

# The Goddard Association of Europe

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## HOME BY CHRISTMAS

Last August I was delighted to receive an unexpected package. It contained a slim volume and was a present from Association member Rex Goddard of Chichester, because the volume featured his brother Maurice. The book *Home by Christmas?* is a compilation of various accounts of British officers escaping through German occupied territory in Italy during the Second World War. Maurice Goddard's account, *Inside Out*, appeared in *Gunner*, the magazine of the Royal Artillery for 1978. As it says on the back of *Home by Christmas?*: "This book highlights the remarkable adventures experienced by some of the six hundred prisoners of war who marched out of camp PG49 at Fontanellato near Parma after the Italian Armistice on 8th September 1943. Some went to Switzerland and internment, some joined the partisans. Others walked south to rejoin the Allied armies. A few succeeded; many more were recaptured. The book also tells of the bravery and sacrifices of the Italian people, many of whom were poor peasants. Without their steadfast help in providing food, shelter and clothes, often in considerable danger of savage reprisals, the ex-prisoners would have been forced to give themselves up."

After the war was over, some of these brave Italians received small amounts of compensation, others the somewhat unimpressive 'Alexander Certificates' – small pieces of paper signed by Field Marshal Earl Alexander "as a token of gratitude for and appreciation of" their help – and many nothing at all. Profits from the book go to the 50th Anniversary Appeal of the Monte San Martino Trust. This Trust was set up in 1990 to provide bursaries for the children and grandchildren of those Italians who had helped the former prisoners, to enable them to come to Britain for a period of study. "By these means it is possible for British people, especially those who were prisoners in Italy or their relatives, to repay, albeit in only a very small way, those who risked their

lives by providing food and shelter to British servicemen." Donations can be sent to, and copies of the book obtained from, the Honorary Secretary to the Trust at Flat 7, 18 Lambolle Road, London NW3 4HP. The price of the latter is £15 including packing and postage.

Interestingly the *Daily Telegraph* of 22 December 1997 carried a feature article by the son of one of the escaped prisoners of war, one of the few who did get home by Christmas 1943. Apart from the author, Eric Newby, the only other prisoner of war mentioned in the article was Maurice Goddard. And *Home by Christmas?* itself also listed, immediately above 2/Lt K.M. Goddard of the Royal Artillery, another Goddard – 2/Lt J.H. Goddard of the Buffs; I wonder if any member claims him as

a relation? A further interest for me was the fact that it listed my prep school headmaster, whom I knew to have been an Italian prisoner of war – Lt P.C.M. Mills of the Royal Engineers – as having also been in camp PG49 at Fontanellato.

And what of Maurice Goddard? Setting out south with Erik Hampson – most of the prisoners travelled in pairs – only the aim of being home by Christmas kept them going. They did not appreciate the time the journey would take them or the distance involved, nor the fact that the warm autumn sunshine would soon turn to the chill snows of winter. The only map they had was one torn out of a school atlas. Enduring many adventures, including almost being recaptured after crossing the main Florence to Bologna road, they finally neared the advancing Allied lines. But there were more narrow escapes to come.

Emerging from woods, they ran into a party of German soldiers who, fortunately, took no notice of them, proving that Germans had difficulty detecting Allied servicemen in Italian civilian clothing. Spending the night in a neighbouring village, they had to make a hasty exit next morning when German soldiers began to search it. The following day they were making good progress along a hillside when they were spotted by about twenty Germans and fired upon; but they managed to run off and hide. Next, descending the steep sides of a river valley, they saw a party of five German soldiers on the opposite bank no more than thirty feet away; but, by some miraculous chance, the Germans did not see them and they continued their journey unscathed.

Finally, having crossed the river at night and travelled further, they spotted a British soldier, in fact one of the Northamptonshires with the Fifth Division, and realised they had made it. It was the 1st December.

## CAN YOU HELP?

**Mr André Goddard** of 3 Ingram Walk, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 1RE, "to trace any descendants of William, Sydney, Mabel or Arthur Goddard. They were all children of Albert and Rose Goddard (née Andrews) of Wooburn Green, Beaconsfield." This short request appeared in the monthly *Yours* in October of last year and was spotted by two different members. Unfortunately it did not contain any dates, but I hope someone may recognise the family and be able to help.

**Mr Peter E. Goddard** of 716 Hillside Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario M4S 1V3, Canada, to trace any descendants of Edwin James Goddard and Emily Adolpho who married in Paddington on 30 July 1892, and of Tom Goddard and Marion Dorrofield who married in Kensington on 3 June 1900.

**Harry & Margaret Goddard** of 29 Harpers Avenue, Otorohanga, North Island, New Zealand, to trace relatives in this country. Harry is descended from James Robert Goddard, who emigrated to New Zealand in 1874 with his second wife, Louisa; he is still looking for descendants of the children of James's first wife, Sarah Read. They were William Robert (born 1850 in Marylebone), Evangelista Sarah (born 1853 in Doncaster) and Louisa Ann (born 1853 in Doncaster also). It is probable that James, who was a builder and carpenter, moved north to try his hand in railway carriage construction. There are no likely candidates in the 1881 census, though the girls would probably have married and changed their surnames by then – and it is possible that Evangelista may have called herself Eva or Sarah for short.

**Mrs J.W. Mortimore** of Plymouth, who is descended from Thomas Goddard and his wife Margaret who were born in Pewsey in 1799 and 1802 respectively, to find out more about the family. They moved to Milton Lilbourne where they had several children including William, Mary Ann and Thomas. Mary Ann married William Swatton back in Pewsey in 1861 and Mrs Mortimore is a descendant. Mrs Joan Gradidge of Pewsey is also working on the problem for the Association, but does anyone else have any more information? Please write to Julie of Newbury in the first instance.

**Mrs Donna Brown** of 15 Garden Fields, Stebbing, Essex, CM6 3RG, who is descended from Ellen Goddard who was born in Durley in the Savernake Forest in Wiltshire in 1851. She had an inherited form of deafness and Mrs Brown is trying to trace whether it came from Ellen's father, Isaac Goddard, or her mother, Rosanna Kingston. We have several members who have ancestors in this part of the country along the Kennet and Avon canal and the Pewsey Valley and wonder if any can help Donna in her quest.

## AIR CRASH

I am indebted to Roland Rignall of Caterham for passing on information on the tragically early death of Gordon Herbert William Goddard, who was killed when the Douglas monoplane *Kyeema* crashed into the Dandenong Ranges, Victoria, Australia on 25 October 1938. He was only 28. The information originally came from his elder sister, Delphine of Sydney, Australia, who was obviously intensely proud of her younger brother. This Goddard family is the same as that of Eliza's Diary on the front page of Newsletter N° 43.

Gordon first made news as an eight year old in 1918 when he twice saved children younger than himself from drowning. The first citation reads: "On February 24th, 1918, while playing on the pontoon belonging to the Church of England Grammar School's Rowing Club, Berry's Bay, North Sydney, a little girl (aged 7 years) named Edna Margaret Evans, accidentally fell into the water. Gordon Goddard was in the boatshed near and he at once rushed and managed to seize the little girl as she came to the surface and held her till she was assisted out of the water by those who came on the scene on hearing the cries for help. There was only another child on the spot at the time of the accident. Awarded Certificate of Merit." This Certificate of the Royal Shipwreck Relief and Humane Society of New South Wales was presented on 16 September in Sydney Town Hall. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Walter E. Davidson, K.C.M.G., presided at the ceremony, and Lady Davidson presented the Awards while the N.S.W. Fire Brigade band played 'Honour to the Brave'. The press report stated: "This plucky youngster has just received the Royal Shipwreck Relief and Humane Society's certificate of merit for saving from drowning, in February, a little girl Edna Evans. He has since upheld the honour bestowed upon him by making a second rescue of a little boy named Ben Barnett, in August, under more difficult circumstances; in this case he had no-one to render assistance. He is the son of Mr H.A. Goddard and grandson of the late W.R. Goddard, boat builder, North Sydney."

It is not surprising that in his spare time Gordon joined the Queenscliff lifesaving club, playing a full part in all its affairs. As an accountant by profession – though at the time of his death he was within one month of taking his law finals, having decided to transfer to that profession – he was Treasurer from 1931-33 and later Hon. Auditor. He was also an accomplished pianist and regularly gave his services, in a voluntary capacity, for several seasons at the social functions of the club, in its endeavour to raise finances for life-saving purposes.

Gordon was buried at Northern Suburbs Cemetery in Sydney alongside two other friends who were killed in the same crash.

## LONDON REGISTERS

I am grateful to Jennifer Walker for the copy of a letter together with its enclosures, which is in the Wiltshire Record Office Ref. No. 110/23, part of the Clyffe Pypard Miscellaneous papers of the Goddard Family, and which the Record Office has very kindly given us permission to reproduce here. The letter is unfortunately undated, but probably comes from the latter part of the last century:

“My dear sir,

I send you all the Goddards I have recently collected. The name does not occur once at St James Piccadilly and only once at St Giles in the Fields. St Leonards Shoreditch, then a fashionable quarter and only second to Clerkenwell, has the few I have extracted. The very early ones all in the 16th century must, I think, belong to Wiltshire, but if the later ones were descended from them I think that they also declined in rank. These extracts have been made by an indefatigable genealogist, a friend of mine who is also a barrister and therefore likely to be correct. He is always at this sort of work, either in London during the season, or in the country wherever he may go for the Autumn, and even in foreign countries wherever we have embassies. He has been working at St Andrews Holborn lately and at some of the smaller City churches. I want him to go to Clerkenwell where he should be sure to reap a rich harvest. St Giles in the Fields is full of names of the highest rank and exhibits the period of fashion between Clerkenwell, St Martins, St James Piccadilly which next came into vogue. Nor does St Leonards decline nearly so early as might have been expected. Hoxton and Haggerston keeping up a good supply of material.

Yours very truly, J.W.”

It is possible that this letter was written to Horatio Nelson Goddard, at that time lord of the manor of Clyffe Pypard; but it is not certain who J.W. is. There then follow the enclosures:

### “Burial Register at St Giles in the Fields, Co Middx.

1724 Nov 30 The Lady Goddard carried away (to be buried elsewhere I believe).

There is no other Goddard in the extant registers of this parish between 1661 and 1770. The registers are deficient particularly between 1620 and 1636.

### Registers of St Leonards, Shoreditch

#### Baptisms from 1538

1605 Apr 21 Jane Goddard, dau of Nicholas, Halliwell Street  
1617 Apr 8 Matthew Goddard, son of Richard, Windmill  
1619 Dec 21 Mary Goddard, dau of Richard & Alice, Windmills  
1625 Apr 5 Matthew Goddard, son of Richard & Alice, Lower Windmill  
1647 Mar 19 Elizabeth, dau of Richard Goddard & Elizabeth  
1650 Aug 18 Ann, dau of Richard & Elizabeth  
1657 Apr 26 Susan, dau of William Goddard & Mary, born Mar 17th  
1660/61 Mar 24 Heaster, dau of William Goddard  
1663/4 Jan 3 Elizabeth, dau of William Goddard & Mary born 25th Dec  
1668 May 4 William, son of John Goddard & Mary, Hoxton

#### Marriages

1561 Nov 10 Charles Goddard & Alice Bond, Gent. Bishop of London licence  
1610 Nov 5 Seth Styles & Isabell Goddard, Hoxton  
1612 Apr 11 Ralph Dean & Alice Goddard by a Faculty Licence  
1614 Oct 16 Richard Goddard & Alice Shakerley, Windmills  
1668 Mar 29 Richard Goddard & Frances Serjant

#### Burials

1574 Nov 27 John Goddard, son of William Goddard, Gent., Goddards  
1574/75 Jan 11 Ralf Goddard, son of George Goddard, Goddards  
1574/75 Feb 12 Matthew [sic] Goddard, wife of George Goddard  
1578 Apr 18 George Goddard, Gent.  
1585 Jul 13 Margaret Goddard, dau of Vincent Goddard, Gent., Spittle[fields]  
1614/15 Feb 21 Ann Goddard, dau of Richard Goddard  
1625 Sept 12 Richard Goddard, Windmills  
1625 Sept 14 Mary, dau of Alice Goddard, Windmills  
1636 Sept 1 Matthew, son of Ann Goddard, widow, Windmills  
1636 Sept 6 Richard Goddard, Russell's Rents  
1642 Apr 3 Mary, dau of William & Ann Goddard, Goddard's Rents  
1647 Dec 22 Ann, dau of Richard Goddard  
1649 Oct 5 Elizabeth, dau of Richard & Elizabeth Goddard  
1659 Oct 7 Susan, dau of Richard Goddard  
1661 Aug 8 Ann, dau of Richard Goddard  
1665 Sept 11 William Goddard  
1667 Nov 21 Elizabeth Goddard  
1668 May 11 John Goddard, Hoxton  
1689 Dec 24 Richard Goddard

Registers examined to end of AD 1745

### Licences issued from The Vicar General's Office (Not extracted in full – begin 1660)

1662 May 3 Henry Goddard of East Woodhay, Hants., gent about 24 bachelor and Katherine Wayte of Andover about 24 widow [?] to marry at Andover, East Woodhay or chapel at Wayhide[?]

1670 Dec 20 Thomas Goddard of St Dionis Backchurch, Merchant, about 35 bachelor and Miss Elizabeth Shallcross of St Mary, Savoy about 18 spinster with consent of mother Eliza Cath S. [sic] at St Mary's aforesaid

1686 Jan 7 Thomas Medlycott of the Middle Temple, Gent about 23, bachelor and Miss Sarah Goddard of Mugginell Street, London, about 16, spinster with the consent of her mother Mrs Ursula Goddard – at St Mary Axe, or St Martin, or St Giles in the Fields

(From 1694 the Licence books are kept at Lambeth Palace)

Licences extracted from the Faculty Office, Doctor's Commons begin 1632 – some books missing.”

## TELETEXT

Two items spotted by Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith from the Teletext columns:

Lost Touch, page 681, of 29 December 1997: “Seeking Wendy Hammond (MN) my niece, born 1/9/1944. Lived in Northolt, Middlesex. Mother Vera died January 1944. Father Dick. Phone Edd Goddard on 01502 567649.”

Service Pals, page 642, of 26 January 1998: “Henry (Ginger) Martin, ex party chain wishes to get in touch with Bill Goddard ex party chain R.N. of Pontypridd. Call 01282 776306.”

## CLYFFE PYPARD RECTORY

I am grateful to Association member Jennifer Walker for the following transcription of a document which is in the Wiltshire Record Office Ref. No. 110/23, part of the Clyffe Pypard Miscellaneous papers of the Goddard Family, and which the Record Office has very kindly given us permission to reproduce here. It is itself a transcript and is headed: "16 Nov. 1812. Rec'd of Mr Goddard the translation of the Grant of the Rectory and Vicarage of Cliff Pypard. R. Welford.

Date of Grant of Rectory of Clyffe Pypard

24 April 1541 King H[enry]VIII 32 [year of reign]

Henry the eight of England and France King Defender of the Faith Lord of Ireland supreme Head of the Church of England to all whom these presents shall come Health know that we for the sum of twenty eight pounds and ten shillings of lawful money of England paid into the hands of ye Treasurer of ye Court of Augmentations of our Crown to our..., by our beloved John Godard of Alburne in our County of Wilts Gentleman, out of our special grant certain knowledge and good will we have given and granted and by these presents do give and grant to ye said John Godard all those Lands Tenem[ent]s Fields and pastures of ours with ye appurtenances lately granted to ye aforesaid John Godard and now in his occupation situate and lying and being in the Vill[age] and Fields of Wanborough and Upham in our said County of Wilts lately belonging to ye lately dissolved Monastery of Lacoke in our said County of Wilts and all those Lands Tenements Fields Meadows and pastures of ours with their appurtenances lately granted to ye said John Godard or being in his possession situate lying or being in Wegglestow in ye Parish of Wroughton in our said County of Wilts lately belonging to and appertaining to ye said Monastery, ye whole Rectory and our Church of Clyffe Pypard in our said County of Wilts with all their appurtenances in our said County of Wilts lately belonging and appertaining to the said Monastery and ye advowson of ye free Donation Dispoition (sic) and Right of Patronage of ye Vicarage of ye Church of Clyffe Pypard in our said County of Wilts and all Messuages Houses Buildings Orchards Stables Lands Fields Meadows Pastures Woods and Underwoods Commons Glebes Tythes Payments Portions together with ye emoluments Commodities Whatsoever in Clyffe Pypard in our said County of Wilts and elsewhere wheresoever they are in any shape belonging and appertaining unto ye said Rectory and Church of Clyffe Pypard in ye same county and all and singular ye Premss. and also ye provisions Incomes and yearly Profits of all and singular ye premss. above expressed and specified as full and wholly and in as full Manner form as if ye abbess of ye lately a[foresai]d Monastery or any ye late preceding Abbesses of ye same

late Monastery in ye Monastery above at any time before ye Dissolution of ye same late Monastery or before ye late Monastery came to our hands if aforesaid Messuages and all other and singular of prmss. had hold or enjoyed or ought to have had and enjoyed, and so full and wholly and in such large manner and form as those all and singular to our Hands by Reason or pretence of ye Dissolution of ye aforesaid Monastery of Lacoks or by Reason or Pretence of any Gift Grant or Confirmation by ye late abbess and late Convent of ye aforesaid Monastery under their Conventicles to us conferred or by which other means soever come or ought to come and in our Hands now are or ought to be. We likewise give and...ye above Considerations by these Profits grant to aforesaid John Godard all those lands Tenements Fields Meadows Pastures Incomes Reversions Services and all our Hereditaments whatsoever with the Appurtenances lately granted to Robert Baylis or in his hands situate lying and being in North Tudworth in our aforesaid County of Wilts lately depending and belonging to our late Priory or Monastery of Bradstocks otherwise called Bradenstocks in our aforesaid County of Wilts now dissolved and all and singular Woods and Underwoods above prmss arising and being..."

The transcript ends here.

## FROM JULIE OF NEWBURY

In a recent letter Julie of Newbury sent me three pieces of information to pass on to members and, if anyone is interested, will they please get in touch with Julie direct (address on back page).

1. She has details of a land transfer deed which should interest the Goddards who descend from the Donhead St Mary and Donhead St Andrew branch.

2. She also has abstracts of all the Goddards from the Berkshire Overseers Papers 1654-1834. Eight places mention Goddards as churchwardens, witnesses or overseers, and there are several for Brimpton and Thatcham.

3. If any of our seafaring Goddards are looking for W. Goddard and his wife Susan around the 1880s, she has spotted them out of place in the 1881 census. Their usual place of residence was Lambeth and the enumerator has entered them on his schedules and then deleted them and made the note "Away from home. Captain of a vessel now at sea."

## NEW MEMBERS

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

Mrs Donna Brown, 15 Garden Fields, Stebbing, Essex, CM6 3RG.  
Dr C.K. Goddard, 43 Langer Avenue, Caringbah, New South Wales 2229, Australia  
Mr D.K. Goddard, 10 Limewood Close, St Johns, Woking, Surrey, GU21 1XA.  
Mr K.M. Goddard, 19 Dartnell Park Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6PN.  
Mr Leonard T. Goddard, 60 Laburnum Road, Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 4JY.  
Mr Kevin Robinson, Pillar House, 59 John Street, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 3BT.  
Mr Alan & Mrs Gillian Smith, 49 Grimston Lane, Trinley St Mary, Felixstowe, IP11 0SA.  
Ms Sue Taylor, Ashlree Cottage, Main Road, Kettleby Bank, Telford, TF2 0DH.

## UNWANTED CERTIFICATES

The suggestion in the last Newsletter, that people who have acquired duplicates of birth, marriage or death certificates and subsequently find that they do not belong to their family should offer them in these columns, has met with an immediate response from Mr Swann of Nottingham. He has sent the following three certificates:

From the Radford District of Nottinghamshire, a **death** certificate of **Ann Goddard** who died on 8 May 1865 aged 74. She was the widow of Thomas Goddard, a butcher.

From Ilkeston in the Basford District of Nottinghamshire, a **death** certificate of **Ann Goddard** who died on 3 September 1866 aged 35. She was the wife of Thomas

Goddard, a framework knitter.

And from Wilford in the Basford District of Nottinghamshire, a **birth** certificate for **John William Goddard** who was born at Gotham on 1 May 1867. His parents were William Goddard and Mary Goddard (née Brown).

If anyone recognises any of these three people in their own family tree, please apply to Richard of Malvern who will forward the certificate to you (address on page 8).

Mr Peter E. Goddard of 716 Hillsdale Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario M4S 1V3, Canada, who made the suggestion about certificates in the first place, has sent details below of the certificates in his possession. Please apply direct to him if you recognise any of them as belonging to your branch of the family:

### Birth Certificates

Date	Name (Goddard)	Father (Goddard)	Mother	Place
22 August 1863	Charles	Charles	Mary Carr	Bermondsey
19 March 1880	Leonard	William	Ann Cannons	Bentworth, Hants
23 September 1892	Thomas George	Thomas William	Elizabeth Taylor	Marylebone
29 November 1892	Charles George	Charles George	Martha Harriet Paxton	Wood Green, Mdx
28 December 1892	Henry Charles	Harry	Emma Warburton	Kensington
25 February 1893	Reginald John	Walter	Annie Elizabeth Simmons	St Pancras

### Marriage Certificates

Date	Groom (Goddard)	Bride	Groom's father (Goddard)	Place
31 May 1846	Richard	Elizabeth Amey	Samuel	Whitechapel
27 October 1855	William	Ann Cannons	James	Bentworth, Hants
16 August 1860	William	Ann Maria Ashby	William	Watford, Herts
28 March 1883	Charles	Fanny Trumper	William	Chelsea
20 January 1885	Edwin	Margaret Lorden	John	Fulham
27 February 1888	Walter	Annie Elizabeth Simmons	John	St Pancras
31 January 1892	Charles Henry	Ellen Matilda Sweetlove	James	Islington
15 April 1895	Thomas	Ellen Elizabeth Hudson	James	Paddington
19 August 1896	Samuel	Florence Westall	George	Marylebone

### Death Certificate

Date	Name	Age	Place
24 December 1846	Ann Goddard	66	Winchester

## REHUNG

We have recently had a reshuffle of administrative offices at Malvern College, and I have been joined by the Domestic Bursar and her Assistant. She brought some of her office pictures with her, and while they were waiting to be rehung I studied one of them – a watercolour of a lake scene. She told me to turn to the back where there was a letter by the artist to her father describing the painting. It was of Francois Lake, British Columbia, and the artist was an Iris Sayle, the sister of the headmistress of the school with which we have recently amalgamated. She described the trip she was then taking in Canada and the brightness of the autumnal colours – it was 1st October 1928. In a later paragraph she requested her father to “thank Mr Goddard very much for his long letter”. It would be interesting to discover who this particular Mr Goddard was.

## OBITUARY

The Association regrets to announce that Mrs Dorothy Hemmings of Chinley, High Peak, died suddenly on 18 October 1997 aged 80. She had been an Association member for nearly nine years and, with her husband Wilfred, attended both the AGMs held in Buxton. In her younger days she studied music at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester and attained the LRAM certificate at the Royal College of Music in London. She gave piano lessons, was organist at St James's parish church, Buxworth, for many years and also accompanied Chapel-en-le-Frith male voice choir. She was a keen gardener and loved walking. Her mother was a Goddard from Chinley, and Dorothy was very helpful when the history of the Goddards in that area was being compiled. She will be sadly missed.

*Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith*

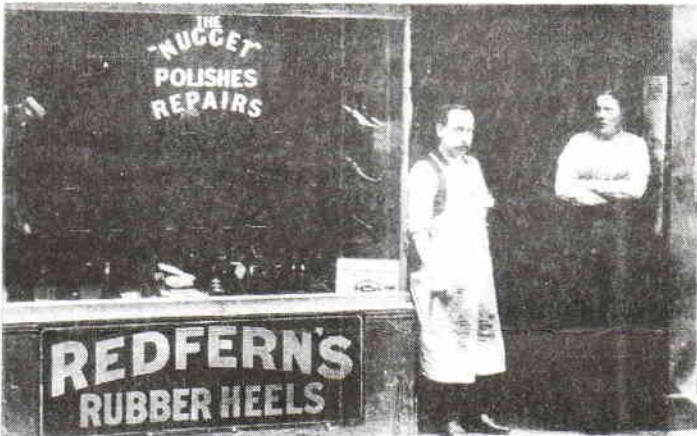
## FAMILY HISTORY CAN NEVER BE BORING

Recently a friend, learning that I was researching my family history, remarked, "How boring that must be; just a series of dates showing birth, marriage and death!" This I was able to refute and showed him written evidence why. A cousin of mine sent me a cutting from the local press in North East Hampshire and there was a picture of a small cottage recently purchased by a couple for their new home. They decided to have the cottage rendered and, as the old rendering was removed, they found underneath in large letters 'The Cricketers Inn'. Now they knew why the cottage was called Cricketers. But on further investigation they found a more bizarre history. In the latter part of the last century, 28 September 1894, the daughter of the manager, who was 93 years of age, called her husband, Cyrus Knight, in for his tea; at the time he was playing dominoes in the bar. During the meal an argument developed over the milk for his tea and he threw it at her. She responded by throwing her tea over him. With that he got up, walked outside, and took his shotgun and shot her as she stood over the sink doing the washing up. As a result of her head injuries she died. He then walked out, leaving the gun propped up against the door jamb, and was not seen again until the next morning when he casually walked into the pub where he was promptly arrested by the village constable. He was duly brought to trial at the Winchester Assizes in October 1894, at which trial he insisted the gun went off accidentally.

Despite the jury recommending mercy, he was sentenced to hang for his crime. The execution took place at Winchester Prison on 12 December 1894. There were no long delays in justice in those not too distant times. What was more interesting was the press reporting of the execution. Until 1920 reporters were allowed to witness executions in this country, and the press were duly present at this one. Copies of the *Hampshire Independent* that I have give a very detailed description of the execution, which was in fact a double one as there was another prisoner hanged at the same time.

The current owners of the Cricketers, I understand, while not wishing to turn the clock back and sell beer at their house, have planted vines on the property so what, I wonder, will they call any wine that they produce? I have found that if you take the trouble you can find out very detailed information of long dead ancestors, and a recent lesson I have learned is not to be modest in your thoughts about them. I have searched graveyards for details of one particular man, married in 1727. I had a copy of his marriage certificate, but could not find out details of his birth or death. It did not occur to me that he could have been influential enough to be buried inside the church! There he was, safely inside, with three other members of the family, one of whom I found had been apprenticed to a carpenter. I should add that the man hanged for murder was not of the Goddard family, but married into the distaff side. *Allen of Plymouth*

## RUBBER AND RHYTHM



I am grateful to Frank of Rotorua via Julie of Christchurch, New Zealand, for these photographs. They are taken from a book on Isleworth, Frank's home town, on the Thames eight miles west of London. On the left Ernest Templar Goddard, with his wife Alice, is outside his bootmaker's shop at 64 South Street in 1910. He bought the business in 1893, having earlier served an apprenticeship as improver to Mr Sherborne. He later crossed the road to N° 43; his son Harry took over the shop in 1925, retiring in 1974. The other depicts Harry Goddard's Rhythm Dance Band of the 1920s; Harry is the one in the middle to the right of the pianist. Frank



writes: "In the old part of the town was Ernest Templar Goddard's bootmaking shop. For years I passed it at least four times a week, but never thought of making myself known to Ernie or his wife. Perhaps he is known to one of our British members. I have looked long and hard at Ernie and son Harry to see if I can spot some facial resemblance to myself, but I note Ernie's jaw recedes where mine is the opposite and Harry is far too handsome. I have to say that I think Alice would have put me off inquiring if she gave me such a look as she is giving Ernie. Besides, I was much more interested in watching the blacksmith on the other side of the road."

## WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX

I am grateful to have received a letter from member Mrs Janet Boshier of Wokingham in which she says: "In 1835 my ancestor, Thomas Goddard, a blacksmith, arrived in Westbourne, Sussex from Pulham in Dorset. He soon married Charlotte Rapkins and they had fourteen children. The family have made a lasting impression and at least one descendant still lives in the village. Thomas's smithing was carried on by his family until 1938. A recent (1981) survey of tradespeople by the Westbourne Local History Group awarded them pride of place for being present throughout the entire period of the survey. One of Thomas's sons, Charles, was the landlord of a local pub and almost stayed in the job for fifty years. He was a stalwart of the local cricket club and the following cutting from the local paper in 1931 indicates that he was pretty good with the bat!"

Headed "Death of Mr Charles Goddard", it reads: "The village of Westbourne has lost, by the death of Mr Charles Edward Goddard, one of its oldest and most highly respected residents. Mr Goddard (familiarily known to all as 'Charlie') was a great personality. In his very early days he developed into a promising cricketer, and was a member of the famous local team who literally swept the board for miles around. That was fifty or more years ago and, right up to the time of his death, he took the keenest interest in the local club.

In his prime Charlie was perhaps the best all-round player the club possessed. He was a forceful batsman and a terrific smiter. He was never more happy than when discussing the game and the doings of the 'good old days'. And yet he was modest about it all. He claimed, however, among many other meritorious performances, to have made the longest hit ever known – nearly a quarter of a mile. It was like this: Charlie was batting, and in one of his fighting moods. He banged the ball with a mighty hit; it bounced on to the road running alongside the common and rolled down the hill, a few yards only under the 440 from where it was struck. He was also a first class field and a capital bowler, and helped the village to many a victory.

He was, as is well known, the licensee of "The Good Intent", and had he lived until the 14th he would have completed just half a century as landlord of that inn. Mr and Mrs Goddard celebrated their golden wedding three years ago. Deep sympathy is felt with his bereaved widow, two sons, and three daughters in their great sorrow. The deceased was 76 years of age. The funeral took place at the Westbourne Cemetery on Tuesday, Prebendary L.B. Birkett officiating. Among the mourners were his widow, Messrs D. and F. Goddard (sons), and Mrs Linn, Mrs C.W. Silk, and Mrs Millington (daughters), and other members of the family."

## OLIVER CROMWELL

I am grateful to member Jennifer Walker for abstracting from the Clyffe Pypard Miscellaneous papers of the Goddard family, Ref. No. 110/23 in the Wiltshire Record Office, the following transcript of a letter from Oliver Cromwell with accompanying notes. Once again the Record Office has kindly allowed us permission to reprint it here. The letter is accompanied by several notes, the first of which reads: "The following letter was in the possession of the owner of the Castle, but was stolen and is now detained by some anonymous person".

"Copy of a Letter from Oliver Cromwell to Anthony Hungerford of Farley Castle (brother to Mrs Sarah Goddard, wife of Francis Goddard Esq. of Cliffe):

Sir, I am very sorry my occasion will not permit mee to return (i.e. to reply) to you as I would. I have not yett fully spoken with the gentleman I sent to wait upon you. When I shall do it I shall be enabled to be more particular beinge unwillinge to detain your servante any longer. With my service to your Lady and family I take leave but rest your affectionate servante, O. Cromwell.

July 30th 1652."

Other notes state: "First published now, July 1853, by Rev. S.E. Jackson of Leigh De la Mere, Wilts. For my honoured friend Mr Hungerford the Elder at his house there." And: "The friendship of O. C. expressed herein will account perhaps for the immunity the estates of Goddard enjoyed at this troublous season (estates at that time almost coextensive with this county – at least scattered in every part of it). Whilst the Royalist principles of the said Francis Goddard and our family, probably very feebly carried out (except in the case of Vincent Goddard, siege of Marlborough) secured the favour of that party – or at least their indifference – F. Goddard."

## YOUNG PILOT

Jennifer Walker has kindly sent a cutting from the *Swindon Evening Advertiser* of last July, which tells of young Nicholas Goddard completing his first solo flight in a training Cessna on his seventeenth birthday. A member of 1244 Squadron of the Swindon Air Training Corps, Nicholas won an RAF Flying Scholarship and has thus begun to follow his ambition of becoming an RAF pilot. He won the Scholarship after rigorous selection at the RAF's Cranwell College in Lincolnshire, the same College of which the Association's first Patron, Air Marshal Sir Victor Goddard, had once been Principal. Nicholas completed the first twenty hours of his training on an eighteen day course at Cornwall Flying Club at Cardingham near Bodmin. He will complete the remaining hours at Brize Norton Flying Club in Oxfordshire. Nicholas is the son of the Association's Committee member, Philip of Swindon.

## 1998 AGM

This year's AGM will be held once again at the Goddard Arms Hotel in Swindon on Sunday 17 May. The format will be very similar to previous years, the business part of the AGM being followed this year by a genealogical workshop – see opposite – so start thinking of those general questions you wish to ask.

A lunch of soup followed by a selection of cold meats and salads at a cost of £8.95 will be available in the Lawns Suite from 12.30pm. It would be helpful to the Hotel if you would give them a ring (01793 - 692313) at least a few days in advance so that they may have some idea of the numbers to cater for; no need to give your names, just indicate that you belong to the Goddard Association.

The General Manager has confirmed the following rates for Association members who would like to book accommodation in the Hotel: £39.00 per person in a single room, £24.50 per person in a twin or double room. Again, when booking please indicate that you belong to the Association. Mr Baxter advises: "As accommodation is already heavily booked for some weekends, I suggest any rooms required should be booked as early as possible".

### MINORITE PREACHER

Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith has been contacted by a distant relative in the USA to know if any member has come across a reference to a Dr John Goddard, a minorite preacher, in the latter half of the fifteenth century. She has recently found a reference to him in a biography of Richard III by Paul Murray Kendall. On page 124, in reference to the possibility of the Duke of Clarence becoming King of England in succession to Edward IV, it says that the Duke "burst in upon the King's council at Westminster, bringing with him Dr John Goddard – the very minorite preacher who had proclaimed Henry VI's title to the throne at Pauls Cross in September of 1470 – and forthwith ordered Goddard to read Burdett's last protest".

### GOUDGE STREET STATION

Our daughter, Sarah, says that if you are going to Goudge Street station in London and look upwards you will see high up on the side of a building an old sign saying "J & J Goddard". She wonders if anyone knows anything of this firm.

She was at a party recently and met another Sarah Goddard. They chatted happily for quite a time and the other Sarah expressed interest on learning that there was an association for her surname – and was very surprised as well. I have sent our Sarah some copies of our leaflet to keep in her handbag for handing out on similar occasions.

*Julie of Newbury*

## YOUR FAMILY TREE

The GAE asks members to compile their family trees and to send a copy to us for the archives, but at a recent committee meeting Brian was asked exactly how one goes about making one's family tree.

With this in mind, the Association has booked the services of the internationally renowned family historian and writer, the Agony Aunt from *Family Tree Magazine*, Jean Cole, for this year's AGM at Swindon – Sunday 17 May. Jean has expressed her willingness to give a short talk for beginners in family history and then to head a brains trust to answer any questions and problems that members have.

Copies of her latest book *Tracing Your Family Tree* will be available for purchase. Also available will be copies of the new publication *Practical Family History* which is intended for rank amateurs at the game. Those unable to attend the AGM, but wishing to purchase either a copy of the book (£9.95) or the magazine (£1.70 per issue) can obtain them from us at any time before or after the meeting.

In the meantime it is suggested that you get yourself some notepaper and write down your full name, date of birth, parents' names, your brothers' and sisters' names, the schools you have attended, date of marriage, children's names, where you have worked – of particular importance is where all these events occurred. More of this next time. Imagine you are writing it for a grandchild yet unborn who one day might wish to know all about you. This is the start of your family tree and it already has two or three generations in it.

Future Newsletters will give help and guidance on the next stages in reaching back to earlier generations, and how to find out what sort of lives your relatives lived.

If there are any questions, our address can be found among those in the list below. We would be happy to help.

*Brian & Julie of Newbury*

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