reported in the newspaper:

“Arthur Goddard charged Robert Broom of Rowell with assaulting him on the 13<sup>th</sup> instant, by striking him on the face. This case originated in a dispute about a dog which each of the parties claimed as his own. Each had had possession of it, and each declared that it had been given to him by Mr. Cook of Orton. The truth of these conflicting statements was made apparent by the testimony of a person who had conversed with Mr. Cook regarding the dog, and from whose statement it appeared that the dog had been given to complainant by Mr. Cook, while at the same time it had been promised to defendant by Mr. Cook's son. Complainant had the dog September last, but after two or three days he lost it, and saw it no more until the morning when the assault took place. It was not clear which of the two first had the animal, but it

would seem that when complainant lost it, it found its way to its original home, and that then Mr. C's son sent it to the defendant by his servant. The case was dismissed.”

On 2 June 1849 Arthur appears in two newspapers with similar stories:

“The Pytchley Ratcatcher – Arthur Goddard, a ratcatcher of Pytchley, was convicted of assaulting police-constable Jeffs in the execution of his duty on the night of the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant, at Kettering. It appeared that the defendant was disturbing the peace of town at midnight, and obstinately refused to leave the place, so that Jeffs found it necessary to lock him up, but before this was done Goddard struck him by violently throwing his shoe at him. Was spoken as being in the constant habit of getting drunk, when he is uniformly quarrelsome. Committed for three weeks in default of paying fine 10s [50p] and costs 9s. [45p].”

As reported in the *Northampton Mercury* on 29 September 1866 Arthur found himself at the centre of some trouble, but prevailed. This was a somewhat humorous case:

“John Mobbs, carrier, of Pytchley, charged with leaving his horse on the public high road between Pytchley and Orlingbury, on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Arthur Goddard said: ‘I am a gentleman, a ratcatcher and pinnard, living in Pytchley. On 21<sup>st</sup> September I was going for a bit of a walk, and whilst trudging along found Mr. Mobbs' horse straying without a keeper between Pytchley and Orlingbury. I strove my best to drive the animal home, but found I could not do so, and I then mounted his back and rode him home.’ Defendant: “I like the truth. Now, Goddard, don't tell lies. Gentlemen, he is telling falsehoods. Now you know very well that the horse ran away from you, and you were quite drunk that night, or you would not have interfered with the horse. The fact is I put the horse into Mr. Dunkley's private road. He gave me leave to do so, and that was the place where Goddard found him, and it was not a parish road at all.” Witness: “I tell you I found your horse on the public highway between Pytchley and Orlingbury.” Defendant: “It is untrue. You found him in no other spot than on Mr. Dunkley's private road.” Witness: “I tell you I found him on the highway, and that's enough.” The Chairman: “Well, Mobbs, the case appears clearly made out against you, but the fine will be a very light one. You are called upon to pay a penalty of 1s. and costs 10s. 6d.” Defendant: “Not today, Sir. Oh no! Not today, gentlemen. I'll have the case thoroughly investigated, and not let matters rest just so.” The Bench: “The case has been

investigated, and you must pay 11s. 6d.” Defendant: “Not today, gentlemen.”

On 28 December 1867 the *Northampton Mercury* ran yet another humorous story on the infamous ratcatcher. Of note is a possible claim of being descended of an ancient mariner, which would be Arthur’s great x 4 grandfather George Putt:

“A Ratcatcher in Trouble. – On the name of Arthur Gotherd [Goddard] being thrice called, a head which might have belonged to the ‘ancient mariner’ made its appearance, followed almost immediately afterwards by a body and the usual number of legs; and the man completely surveyed the Bench, then the solicitors and reporter, and finally the audience, with look which unbent the ‘brow severe’ of justice, and puckered into wrinkles of laughter the faces of all present. – From the evidence of police constable Dolby it appeared that the defendant, who is an inhabitant of Pytchley, and catches rats for the farmers all round about that quarter, was on the night of the 19<sup>th</sup> of November lying helplessly drunk on the high road near Orlingbury. He was fast asleep, and a young man, in attempting to pass, was set upon by the sleeping ratcatcher’s body-guard, the shape of his three dogs, ‘Towser’, ‘Snarler’ and ‘Pincher’, who disputed every inch of the highway against all comers. ‘Baying the moon with hideous howls’, and keeping at bay all intruders. The young man went and secured the aid of the policeman and another man, and armed with knobbed sticks, the trio did battle with the curs, and at length proceeded to waken the old man, who was sleeping the sleep of the drunken. His hat was off, his vest apart, and his ferrets had gone off on a private tour; but ultimately the ferrets were found picnicking in the hedge bottom, and his hat was recovered and given up to him at a public-house in Little Harrowden. When asked what he had to say to the charge, he pulled his forelock as if he was a horse and was going to lead himself out, and winked in a very eloquent manner to the Bench, and then said to the witness: “did you see me there?” – ‘there’, we presume, meaning the road where he was found. The policeman assured him he did, whereupon defendant offered to take 20 oaths, or, if the Bench should think proper, a still larger number that he was not the man, oh, no, not him as were there. – The Bench, however, were of opinion that he was, and fined him 10s. and costs 9s. 6d., which caused defendant to scratch his head in such a manner as left no room to doubt that he registered a secret vow never to desist so long as a single hair remained on his luckless pate. As he was leaving the dock an angry female voice rang out loud and clear requesting him to ‘come on’, and using

epithets most uncomplimentary to the whole police force. Some said it was the old man’s better half, others that it was the ratcatcher’s daughter.”

Reported on 2 December 1869 it seems that Arthur was not able to pay his bills. He owed £7. 16s. 11d for goods. He was ordered to pay 3s. monthly. The *Stamford Mercury* reported on 31 December 1869: “William Lee of Pytchley v. Arthur Goddard, ratcatcher. Claim £5 damages for wife’s hand bitten by defendant’s dog.” On 11 June 1870 Arthur’s drinking reared its ugly head again: “Pytchley. – Arthur Goddard, vermin destroyer, of Pytchley, was charged by Superintendent Stoker with being drunk at that village, on 25<sup>th</sup> May. Fined 5s. and 9s. 6d costs. Allowed seven days to pay; in default, seven days imprisonment.” Arthur’s age must have caught up with him after 1870 as his name stayed out of the press. He lived another 6 years, dying a few months after his younger half-brother Stephen.

Brother William lived to an old age, with a beautiful tribute in the *Northampton Mercury* on 26 August 1893: “Pytchley – Buried at Night. A correspondent writes – The usually quiet village of Pytchley on Saturday night at nine o’clock presented very unwonted appearance, the road from the Overstone Arms to the church being lined with what must surely have been the entire village. On enquiry I found that a man, William Goddard, pensioner from the 48<sup>th</sup> Regiment, and employed by Mr. Ainsworth, of the Overstone, had died suddenly the evening before the harvest field. After the inquest it was found necessary to bury him at once. On my arrival I found the road from below the Overstone Arms to the church gates lined with what must have been the entire population, waiting for the passage of the body. A weird scene, indeed, as the bearers, escorted on each side by villagers carrying lanterns slowly passed through the line of spectators to the gates, where they were met by the minister, who headed the party into the church and read the first part of the service for the dead. Afterwards a straggling procession headed to the grave to see the last of poor old Rocky – the mournfully impressive reading of the concluding part of the service, the dull thud of the earth as it fell on the coffin, the whole scene lit by lanterns served to show the half frightened faces of the women and children. Surely death could not well be more impressive, nor a funeral be more touching. Mr. Ainsworth, the poor man’s employer, placed a beautiful wreath of flowers on the rude coffin – the last token of respect to poor old Rocky.”

Arthur’s age on the 1841 England census is 30, and his occupation is a ratcatcher. His occupation

remained unchanged on the 1851, 1861 and 1871 censuses, and his age remained consistent. He was buried on 20 October 1876 and his age is listed as 70 on burial records, but all other documentation suggests he would have been 65 at the time of his death.

*Author's note:* The disease of addiction has persisted within my family in the generations since Arthur, and most likely the generations prior to Arthur. I wrote Arthur in memory of my father, who celebrated 26 years of sobriety shortly before his death at the age of 66. He would have found the stories about Arthur humorous, and possibly comforting, knowing that genetics surely played a role in his struggle. *Paula Goddard Burge*

*Ed.:* If you think you are related to Arthur and wish to get in touch with Paula, please do so through our Membership Secretary.

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### GODDARD HOUSE

In the last Newsletter I told how I had been contacted out of the blue by a Dutch medal collector who had in his possession the Victory Medal of my first cousin Lt. John Lister Goddard who had been killed on the Somme on 15 September 1916. Apart from a mention on the war memorial at Thiepval in France, Lister has no other memorial than the naming after him of one of the four boarding houses at St. George's School, Harpenden, where he had been educated. So I bought it with the full intention of donating it to the school, I then contacted the Headmistress to see if she would accept it. She was delighted to do so and invited me to present it in the school chapel on Monday 4 March, Monday being the day for Goddard House assembly.

My wife and I received a very warm welcome, and the short ceremony in the chapel – at which I was invited to talk about Lister and his four siblings who were all educated at the school – was beautifully arranged. It had dawned on me that Lister had been entitled to three medals, the endearingly nicknamed 'Pip', 'Squeak' and 'Wilfred' – the 1914-15 Star, the War Medal and the Victory Medal. I was only in possession of the last of these, so I appealed to the assembled pupils to keep a lookout for the other two which must be 'out there' somewhere. While walking round the chapel my wife spotted a memorial to another first cousin, Patrick Nelson Sealy-Allin, who had been killed in an air collision in 1929, and whose portrait hangs on our staircase together with that of his mother, my father's favourite sister Rose. How it came to be there is another story for another occasion!

### ARTHUR GODDARD

Arthur Goddard was born in 1878 in Heaton Norris, Lancashire. To put him into context in my Goddard family, his parents were James Goddard and Martha née Lomas. James's parents were Thomas Goddard and Hannah née Lamb. Thomas was the son of Joseph Goddard and Mary née Watts of Burnage in south Manchester, who had married at Manchester Cathedral in 1776. Joseph had been baptised in Disley in 1753, the son of John Goddard and Hannah née Pownall, who had married at Stockport St Mary in 1740; they were both of Disley at the time of their marriage and were buried there. Their son Joseph had moved to Burnage by the time of his marriage.

In 1901 Arthur Goddard was still living in Heaton Norris with his wife Annie and his occupation was professional footballer. He first played for his local team Christ Church, Heaton Norris 1894-7. They were very successful during his stay, winning the Stockport and District League Championship twice and being runners-up once. They also won the Stockport Cup.

His success at Christ Church led to a move to Stockport County in 1897. He made two appearances for them in the Lancashire League at the end of the 1897/8 season, scoring a goal in each of his appearances. The following season he was a regular member of the team, playing in 18 of the 24 League games and scoring four goals, plus appearances and goals in various other competitions. The team including Goddard won the Manchester Cup that season, beating Glossop of the Second Division of the Football League along the way.

Glossop were promoted to the First Division in 1899 and in August they bought Goddard for £260, reputedly the highest fee paid for a player in the Lancashire League at that time. In 1900 there was a profile of him in the *Lancashire Evening Post* entitled "Famous Men in Football". Goddard was a skilful outside right, frequently passing half-backs and backs with ease. He could shoot with force and accuracy from almost any position. The reporter stated that "Glossop are exceptionally placed in having a generous patron whose well-filled purse enables him to indulge most lavishly his pet hobby of supporting sport, especially football". Nothing changes! However, Glossop were relegated at the end of the 1899/1900 season, their only season in top-flight football. His performances for Glossop in the next two seasons attracted attention from several prominent clubs: he played for the English League against the Irish league in a 9-0 win in 1901 and was said to be "the finest outside right in England".

In February 1902 he signed for Liverpool for a reported record fee for the Football League of over £400. Liverpool were the current League champions, but were not doing well in the League and needed reinforcements. He missed only one match in each of the 1902/3 and 1903/4 seasons. Liverpool were relegated in 1903/4, but bounced back in 1904/5 winning the Second Division Championship and followed that up by winning the League Championship the following year with Goddard the only 'ever-present' in the team. He averaged over 30 League appearances for the next seven seasons. After six years of service he was awarded a benefit match versus Bolton Wanderers in 1908 in front of 20,000 spectators, being appointed captain for the day and receiving a proportion of the match proceeds. He captained the English League against the Irish League in an 8-1 win in 1909.

(Liverpool F.C.) reads:

A marvel at placing the ball  
His opponents he beats one and all;  
He's always so bright  
That as outside right  
He is voted the "daddy of all".

Gill Barber

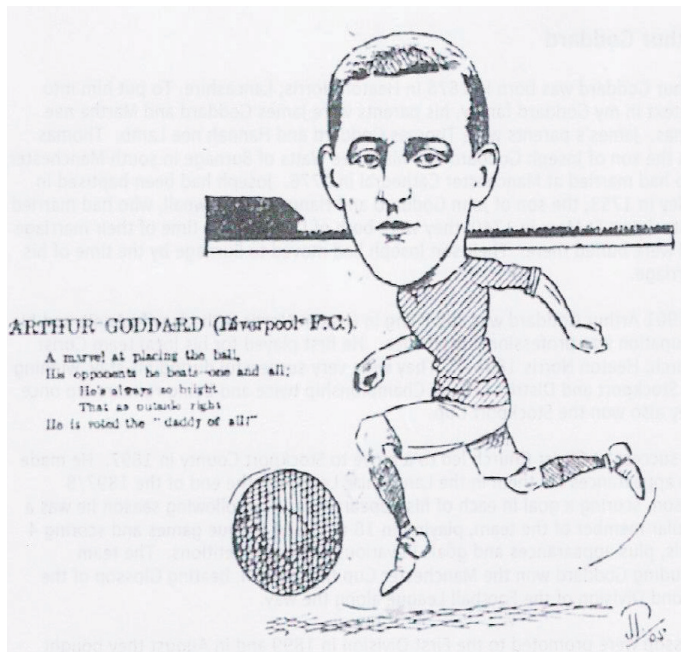
*Ed.:* This article by member Gill Barber considerably enhances my article about him in Newsletter 19, and was first submitted to the Cheshire Ancestor. If any of you recognise this Goddard family and wish to contact Gill, please do so through our Membership Secretary.

### HIGHWAY ROBBERY

I am grateful to Malcolm of Brisbane for the following article published in the *Daily Mail* on 8 June 1903. It came originally from Johannesburg from Friday 6 March:

"An audacious highway robbery was attempted in the centre of Johannesburg today. Two Customs officers were conveying a sum of £5,000 to the bank when they were attacked by two men. The latter first blinded the officers with cayenne pepper and then hit them on the head with the bag of money which they had wrested from their grasp. The assailants then handed the bag to a horseman who accompanied them, and he galloped off at breakneck speed. In his desperate flight he knocked down Mr Brandon, manager of Peycke and Company, who was fatally injured, and shortly afterwards expired. Subsequently the horse bolted, unseating and throwing its rider, but he got to his feet, recovered the bag of money, and rushed into a house for shelter. Here he was secured and arrested. When brought up at the police court he gave his name as Frank Goddard. He was remanded until March 17."

And a second extract from the *Daily Mail's* correspondent in Johannesburg on Monday 18 May reads: "The man Goddard who formed one of the party that waylaid and robbed the Custom House officers on their way to the bank has been sentenced to twelve years' penal servitude. It will be remembered that in attempting to arrest Goddard a citizen was trampled to death by the criminal's horse. An accomplice, one of the men who threw the pepper into the officers' eyes, received ten years. Crime has somewhat abated on the Rand, but there seems to be an increase from the country, a large number of assaults on women being recorded. The presiding Judge (Mr Justice Solomon) has ordered a number of lashes with the 'cat' in every instance."



He was appointed captain of Liverpool in the 1909/10 season and led by example as Liverpool finished second in the League, their best placing for four years. He had another benefit match versus Preston North End in 1914 in front of 25,000 spectators, with him and Jack Parkinson being guaranteed at least £350 each from the match proceeds. He made 414 appearances for the club on the right wing, scoring 77 goals and is a member of the Liverpool Hall of Fame, which includes just two players from each decade of the club's history. His smooth wing play earned him the nickname "Graceful Arthur". His contract was not renewed in 1914 and he moved to Cardiff City. He made a further 49 appearances for Liverpool as a guest during World War I before going into business in Liverpool, and he died there in 1956.

The limerick to the cartoon headed Arthur Goddard

## AGM AGENDA

The 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM will be held at 2.00pm on Sunday 12 May 2019 in Rendham Village Hall, Saxmundham, Suffolk, post code IP17 2AZ. The Village Hall is right next to Juniper Barn, the village shop and restaurant and shares its car park. Normally closed on a Sunday, on this occasion Geoffrey and Katie Boulton, the proprietors, have kindly agreed to open the restaurant to serve a light lunch (costing £10) between 12.30 and 1.45pm to the first two dozen people who apply to me, Richard of Malvern (contact details below). At the time of writing there are still some spaces available. Please make your request to me by Monday 6 May at the latest.

The Agenda for the meeting 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 and Website Co-ordinators' Reports.
7. Election of Officers:
  - (a) President.
  - (b) Secretary.
  - (c) Treasurer. John of Shrewsbury wishes to retire, having held the office since the formation of the Association on 25 May 1985. Richard Morris (husband of Committee Member Alex) is prepared to take on the role if elected. We must then pass a resolution authorising the new Treasurer to take what steps he needs to operate either the existing or a new account, and to appoint a new Examiner.
  - (d) Two Committee Members. Alex Morris is eligible for re-election. John of Fareham wishes to retire and Thomas Goddard, son of our last Patron Peter, is willing to stand for election.
8. Any Other Business.
9. Date and Place of the next AGM.

The business part of the meeting being over, the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial for 2019 will be presented. This will be followed by an illustrated talk given by Geoffrey and Katie Boulton on their 'retirement' project of getting Juniper Barn up and running. Tea and biscuits will then be served, and there will be the usual raffle to help to defray expenses and for which, as always, prizes will be gratefully received.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE

A reminder that the subscription of £7.50 for 2019-20 (or more if you are feeling generous!) is now due. Please contact Treasurer John (details on this page), making sure you identify yourself clearly, preferably by membership number. Those 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!

Please note that John is retiring at this AGM and the details of his replacement will be published in the next Newsletter. John will forward to the new Treasurer any subscriptions he receives after his retirement.

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## LIZA GODDARD

I noticed in the *Daily Telegraph* Today's Birthdays column for 20 January that our one remaining patron, the actress Liza Goddard, would be 69. Then three weeks later I came across her again when watching the BBC 1 television programme *Pointless Celebrities*. Liza and her partner defeated their three opponents, but narrowly failed to win the jackpot.

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