

## The Goddard Association of Europe

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### What do a Native American Mohegan, a Dutch war photographer and an Australian Digger have in common?

In mid July 2020, Australian GAE Coordinator Ian Goddard received, out of the blue, an email with the following story and questions, regarding how an American Mohegan, a Dutch war photographer and an Australian Digger dealt with cannibals, putrid swamps, a lost B-25 bomber, crocodiles and random Japanese soldiers, during WW2, in a combined rescue mission to a faraway tropical land.

Dear Mr. Goddard,

*My name is Bas Kreuger and I am an aviation historian from the Netherlands, researching the crash landing of a US B-25 bomber on the Vogelkop, Netherlands New Guinea on 27 July 1944 and the subsequent rescue of the four man crew by an international rescue team (Australian, Dutch, US, Papuan, led by the Dutch 2nd Lieutenant Louis Rapmund) in August 1944.*

It sounds like an old fashioned adventure book for teenagers, but it is a true story, full of colorful characters and unsung heroes.

It is 1944, WW2, New Guinea. A Japanese anti-aircraft gunner hits a B-25 which makes an emergency landing in a swamp. The conditions are horrific in the putrid swamp with its insects, crocodiles, the jungle, possibly cannibals, and no way out.

Native American air gunner "Chief" Harold Tantaquidgeon of the Mohegan tribe, keeps the surviving crew alive with his bush survival skills while a US, Australian, and Dutch rescue team led by Dutch Lieutenant Louis Rapmund, is on its way into the jungle to bring the men out.

In the rescue team there was a four man Australian contingent from the Jungle Training Detachment under command of Captain William 'Mac' Gillespie. The three NCO's in the team were Thomas William Scott, Donald Stanley Riordan and Alexander Sidney Charles Goddard.

All four went into the huge swamp where the bomber had crashed to search for the crew and bring them back to the base camp in Kampong Baroe and then by Catalina flying boat to Biak.

The letter continues. *'It is an amazing story of survival (of the crew) and rescue (by the rescue team), fighting both nature (jungles and swamps) and the Japanese.*

*It was a fairly unknown mission until I discovered the remarkable story of the crash, survival and rescue of the crew of the B-25 of 418 Night Fighter Squadron in New Guinea. I wrote the story in a book, titled KAIS, which I named after the only river that gave access to the remote swamp area.*

*In 2019, with a five man Dutch team, we set out to try and find*

*the wreck of the bomber in the swamp. Unfortunately, we didn't find the wreck, but we did meet a last member of the rescue team, a 90+ year old Papuan (Paulus) who had been a rower in the team in 1944. I hope you might be able to help me find the children of Alex Goddard.*

*Alexander Sidney Charles Goddard – died 15 May 1992 in Sydney, NSW. His wife was Sigrid Eileen Phillips, whom Alex married in 1945. She died 4 May 2003. Their children were Karin, John and Cathi and I thought they might have additional information, pictures, maps, documents etc of the rescue.' Best regards, Bas Kreuger*

See Newsletter 127 and 128 for more material on this family. Additional research has established the following. Alexander Sidney Charles Goddard was born 14 Oct. 1912 in Petersham, NSW to Sidney Ernest Frank Goddard and Myrtle Emily McCracken. Sidney E. Goddard's parents were Charles Skinner Goddard and Maria Louisa Carey Gedye from Bere Alston, Devon. Charles is one of 13 children to John Goddard and Ann Cumberland Skinner from the same town in Devon.

Alexander Goddard had a younger brother Keith who died as an infant. Alex enlisted in the 2nd Australian Infantry Forces (NX177501) at Georges Heights, NSW on 20 Jan. 1944 and rose to the rank of Sergeant. His daughter Karin Emily Goddard married Philip Lawrence Martin in 1969 in Sydney, NSW.

The family lived at 8 Heaton Ave. Seaforth, Warringah, NSW during the 1960's and 1970's.

A documentary was made on this story for Australian SBS TV in May 2020. If you get this newsletter via email, you can click this [link, to SBS online](#).

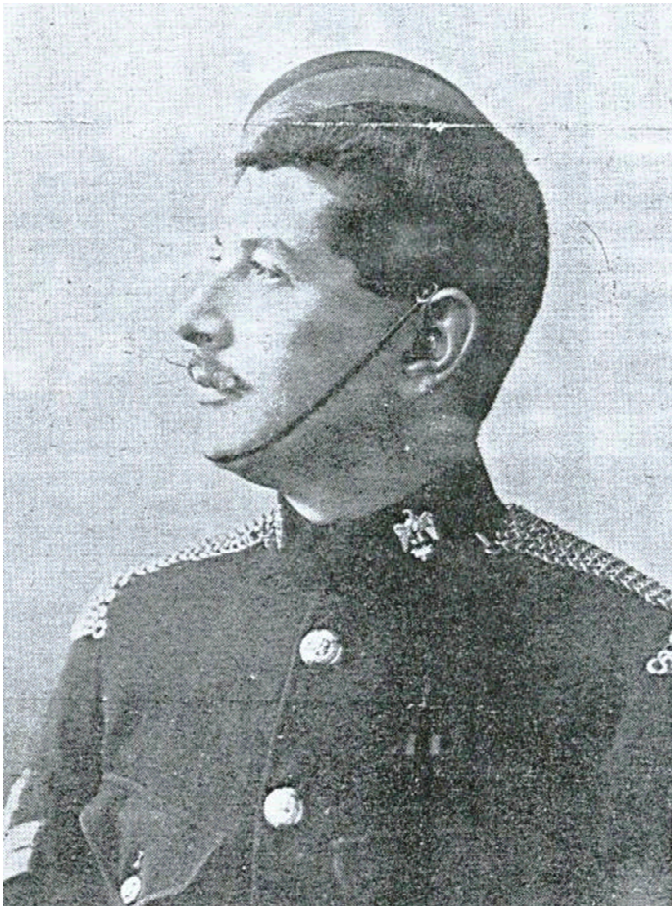
[Ed. If anyone knows of this family please contact Australian Coordinator Ian Goddard, address on p.8].

## THE HOUNDSDITCH MURDERS AND THE GODDARD FAMILY

The 16th of December 1910, four days before the second anniversary of the death of my great, great grandfather, Frederick Steed Goddard, started on a happy note for his family.

At 17 Princess Street Folkestone his son, Frederick Thomas Goddard and daughter-in-law Emily were eagerly awaiting the imminent birth of a child. In London his daughter Louisa, just days off her 34th birthday, was celebrating the 9th anniversary of her marriage to Robert Bentley and was also imminently expecting her second child. Who could have dreamt what tragedy the day would bring for the Goddard Family.

The following article and photograph were published in a Folkestone newspaper dated December 24th 1910. [Ed. An earlier article on this matter appeared in Newsletter 51]



*Sgt. Robert Bentley*

The shock of horror throughout the land by the murder of the three police officers in Houndsditch was accentuated in Folkestone when it was announced that Sergeant Bentley was one of the victims. The deceased was well known locally, particularly in Foord.

Sergeant Bentley was at one time in the 1st Dragoons, being with that regiment when it was station-

ned at Shorncliffe seven or eight years ago. He formed one of the escort that attended the German Emperor (Hon. Colonel of the 1st Royals) on the occasion of His Majesty's visit of inspection at Shorncliffe in 1902.

The Sergeant married Miss Louisa Goddard, the second daughter of Mrs (Charlotte) Goddard, of Foord Road, at St John's Church, on 16th December 1901.

On receipt of the telegram, on Saturday last, Mrs Goddard at once proceeded to her grief stricken daughter in London, and still remains there.

The next paragraph recalls Sergeant Bentley's time in the army serving in Africa in the Boer war. The article continues:

By tragic coincidence Serg. Bentley was murdered on the anniversary of his wedding day. More pathetic still is the fact that his bereaved wife gave birth to a baby boy on Wednesday last. We are pleased to state that both mother and son are doing well.

Whenever he was granted a few days leave the late sergeant would run down to visit his wife's relatives in their little cottage at Foord, and many there are in this quarter who will miss a presence that was always welcome. It goes without saying that the heart of the whole town goes out in sympathy to Mrs Bentley in the cruel bereavement which has suddenly fallen upon her family.

Serg. Bentley with Serg. Tucker and Constable Choate was buried with highest honours at Ilford Cemetery on Thursday. First a service was held at St Paul's Cathedral, this being the first time in history that that sacred edifice has been used for a public service of mourning for the loss of public servants holding merely the rank of the civil Police. A representative of the King occupied His Majesty's stall in the choir, and many dignitaries were present.

Mrs Bentley and family wish to convey to all friends in Folkestone and district who sent flowers in memory of the late Sergeant Bentley heartfelt thanks. They feel it impossible to separately acknowledge the many tokens of respect, but trust the senders will accept this acknowledgement.

Frederick and Emily's son was born on the day following the shooting. He was named Robert Bentley Goddard.

The tragedy didn't end there. A year later the baby Bentley's birthday was noted in the Daily Mirror headlined, The First Birthday. Baby Who Was Born A Few Days After His Father Was Shot.

By next year perhaps Master Robert Eric Bentley may be able to understand something of the great

sorrow which the season once again brought to his mother and his sister. At present, being just one, he is in happy ignorance of it all - He is a fair haired, chubby faced, brown eyed baby boy now and he wasn't at all shy when The Daily Mirror called yesterday to see how he had spent his first birthday.

#### *POLICE AT GRAVESIDE OF HERO'S SON.*

Funeral of Boy Born after Father Was Shot Dead in Houndsditch.

#### *"GONE TO SEE HIS DADDY"*

- the body was brought on a hearse direct from the hospital yesterday to outside the family home in Aylesbury Road, Villa Street, Walworth where a large crowd had gathered

Crowds attended the funeral on Saturday of little Bobby Bentley, aged three, who was born two days after his father, Police Sergeant Bentley, of the City Police had been shot dead in the notorious affray with armed burglars in Houndsditch. The little fellow died from diphtheria in Stockwell hospital. A large contingent of city police attended. Mrs Bentley the child's mother was a Folkestone woman, being the daughter of Mrs Goddard of Foord Road.

As I said at the beginning of this story nobody in the Goddard family could have imagined what tragedy the end of the day of the 16th December 1910 would bring. Emily Goddard gave birth to a son the following day and named him Robert Bentley Goddard.

Louisa didn't remarry and lived for the rest of her life in London. She was the beneficiary in the will of her mother's spinster sister, Sarah Elizabeth Page in 1928. At the time she was living in West Newington, SE17. Kathleen married but didn't have children and died before Louisa. In the last few years of her life Louisa had both legs amputated and was wheelchair bound, nursed by Kathleen and her husband. Until Louisa died on the 7th February 1959 aged 82 she was financially supported by a fund set up by 'The Express' newspaper and Robert's police pension.

The shooting of the three police officers led to the famous siege of Sidney Street. The story is told in the book *The Houndsditch Murders and the Siege of Sidney Street* by Donald Rumbelow. ISBN 0491031785. It is out of print but available at libraries. There are many more interesting pictures in the book including one of baby Bentley's christening and the funeral of the officers at St Paul's Cathedral. Listen to the Story of the Houndsditch Murders on BBC 4.

*Joan Dibble of Kidwelly*

*[Ed. If you recognise anyone from this family please contact Joan via the Research Coordinator on p.8]*

## **GEORGE GODDARD LTD**

Member Joanna Blatchley writes. I've been doing some research on my 2nd cousin 3x removed, George Goddard (1871-1950). He was born in Carbrooke, Norfolk, son of George and Charlotte (née Rumble). He was apprenticed in Kings Lynn in about 1884 to a gents outfitter and in 1895 opened his first shop at 49 High Street, Kings Lynn. By 1923, he was able to acquire the shop next door (No.48) and expanded into it.

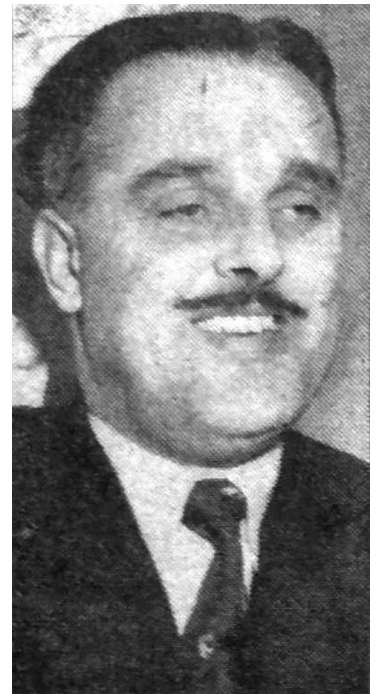
His only child, George, was taken prisoner by the Japanese at the fall of Singapore (1942) but George Snr. and his wife Emma didn't know whether he was alive until they received 2 field post-cards from him in 1944.

George Snr. retired in 1948 (and sadly died in 1950) and George Jnr. (pictured here in 1955) took over the business. In 1961, the shop received a major renovation and by 1983 there was another branch in Wisbech. The business has a Royal Warrant by Appointment to the Queen.

George Jnr. died in 1984 and the shop seems to still be going strong as their website attests [www.goddardsonline.co.uk](http://www.goddardsonline.co.uk) I am working on finding out who owns it. *Joanna Blatchley of Norfolk*

*[Ed. The 2003 Association AGM was held in the Goddard outfitters shop in Kings Lynn.*

*Additional information on this family also appeared in newsletter 67. If any member is researching this branch, please contact Joanna via the Research Coordinator who's details appear on p8]*



*One of the most elegant-looking shops in town*

## ISAAC GODDARD,

### Clockmaker of 17th Century London

Isaac Goddard was born in 1661 and was apprenticed to Samuel Davis on 2nd August 1675. He was turned over to Thomas Grimes and was freed on 1st Dec 1684.



He took William Lockin as apprentice on 29th Sept 1687 and Benjamin Goddard (assuming Isaac's son) on 6th Feb 1692 who was freed 3rd Nov 1701.

The clock below is described as: An early 18th century ebonised longcase clock by Isaac Goddard, the moulded and glazed hood with caddy top above a blind fretwork frieze and straight columns, 12" square brass dial with engraved wheatear border, applied silvered chapter ring, cast brass cherub & crown spandrels, Roman numerals with Arabic minute band, the finely matted centre with ringed winding squares and ringed, decorated date aperture and subsidiary seconds dial, the 8-day twin-train five-pillar movement with internal countwheel striking on bell, anchor escapement, the movement united by knopped and ring-turned pillars; above an ebonised trunk with lenticle glass, on a rectangular plinth base, case with restorations, complete with two brass cased weights and pendulum, 87"/ 221cm tall. (*Loomes lists Isaac Goddard in London 1684 - 1699*)

This clock has been completely restored and it is now in pristine condition. Isaac was not a well known maker but the quality of his clocks is first class and he may have worked for Edward Stanton. There are a number of his clocks which still exist including the one in the attached photos.

Does any member have information on Isaac Goddard including his date of death? He is listed as working until 1699 but this clock dates to early 1700s. The clock resides in Melbourne, Australia. [www.the-saleroom.com](http://www.the-saleroom.com) Ed.



## SIR ROBERT VICTOR GODDARD (1)

Air Marshal Sir Robert Victor Goddard, KCB, CBE, DL (1897–1987) was a senior commander in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War.



*Air Commodore Robert Victor Goddard, 1941  
Imperial War Museum, London*

Goddard was born at Wembley the son of Dr Charles Goddard. After attending St George's School, Harpenden, he went to the Royal Naval Colleges at Osborne and Dartmouth. He served as a midshipman in the first year of the First World War and in 1915 joined the Royal Naval Air Service. At this time he met his lifelong friend Barnes Wallis. For a period in 1916 he commanded reconnaissance flights over the Somme battlefield where his elder brother Lister was sadly killed on 15 Sept. 1916. (*Newsletter 120*)

In 1921 Goddard was selected to read engineering at Jesus College, Cambridge and later studied at Imperial College London before returning to Cambridge in 1925 as an instructor at the university's air squadron. After graduating from the Royal Naval Staff College in 1929, he commanded a bomber squadron in Iraq. He returned to England in 1931 as chief instructor of the officers' engineering course.

However, Goddard is perhaps best known for his interest in paranormal phenomena; he claimed in one instance to have witnessed a clairvoyant event in 1946, on which the feature film *The Night My Number Came Up* (1955) was later based. [*to be cont.*] [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victor\\_Goddard](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victor_Goddard)

## HENRY CHARLES GODDARD (1)

My father Henry Charles Goddard, always known as Charles, was born in Longparish in, well we will come to that in a moment.

His father was John Goddard (Jack) and his mother Sarah Bozier Smith. John's brother William married Sarah's sister Kate. As a result cousins were cousins twice over. Sarah was a descendant of the West family and as such we have a family tree stretching back to the 1500s.

Jack was Head Gardner at Longparish House which for most of his life was owned by General Dawnay. My mother once told me that her father-in-law's gardens were wonderful and that he had a pet toad in his greenhouse. He also talked to his bees every night telling them what had gone on.

Jack and Sarah had two daughters, Dorothy and Anne (Nancy) before my father arrived. I was told (and I was the youngest of the family born when my father was about 38) that when my great grandfather Henry Smith died (he of the wooden leg!) he left debts and my grandmother left her son in the care of his father and Nancy and went to work to pay them off. Nancy and Charles remained very close all their lives. By coincidence Dorothy and Nancy married two brothers, Frank and Stanley Winters. So again cousins were cousins twice over.

My father attended the village school where he passed the exams at 13 and left. He had a searching mind and was interested in history — something he passed on to his daughters. He did not want to work on one of the two village estates as most villagers did, but wanted to see more of the world, so he went to Southampton to sign on to work on a cruise ship. He was told that he was too young. He came back and worked on one of the estate farms. He had a life long affinity with animals and knew more about wildlife than anyone I have ever known and often compared his findings with the 'Romany' books of later years. He remembered otters in the River Test and red squirrels in the woods.

After a while he tried to sign on again. There was a family story that he took his birth certificate and changed it. I did not altogether believe this but when my sister died in 2018 I collected family papers and there is a discrepancy. His records for the Merchant Service say date of birth 1902, his RAF discharge papers say 1903. The first recorded voyage I can find is in 1922 on the *Almazora*, leaving Belfast for

Brazil and the River Plate. He served mostly on the *Almazora* but also on the *Asturias* and the *Alcantara*. During the 20s and 30s he sailed around the world several times. but mostly to South America and he had a certificate for speaking Spanish. We have a certificate for the first time he 'crossed the line'. He told me that Hawaii was beautiful but his favourite country was Portugal. He saw icebergs, "apparently" one can smell them, sent letters home in the 30s by Zeppelin and saw many famous people. As a child I heard stories of high mountainous seas, icebergs, tricks played on the Captain. On one occasion the crew were caught up in a South American riot and some crew members imprisoned. As sailing time approached, in the confusion the remaining crew managed to spirit their companions out of gaol and onto the ship. During one voyage to Canada he visited relations there. I do not know who, but have been told that one of his aunts emigrated to Canada.

When on leave, at home in Longparish, he met one of the parlour maids working in Longparish House, my mother Doris May Wilkinson (May). My father apparently had rather a way with the ladies aided by the fact that he had a motor bike. *[to be cont.]*

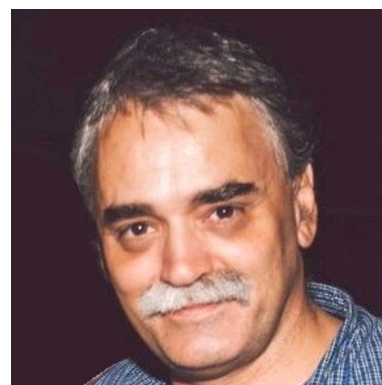
*Penelope Fletcher (née Goddard), Kintbury*

## INTRODUCING MALCOLM GODDARD

### New Goddard Association Newsletter Editor

My family descends from the Goddard's of Nth. Wiltshire, via the William Goddard branch that went to Boston in the mid 17th cent. Descendant Samuel A. Goddard returned to settle in Birmingham, England in 1817, married, had numerous progeny (many of whom returned to the USA). His grandson, my grandfather Roland Frederick Norton Goddard however, emigrated to New Zealand in 1889, finally settling in Nelson. I am from NZ, but have also lived in Papua New Guinea and lastly Brisbane, Australia where I am now with my wife Lesley and three daughters. I have recently retired after 20 years as a Safety Inspector. Previous editor Richard Goddard and I are in fact distantly cousins through our common descent from the Goddard's of Nth. Wiltshire.

*Malcolm of Brisbane*



## WHOSE WIDOW WAS CHARLOTTE?

The item in the August Newsletter referring back to the January 2013 article about a Newbury murder and suicide contained a number of assumptions and half-truths. The report of the murder case named Charlotte Goddard, a widow, who was a witness at the inquest. It was assumed that she was Charlotte Lavinia Eyles who married George Goddard in 1844. The General Register Office indexes show that this Charlotte did indeed marry in the second quarter of 1844. But they also show that hers was one of four possible marriages, all four being recorded on the same page of the Newbury district registers and all taking place at St. Mary's church, Speen during April and May 1844. Two can be traced with different partners, a third was George Goddard of Silchester who married Ann Wearham on April 13th, leaving Charlotte as the fourth.

Charlotte Lavinia Eyles was born in Speen but baptised in Lambeth on Christmas Day 1817, daughter of Stephen and Mary Ann. Coincidentally, the murders took place at Eyles Buildings in Speen. On May 25th 1844, a spinster, she married at Speen Thomas Richards King, an artist from Islington and son of another artist, James Frederick King.

The couple lived in Islington and can be found on the 1851 and 1861 censuses without children. Thomas filed for bankruptcy in 1867 and 1871 when living at 4 Yonge Park, Holloway but seems to have evaded the following censuses although they were still in Islington when Thomas died in 1897 and Charlotte in 1899. So Charlotte Eyles can't have been previously married or been the witness at the murder inquest. If not, who?

Using the 1861 census for Woodspeen the only candidate is Charlotte Goddard, a widow living near the Cock Inn on Shaw Road which is across the road from Eyles Buildings. At the 1866 inquest she was said to be living in Eyles yard. The 1861 census return shows her as being 47 years old (1814) with a 12-year-old son William (1848/49) born nearby at Stock Cross, but at her age she was likely to have had older children. In 1871 she was living alone at Shaw Road, Woodspeen but has aged 19 years, giving her age as 66 (1805) and is receiving Parish relief.

Charlotte gives her birthplace as Chieveley so her marriage may have been either at her home parish or at Speen. A possibility is the marriage of Charlotte Sellwood to John Goddard at St Mary, Chieveley on

May 12th 1830, with children Harriett born 1831 and James born 1833. These two children and a sister(?) Sophia, born 1836 Donnington, were all in Newbury workhouse in 1841 but no trace of their parents. Charlotte Sellwood was baptised at Chieveley on July 30th 1809 which falls between the two birth years given in the census and a John Goddard died in Newbury district in 1857. However, extensive research in the earlier censuses and registers has failed to either find or identify the widow, her husband and her son William with any certainty. Whose widow was Charlotte? We still don't know – unless you know otherwise! *John of Accrington*

## A family story of intrigue and integrity.

My paternal Grandfather was John Goddard, a railway platelayer from



Bugsworth in Derbyshire. I never got to meet him as he had died before I was born, but I would visit Buxworth (note the subtle name change in 1930 in an attempt to gentrify the previously industrial village of lime kilns and canal basin) regularly as a child, for tea at

Grandma's, or the Church Anniversary or Harvest Festival at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, or just occasionally to watch a game of cricket at the little ground on Western Lane.

By the time the First World War had ended, Grandad Goddard was playing cricket for the village team, and was apparently an effective and successful bowler. In 1922 he and the club captain were neck and neck in the bowling averages, with no doubt both of them keen to finish top. This accolade carried with it a prize of 10 shillings (which might roughly equate to £30 today). All to play for.

In the last game of the season the captain put himself on to bowl first, and after taking a few wickets withdrew from the attack. His average was now better than Grandad Goddard's, so how would he respond? We will never know whether he could have improved his average or not, because (so the

story goes) the captain refused to bowl him – thus ensuring the prize for himself!

Nothing is recorded of what was said, but Grandad never played for his home village again. I guess Grandad simply knew he had been wronged and so he stepped away.

The following season he was playing for the neighbouring village of Whaley Bridge (now famous for the structural issues the village faced with the reservoir dam in 2019).

Inevitably that meant he would face his old team. What would the response be? A copy of the scorecard from the game showed his remarkable bowling figures for Whaley Bridge of 5 wickets for no runs, as part of a team effort which saw Bugsworth all out for just one solitary run.

Again, nothing is recorded of what, if anything, was said. Sometimes actions speak louder than words. All three of John's sons, Albert, (*see newsletters 135 & 136*) William, and John went on to play for Whaley Bridge. I think all three of them shared something of the quiet integrity their Father had shown when he was wronged, and all for the sake of ten bob.

Uncle Albert was a fearsomely effective fast bowler, taking over 1,000 wickets in his career, including several hat tricks. Some of you will have heard him tell his story of playing cricket for the Navy in Hong Kong, a story I will gladly tell again in another issue of this journal!

Uncle John was a useful batsman, but primarily a deceptively nippy bowler of off cutters. His career was distinguished by longevity, still turning out for the second team in his early 70s. No doubt many a young buck saw Uncle John coming in off just a couple of paces and thought this would be a walk in the park. The reality was usually different, and he could keep an end busy all innings! He batted down the order, as the bowlers usually do, but on one occasion he opened the innings. His wife, my Aunt Norma, was in labour with their first child and so with Whaley Bridge having bowled first he asked the captain if he could bat higher up the order so that he could get off to the hospital. Of course he scored getting on for a hundred, and the story doesn't relate whether he made it to the hospital on time!

My Father, William, was never quite such a talented player as his brothers, but was a hugely appreciated fixtures secretary and always reliable.

He had pretty much stopped playing by the time I was a child, but he would still take his turn preparing the wicket and generally helping out whilst Mum made the players' 'teas' – small ham and egg salads (with no egg for Uncle John). We would catch the Bus to Horwich End (Whaley Bridge) and then walk up the long, narrow lane to the cricket ground, stopping at the farm part way up the hill to collect the milk for the endless cups of tea.

Almost one hundred years later the lane up to the cricket ground in Whaley Bridge was named John Goddard Way. It was named for my Uncle, and his long years of service to the club, but to my mind it also stands as a quiet testimony to a man of integrity who quietly stood up to the captain who abused his position for his own gain.

Postscript – I do not know the name of the club captain in 1922, and I have not had access to his side of the story. In fact I might not have known anything of the story at all if it weren't for a newspaper article written by a noted cricketing journalist Brian Bearshaw in the Manchester Evening News in 1972, 50 years after the event, and almost a decade after Grandad's death. *John of Saffron Walden*

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## TALENTED GODDARD BREWER

Spotted online by member Richard Goddard-Jones during Halloween last year a custom "Jack-o-Lantern" from Goddard's Brewery, the oldest brewery on the Isle of Wight and one of the first independent craft beer producers in the UK. Does anyone know the artist? *Ed. See previous articles on this brewery in newsletters 37, 42 and 80.*



## A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

In the January 2020 Newsletter, Richard made his final appeal for a younger person to take over as Chairman of the GAE as, after 35 years, he was needing to retire. He had already agreed that Malcolm of Brisbane would edit the Newsletter when nearer to retirement, however, the lack of a potential Chairman and therefore anxiety about the future of the Association was an increasing worry. With time running out, Committee member Margaret McAlpin's husband, Francis, offered to stand in but had serious reservations due to poor eyesight. As a result, I said I would be prepared to stand for election, as a short-term commitment, being not much younger than Richard. As his wife, I have attended many AGMs and poured out many cups of tea and I now hope to get to know more of you. However, this year's pandemic led to a committee meeting and AGM being held via Zoom and this may offer a way forward. *Helena of Malvern*

## 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 this page.

**Graham Goddard's** origins are in a Somerset farming family. His Gt. Gt. Grandfather William married Martha Franks in 1832 in Lullington parish church. William's son James b.1833, farmed in Westbury, Wilts. before moving to Twyford Abbey, Middlesex in the 1860s. His son Stephen Ernest (1875-1965) became a banker.

**Steve Russ'** branch originates in Hill Deverill, Wiltshire. William Goddard married Elizabeth Mines there in May 1809. Their son Leonard Morse Goddard (1810-1872) became a surgeon in Clerkenwell, London. His youngest son Ernest (1845-1885) had a daughter Jessie Naylor Goddard (1877-1918) who was Steve's grandmother.

**Maurice Goddard** traces his family to the unusually named Wiledor Goddard (1712-1747) who moved from Wiltshire to Ashbrittle, Somerset in the mid 18th century and was a farmer. These Goddards stayed in Ashbrittle and the nearby town of Wellington.

## FIBREX NURSERY AGAIN

Newsletters 108 and 115 carried brief articles on Fibrex Nursery near Stratford-upon-Avon, as it is run by the Godard-Key family. In last July's Royal Horticultural Society's magazine 'The Garden', they are featured again. Under the heading 'Wisley welcomes bottlebrush donation', part of the article reads: "A spectacular collection of 23 Australian bottlebrush has been donated to RHS Garden Wisley, Surrey, and added to the Glasshouse displays. Some are more than thirty years old, and mature enough to display peeling bark alongside their vibrant blooms. They have come from Heather Godard-Key of Fibrex Nurseries, Warwickshire, who has used them in her impressive displays at many RHS Flower Shows." *Richard of Malvern*

## AGM REMINDER

This year's AGM may once again prove difficult to have as an in person meeting, given the pandemic; but all being well, we hope to meet in Aldbourne, Wiltshire on 9 May 2021, subject to governmental restrictions of course. Further details will be included in the April newsletter.

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