

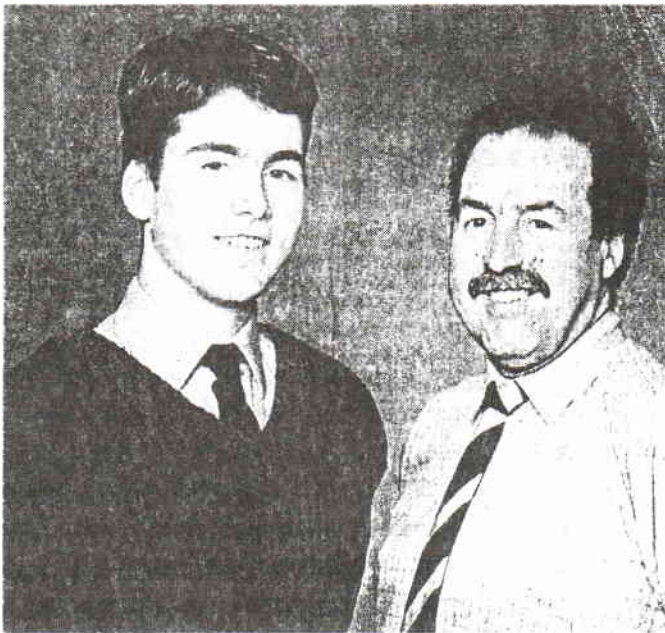
## The Goddard Association of Europe

NEWSLETTER

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### BEHIND THE LENS

I am grateful to Association member Jennifer Walker for sending me the March issue of *Swindon Outlook*, Swindon Old Town's community newspaper. Amongst many other items is a main feature, under the title 'Behind the Lens of a Local Photographer', on one of the Association's Executive Committee members, Philip Goddard, pictured here with his son Nicholas who was mentioned in the last Newsletter on gaining his pilot's licence :



"Philip Goddard (50), one of Swindon's best known photographers, of Croft Road, Old Town, is continuing a family tradition started by his father in the 1950s. His studio at Queen Victoria House in Albert Street is, as expected, geared up for colour photography, but he does nevertheless get requests for black and white photographs occasionally. 'It is a backward step in a way, but people often want something different and see it as an art medium,' he explains.

Mostly his work involves happy events, weddings, new babies, children and family groups and he says

a smile is not essential to produce a good result as some believe – because there's just as much character in an unsmiling face.

But people are not the only life form privileged to have their existence recorded for posterity. Many pets, particularly of the canine classes, are brought along to pose for the camera. Philip recalls one particularly moving case of a woman who brought her family of dogs for a final group sitting. 'There were two whippets and an ailing mongrel which was old, blind, incontinent and had three legs. His name was, ironically, Lucky!' Soon after his

visit to the studio where he posed happily, he made his last one-way journey to the vet. His photograph with his 'brothers' is a lasting sentimental treasure to his owner.

A single parent since Nicholas was six years old – he's now nearly 18 – Philip admits his job is not a big money maker. Although he's always enjoyed photography, 'having been brought up with it', his career did not begin in this field. He was in the RAF for 12 years from 1967 to 1979. As an aircraft technician he travelled the world at a time when package holidays were not as common as they are today.

As a young lad he belonged to the Air Training Corps (ATC) which was the catalyst for his life-long love of aircraft. Back then meetings were held in two long huts situated at the bottom of the avenue leading to Lawn woods, which were vacated by the American Air Force, who used them during the war. To alleviate their boredom – or perhaps as an act of devilment – the Americans enjoyed taking pot shots at the golden cockerel which sat on the top of Christ Church spire. 'When it was taken down for renovation it was peppered in bullet holes,' Philip recounts. When the huts were demolished sometime in the 1960s, the ATC moved to Upham Road. Philip is still involved to this day being a member of the committee.

To relax, he enjoys listening to such as Glen Miller or The Shadows, at the same time as tracing his family tree. His surname is very famous – he's a founder member of the Goddard Society which meets every couple of years [sic] and has about 300 members worldwide. He never watches TV unless he's tired, he says. A true Swindonian, born at the Maternity Home, where now stands Seymour Clinic, Kent Road, Old Town, Philip says he won't be retiring, 'I'll just fade away quietly,' he smiles."

## YOUR FAMILY TREE - 2

The back page of the last Newsletter carried an article under the above title, written by Julie of Newbury. Here is the second of the series on researching your family tree:

"You should have spent the last few months scratching your head and trying to remember just when you went to your secondary school, or just when was your brother or sister born. The ladies will have been better at this; don't they buy the birthday cards for relatives? I hope that, if you got stuck, you have contacted your relatives and asked questions. Did you know where and when your parents were married? Someone in the family probably has a collection of certificates which were needed at the time of a death, or for tax purposes or when claiming a pension. Borrow them and make copies and so build up the information on your family. If you are stuck, please contact me and I will tell you how to obtain birth, marriage or death certificates and how much they cost. They have just gone up yet again and show no signs of ever going down, so the sooner you get them the cheaper they will be!

My father was one of the youngest of a large family and was too young to be drafted into the First World War, though his elder brothers were. He had to go into the army for the Second World War, despite by then having wife and family. How about your parents? Did they serve in either conflict? Did you lose uncles and aunts? Are they remembered on war memorials? Or did they miss being killed in the First World War only to succumb to the pandemic of influenza in 1917 and 1918? Make notes and ask around."

### TELETEXT

Four items spotted by Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith from recent Teletext columns:

Two Lost Touch items, p. 681, of 6 April 1998:

"Seeking whereabouts of Bryan Goddard, lived in Malyons Rd, Ladywell, London, and worked in Canadian Pacific Cable Office, Trafalgar Sq., London, in the 1960s. Phone Robin Godfrey on 01793 874765."

And: "Seeking good friend Keith Goddard, who moved from Ashford to Kingston-upon-Thames. Please contact Peter of Northolt on 0181 930 2179."

Also, two Service Pals items from p.682, 16 March 1998:

"Royal Signals, Egypt, Japan. 83 Medwin Wireless 1946-48. Anyone still around? Especially Dave Goddard (Slough), Dave Shorter (Reg) and John Fryett (Ipswich). 01437 463563."

And: "Boness to Batavia 1945-46 calling any shipmates of LCI (L) 118 McGinty, Den. Cook, Fred Case, Herbert Wykes, Goddard, Scrivener, Ricky Neal, Gordie Maynard. Call Cliff Howe 01604 715802."

## EYE DISEASE

We have received the following appeal for help from Mrs Pat Manning of 29 Birchwood Avenue, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 3PY. Please reply to her direct if you have any information:

"John Goddard was a well known resident at Elmers End where he lived at the Elmer Lodge, less than half a mile from where I am now. A nearby road, Goddard Road, was named after him. In 1871 he was described as a retired actuary, aged 67.

One of his daughters, Louisa Davis Goddard, married Leonidas Marcondes de Montezuma (1831-95) from whom some of their descendants have inherited a progressive form of blindness called Autosomal Dominant Optic Atrophy. I am trying to help one of these descendants to find the insurance company where John Goddard worked. Moorfields Eye Hospital is engaged in long term DNA testing on this family and would like to find any possible records of Leonidas's eye problems. If he had life insurance, he had to have a medical and so we are trying to track down John Goddard's insurance company. I have an address for 'The Reversionary and Investment Company Ltd.', 3 South Square, Grays Inn, London, 1910. Do you have any more information about this John Goddard and his insurance company and why he was held in such high esteem in Elmers End?"

### BRUSHMAKERS SOCIETY

Goddards who have Suffolk ancestry might consider contacting the Society of Brushmakers Descendants. Mr Robert Taylor of 9 Marion Road, Mill Hill, London NW7 4AL, who runs it, has given the Association a family tree of the Goddards who had brushmaking descendants. It goes back to John Goddard, who also had his name spelt as Garrod, Garrood, Godhard, Gorrod and Garrard in various documents, who was born around 1753/54 at Diss and who married Ann Woodcock in 1776. The tree shows Henry Goddard and his wife Mary Diggins, who were married at Bressingham in 1805, and comes up to the present day to our members Andre and Val Goddard. However, I know that Bressingham has in the past been shown to be on other peoples trees. Please contact me if you want any more information or write direct to Robert Taylor, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for a reply. *Julie of Newbury*

### ESSEX GODDARDS

New member David Goddard of Woking's great grandfather was Robert Goddard, born in 1870 in Southall. He worked as a brick moulder. Robert's parents were William and Jane Goddard, both of whom were born in Brentford in 1840 or 1841. Does anyone recognise a common ancestry with David? Information to Julie of Newbury, please.

## GODDARD & GIBBS

### At Work in Silchester

The delightful twelfth century parish church of St Mary the Virgin at Silchester has had close contacts with the Goddard family for several centuries. The other day I called at the church to visit my parents' graves, situated on the south-west corner of the churchyard. It was very exciting to find a van parked just outside the church bearing the name 'Goddard & Gibbs' and to find the company's employees hard at work restoring the main east window. My great-grandfather was church warden here for fifty years in the nineteenth century and part of the twentieth, and it is good to see that the name Goddard is still involved in the maintenance of this historic building.

Reading the short history of the company they have very kindly provided me with, I was interested to see that "Goddard and Gibbs Studios is now the largest stained glass studios in the country employing approximately 40 people". In their finely produced company brochure there are coloured illustrations of a few of the windows they have been responsible for producing or restoring recently. Just a few of them are those at Lancing College in Sussex, the church of St Thomas More in Barking, Sy Mary's in Lambeth and the Bunyan Meeting Free Church in Bedford.

Unfortunately the origin of the Goddard connection is not known. In 1938 the glass company of Walter Gibbs and Sons bought up another small glass company called Goddard's Glass Works. They amalgamated at the same premises in Woolwich and became known as Goddard & Gibbs. I should be very pleased to hear from any member of the Goddard Association who can throw light on Goddard Glass Works. I believe that James Robert, baptised at St Mary's on the 30th August 1826, subsequently moved to Deptford where he lived for about twenty years, emigrating to New Zealand in the 1870s. It would be interesting to find out if roots that he laid down at that time were responsible for Goddard Glass Works – who are today helping to restore the church he was baptised in! Incidentally James Robert was the uncle of my great-grandfather, James, that I mentioned earlier serving as Church Warden. *Stephen of Silchester (now Epping Forest)*

*Ed.* – Stephen is Church Representative at Help The Aged and is currently writing articles for a new monthly magazine *Celebrate*, the independent magazine for the Church of England. See Newsletters 35, 36, 37 and 46 for other articles on this firm, particularly N° 35.

appointed."

If any member has any more information or claims any of these excisemen as ancestors, we should be glad to hear from them.

## JOHN INGLIS GODDARD

Members of the Executive Committee were saddened to learn of the most unexpected death of their colleague, John of Deddington, just as the last Newsletter was being posted. His sister, Association member Jane Falloon of Sallins, Co. Kildare, who spoke so eloquently at his thanksgiving service, writes:

"John Inglis Goddard died on 2 August 1998. He had only been ill for a short time, and mercifully only realised a few days before he died how serious his illness was.

He was the oldest son of Air Marshal Sir Victor Goddard, the first Patron of the Goddard Association, and Mildred Goddard, née Inglis, and was born on 27th April 1925. He went to school at Abberley Hall in Worcestershire and Bryanston, from where he gained an Exhibition to Peterhouse, Cambridge to read Mathematics. After this his career was varied: he worked for some years for I.C.I., and then became a business consultant which involved much international travelling.

In 1954 he married Susan de Lacy Bacon, and they had four children. His oldest child, Nicholas, most sadly died as the result of an accident when he was three years old. His two married daughters, who live in easy reach of his home in Oxfordshire, have provided him with eight grandchildren; and his son, who is an ordained priest in the Church of England, conducted his funeral in the beautiful church in Deddington where he and Sue had been happily living for the past four years. John had made himself very popular in the village through his friendliness and approachability, taking part in their Play Reading Society, and helping with the church of which he was just about to become secretary when he died. He will be very much missed in the village.

His great interests were photography and family records, and he was an active participator in the Goddard Association as John of Deddington. The President, Richard of Malvern, and the Treasurer, John of Shrewsbury, were both at his funeral.

We give our great sympathy to his wife Sue and his children Kate, Delia and Giles."

### OBITUARIES

The Association is sad to record the recent deaths of Rox Goddard of New Zealand and Mr J. Goddard of Doncaster and offers its sympathy to their relatives.

### FARMERS' WIVES

Member Jennifer Walker always has an eye for Goddard news. I am grateful to her for a cutting from the *South West Farmer* of June extolling the important role of women in farming. During the course of the article it mentions that Mrs Jean Goddard is the current co-chairman of the Devon branch of the WFU. Does anyone claim this lady as a relative?

## CAN YOU HELP?

**Mrs Meryl Hawxwell** of 10 Macauley Road, Bateau Bay, NSW 2261, Australia, who is looking for relatives of her family in England. Her mother is Lilian Alfreda Goddard born 1903 and now celebrating her 95th birthday. She had a brother William born around 1893 (who married a Hilda and had children Cathline, Brenda and Tony and lived in Hook, near Chessington, Surrey), and two other brothers, Wilfred and Earnest, and a half sister Ruby Alberta Ali Khan. Her grandmother was Rose Churchman, later Goddard, later Ali Khan, who at some time lived in Guildford, Surrey, and whose parents probably lived at Frogmore, Windsor. Anyone who can help, please write direct to Mrs Hawxwell.

New member **Mr Scott Goddard** of Great Falls, Montana, who writes that his great great grandfather, Thomas Goddard, lived in Stretton on Dunsmore, Warwickshire. His wife was the former Miss Elizabeth Newberry. Their son Samuel Albert Goddard was born 21 January 1848, but emigrated and died in Salmon, Idaho in 1933. Are there any members with a similar pedigree, or any who would be willing to do some research in Stretton on Dunsmore? Scott would like to visit this country and meet some relatives.

**Mrs May Leslie** of 13 Te Paka Crescent, Kamo, Whangarei, New Zealand, whose Goddard connection is through her father's family. He was Arthur Charles Hammond, born 27 May 1892 in Peckham. He left home at 16 and went to Scotland where he married. He found his mother again in 1938 in Plumstead. She was Eliza Hammond née Greenfield, born 18 November 1867 in Old Town, Croydon, married 26 February 1888 at St James Church Kennington. She died in Plumstead in 1961 aged 93. Her parents were Henry James (Harry) Greenfield and Jane Olive Lock, who married 24 October 1864 at All Saints Church, Clapham, Wandsworth Rural District. Jane Olive's parents were George Lock and Caroline Goddard who married 16 August 1841 at St Luke's Church, Norwood, Surrey. They had two children, James born in Rouen, Normandy, France, and Jane Olive born in Surrey Street, Croydon. According to Jane Olive's birth certificate, Caroline was a widow when Jane was born. In the 1851 census Caroline is at 3 Husons Court, Middle Street, Croydon, a visitor, a widow aged 28, with James 8 and Jane Olive 6. Caroline's birth place is given as Hook, Surrey. Her parents were William Goddard and Jane Chitts, who married on 6 January 1817 at Kingston upon Thames. Their family were George 1817, Maria 1819, Caroline 1821, Olive 1824 and Emma Jane 1827. She thinks William Goddard's parents were George Goddard and Olive. If anyone can add to or amend any of this she would be very grateful.

**Warren J. Luxford** of Charlton Dale, 17 Miles

Street, Inverell, NSW 2360, Australia, who is descended from a James Goddard, born about 1759-61, who married Martha Briting, probably in Kenninghall where they were buried, though it is possible that they came from Wymondham. If you recognise this family, please write to Warren.

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## INDECENT ASSAULT

A charge of rape was subsequently dropped in favour of a guilty plea to the lesser charge of indecent assault against Peter Goddard, a 40 year old married taxi driver from Benfleet in Essex. Giving a lift late at night to a young girl, he was alleged to have raped her three times in the back of the taxi in different locations in London before dropping her off at Waterloo station. His version was that she offered him sex for £20 and that he succumbed because she was pretty; only afterwards did he discover that she was no more than thirteen. She had run away from home and was on her way to visit a pop idol. He has not yet been sentenced.

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## TELETEXT

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

Service Pals from 28 July: "Seeking old pals HQ 37 LAA Reg't ME and N. Africa 1941-43 especially Ivan Goddard of Streatham, Jim Baker of Hackney, Sid Walker of Yorkshire. Call Eric Spurgeon, Guildford on 01483 - 576091."

Lost Touch from 3 August: "Seeking Louise Merry sister of Clara Jeffries née Goddard believed to live in Birmingham. Please contact Ray Jeffries on 01922 - 448253."

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## SLIMMING CLASS

Jennifer Walker has kindly sent me a snippet from the *Swindon Evening Advertiser* of 14 July – notice of a change of venue for Jennie Goddard's slimming class from the Nythe to the Coleview Community Centre. If anyone in the area is feeling energetic or merely wishes to find out who she is, ring Swindon 530196.

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## GODDARD ARMS

Readers of Newsletter N° 41 will recall the article featuring landlords Terry and Lesley Court of the Goddard Arms at Clyffe Pypard, who had developed the pub as a very successful cultural centre by encouraging young artists of all sorts – painters, sculptors, musicians – by giving them the chance to display their talents. Unfortunately Terry suffers from asthma and the workload has now become too much for him so that they are reluctantly having to put the pub up for sale. Yours for £200,000 if you are not too late, as this article, kindly sent by Jennifer Walker, is dated 24 July.

## UNWANTED CERTIFICATES

I am very grateful to those who continue to send in unwanted birth, marriage and death certificates. Here are another 21 (fourteen of them from Alan of Ormond, Victoria, Australia) to be claimed by their rightful descendants:

Three **birth** certificates: On 8 November 1841 George Goddard at 38 The Manston Coal Wharf, Camden Town in the County of Middlesex, to Joseph (a resident agent) and Ann Goddard (formerly Holmes, née Townend). On 12 February 1845 Mary Ann Goddard at Easton, Pewsey in the County of Wiltshire, to Joseph (a cordwainer) and Jane Goddard (née Goddard). And on 12 June 1890 Albert Victor Goddard at 15 Lancaster Mews, St John, Marylebone in the County of London, to Edward Henry (a cab owner) and Jessie Goddard (née Turner).

Two **marriage** certificates: On 19 February 1849 Thomas Goddard (bachelor, a brickmaker and son of William Goddard) to Harriet Turner (spinster), both of West Street, Reading, at the parish church of St Lawrence, Reading. And on 22 September 1850 Henry Goddard (bachelor, a porter and son of John Goddard) to Ann Romais (spinster, daughter of John Samuel Romais), both of Old Church Street, Paddington, at St Mary's Church, Paddington in the county of Middlesex.

And sixteen **death** certificates:

Date	Name	Occupation	Age	Place
17 February 1843	Samuel	Farmer	46	Hardley, Loddon, Norfolk
3 November 1850	John	Labourer	46	Kentish Town, St Pancras, Middlesex
2 February 1856	John	Carpenter	71	All Souls, Marylebone, Middlesex
17 April 1857	John	House Proprietor	76	North East Chelsea, Middlesex
24 October 1867	James Gibson	(father a tailor)	24 hrs	Halesworth, Blything, Suffolk
5 September 1858	John	-	15	St Pancras, Camden Town, Middlesex
24 January 1860	John	Former Coal Dealer	81	28 Dartmouth St, Westminster, Middlesex
3 November 1860	John	Cow keeper	56	Belgrave, Hanover Square, Middlesex
10 November 1861	John	Formerly Tailor	73	Standon, Ware, Hertfordshire
3 September 1863	John	Plasterer	43	52 Devonshire St, Marylebone, Middlesex
6 June 1864	John	(father a gas stoker)	13	12 Gloucester St, Shoreditch, Middlesex
6 February 1865	Matilda Eleanor	(father a carpenter)	13 mts	19 Georges Rd, Islington, Middlesex
27 November 1865	John	Artist - painter	86	Romsey Rise, Islington, Middlesex
6 September 1869	John	Shoemaker	72	Nottingham, Kensington, Middlesex
29 October 1871	John Gibson	(father a gas worker)	21 mts	17 Randalls Cottages, Islington, Middlesex
6 December 1881	Matilda	Widow	81	Belgrave, Hanover Square, Middlesex

Apply to Richard of Malvern (address on back page) for any of these certificates.

### RESEARCH DEPARTMENT ACQUISITIONS

We have recently acquired lists of the Goddards in the 1851 census for the counties of Norfolk, Devon and Warwickshire. (We have had Wiltshire and Hampshire in this census for some time). We also have notes of people with Goddard as a first name, probably indicating that they were related to the Goddards (probably a mother's maiden name). Examples are

Goddard Buscall who was born in Watton, Norfolk in 1797 but was living in Shipdham in 1851, and

Goddard Buskall who was born in Shipdham in 1806 but who was living in Dunham in 1851.

Sort that one out!

Also, besides the Goddards in the 1881 census for England and Wales and Scotland in name order, we now also have Suffolk and Wiltshire in place order. Give us the name of a place and we can tell you what Goddards were living there on 3rd/4th April 1881.

Don't forget that we have *Abstracts of Goddard Wills from 1405 to 1815*. That does not mean that we have every Goddard will that was ever made; the bias is towards the southern counties. Lists of wills held in north, west and eastern county record offices will be very welcome.

*Julie of Newbury*

### SWINDON'S HOSPITALS

An article in the *Swindon Evening Advertiser* for 8 September, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the NHS, claimed that Swindon had practised health care for 250 years and said it was all started by the Goddards:

"The pest house, established to segregate people with contagious diseases and anti-social habits, was on land given by Swindon's squires, the Goddard family, in 1753. The site, not far from what is now St Mary's Church in the Mall, was then well away from its nearest neighbours.....people with typhoid and smallpox were consigned there. So were those suffering from mental illness which made them a public nuisance. The Goddards also gave a patch of land for a blind house at the corner of Bath Road and Devizes Road." Over one hundred years later in 1899 " Fitzroy Pleydell Goddard, the last of the Old Town squires, sold 3.75 acres of land to the Swindon and District Hospital Board as the site for an isolation hospital at Gorse Hill. It cared for people – many of them children – who were suffering from diphtheria, scarlet fever, tuberculosis and other contagious killer diseases – which often reached epidemic proportions in Swindon. Eventually the site also housed an ambulance station and the hospital's laundry."

## THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

We have three quite dissimilar daughters with three things in common: The family name, Goddard of course! A fondly held belief that money does actually grow on trees! And each has received the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

According to the commercial, the objective of the D of E Award Scheme is to encourage young people to use their leisure time in activities that provide personal challenge and development. It is divided into three levels each consisting of four sections: Service, Expedition/Exploration, Skills and Physical Activity. From a parental viewpoint the concept held a variety of attractions during the dangerous period when our children were marching across the teenage minefield of acne and boys, into the adult world of careers and boys. That was the 'commercial', now for the truth.

The Scheme can be compared with the great mythological treacle mine; once you're in there you're stuck and no amount of pushing or pulling will ever tear you free until your offspring achieves her objective of that little bit of paper which tells the world that she has done it! But what do us poor parents get – apart from a cup of tea at Government House and a complimentary ticket to a padded cell?

The girls worked hard for their Awards and enjoyed the challenge plus the new skills that they acquired. We gained a great deal of satisfaction and numerous grey hairs in the process, plus blisters, aches and pains in all sorts of convenient spots together with a raft of survival skills that would qualify us for the Marine Commandos or the SAS.

It was the Expeditions that we dreaded! Physical Activities we could treat with the normal ostrich like contempt exhibited by wise parents with the maturity and wisdom of middle age, well at least 32 plus! In short, we ignored them! Skills and Service were easy. We would speed them merrily on their way each week with a Victorian push and a pat to their chosen victims – but for the Expeditions we were also expected to get active and participate. The Expeditions demanded practices building up stamina for the monumental effort required to achieve the ultimate. Thank goodness we didn't live near Everest because we seemed to have climbed more muddy mountains than Julie Andrews achieved in the Sound of Music. Exertion designed to build up youthful stamina seemed to have the opposite effect on the more mature members of the family. The hip flasks became larger with each passing trek – and, of course, heavier to carry!

We were secretly relieved when our youngest daughter chose canoeing on the Whanganui River as her final expedition. Paddling canoes along a sunlit waterway appeared to be a most genteel way of spending an Easter,

or so we thought. Anyone who had passed a misspent youth at sea could certainly expect to enjoy the experience as well as the passing scenery. Perhaps the Whanganui when it is not in flood is really like that but I personally don't ever intend to go back and find out. Survival not scenery was our main preoccupation as we flailed frantically through rapid after rapid. The Duke of Edinburgh used to be at sea; I would have dearly liked to have him in the canoe to wield a paddle through the panic. Now it's all over. We did enjoy our cup of tea at Government House; we felt we deserved it!

*Ian of Wellington*

## SINGER & FRIEDLANDER

The Singer & Friedlander Sunday Times Watercolour Competition has taken place once again and the winners for 1998 announced. And once again Stephen Goddard has taken second prize (see Newsletter N° 37), this time with a portrait of his father John – all his other prizes have been won with portraits of his family. It is said to be his unusual, highly personal technique, as well as his ability to capture a likeness and suggest character, which repeatedly impress the judges. But Stephen says that his portraits are actually not typical of his normal work which "is more imaginative and personal". I am grateful to Margaret of Worsley for this information.

## SUPERSTORES

The two-year study highlighting superstores as the destroyers of small towns – something which most people would have identified in five minutes – was published on 25 September. Its main author was Chris Goddard, working for the firm of C.B. Hillier Parker which had been commissioned by the government.

## NICHOLAS GODDARD

Not content with gaining his pilot's licence, Executive Committee member Philip of Swindon's son Nicholas, an Air Training Corps Flight Sergeant with the town's 1244 Squadron, has recently been parachuting. He joined his father to complete a sponsored jump at South Cerney, organised with the Silver Stars Parachute Club, and helped raise £200 for squadron funds. I am grateful to member Jennifer Walker for this snippet.

## NEW MEMBERS

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

Mr R.J. Aubrey, 29 Harrop Road, Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA15 9DD.  
Mrs M. Gee, Rose Cottage, Church Street, Monyash, Nr Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1JH.  
Mrs M. Goddard, 1a The Rookery, Birchley Heath, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, CV10 0RA.  
Mr P. Goddard, 26 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin 2, Eire.  
Mr S. Goddard, 1206 6th Avenue North, Great Falls, Montana 59401, USA.  
Mr S.J. Goddard, Ouselund, Church Street, Tempsford, Sandy, Bedfordshire, SG19 2AN.  
Mr T. Goddard, 26 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin 2, Eire.  
Mrs A.V. Hockaday, 15 Stoford Place, Broadway, Ilminster, Somerset, TA19 9RZ.  
Mr M.W. Rowland, 9 Mill Lane, Woodford Green, Essex, IG8 0UN.

## MARRYING YOUR SISTER-IN-LAW

I am grateful to Association member Evelyn Tank both for the following article and for securing permission from the author to print it. The latter is Mr Vic Gale, and his article "Marriage with a deceased wife's sister – another instance" originally appeared in the WSFHS magazine *Root & Branch* for September 1997. He writes: "I was interested to read Kate Maslen's article on this topic in the June 1997 issue of *Root & Branch*. I am sure she is right in her conclusion that such marriages were invalid in law until the beginning of this century and were consequently voidable if, as she says, anyone chose to argue the matter. This certainly seems to have been the opinion of my maternal great-grandfather (who had undertaken such a marriage) when he wrote his will in 1903, only a few years before the passage of the Deceased Wife's Sister Marriage Act of 1907 which resolved the problem thereafter.

My great-grandfather, John George Goddard, married Mary Ann Clutterbuck at Brentford in 1846. Mary Ann died in November 1856 and ten months later, in September 1857, John George married her younger sister, Henrietta, who died in 1883. Children had been born to both sisters. Whether he actually foresaw problems arising or was simply being cautious is not clear, but John George spelled out his thoughts and wishes very thoroughly when he wrote his will.

In the preamble to his bequests he said, "Whereas my late wife Henrietta Goddard otherwise Clutterbuck was the sister of my first wife sometime since deceased and I am advised that such marriage was by law illegal and void and that the children of the said Henrietta.....are in the eyes of the law illegitimate....." thus acknowledging his problem. He then indicated his wishes, thus: "Now I do hereby declare.....that wherever in this my will the words child or children are used they shall be taken to include and mean (in addition to the children I have had by my first wife) all my children I have had by the said Henrietta Goddard otherwise Clutterbuck and for the purposes of my will they shall take and be entitled to all interests.....to the same extent as they would have done if they had been lawfully born in wedlock and not illegitimate.....". One would have thought that would have been sufficient, but he strengthened his intention by going on "if any person or persons.....entitled to any share.....under this my will.....shall dispute or attempt to dispute the legality or validity of any devises or bequests.....in favour of the said children which I have had by her the said Henrietta Gddard otherwise Clutterbuck that all devises and bequests.....to any such person or persons shall become absolutely void and of no effect.....".

My great-grandfather died in 1908. How it all turned out and whether there were any disputes I do not know.

There was a considerable estate to be dealt with and his specific bequests went on, after what I have reported above, for a further two pages of close type. What I do know is that none of it reached me!"

## PIE SHOP

Readers of previous Newsletters – Nos 17, 19 & 21 to be precise – will remember the Goddard Pie shop established in Greenwich in 1890. It is in the news again, and I am grateful to David of Kew and to Julie of Newbury's daughter Sarah for both spotting the article in the *London Evening Standard* of 30 March. The article in general was examining the effects, both good and bad, of the Millennium Dome on the area. As far as the pie shop, currently run by brothers Jeff and Kane Goddard, is concerned the effect is bad. The Docklands Light Railway is building its new 'Cutty Sark' station right behind their kitchen. The shop, whose fabric dates back to the seventeenth century, was due to be demolished to make way for the planned shopping and leisure centre above the station; but they persuaded MP Tony Banks to visit it and he got it listed. The Goddards are freeholders, but they could be turfed out if the ministry's inspector confirms a compulsory purchase order. The *Evening Standard*, to whom we are indebted for the



photograph, quoted Jeff as saying: "They shouldn't put something like that down, bang wallop, like Milton Keynes in the middle of a conservation area. We serve everyday food. It's not haute cuisine. But the Council and English Partnerships (who are overseeing the development) have a contempt for small businesses. The Dome could be a great business opportunity for years to come. But they should leave all that modern stuff out on the peninsula. It's not what anyone comes to Greenwich for."

## LIFT NEEDED

Association member Miss Rachel Goddard of 14 Maple Road, Thurmaston, Leicester, LE4 8AJ, wishes to attend the AGM in Swindon, but cannot get there by public transport in the day. Can anyone coming from that direction offer her a lift? Her telephone number is 0116 269 4235.

## 1998 AGM

This year's AGM will be held once again at the Goddard Arms Hotel in Swindon on Sunday 17 May, as indicated in the last Newsletter. The format will be very similar to previous years. A buffet lunch will be available for those who book it in advance, ringing 01793 - 692313. The AGM will begin at 2.00pm or soon after, and the Agenda will be as follows:

1. Welcome by the President.
2. Apologies.
3. Minutes of the last AGM.
4. Matters arising.
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Co-ordinators' Reports.
7. Election of Officers:
  - a). President.
  - b). Secretary.
  - c). Treasurer.
8. Election of Committee Members: Brian and Philip retire by rotation, are eligible for re-election and are willing to stand again.
9. Date and Place of the next AGM.
10. Any other business.

The formal business will be followed by the presentation of the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial for 1997, and a presentation to the Goddard Arms Hotel. There will then be a workshop run by Jean Cole, the highly experienced professional genealogist, for both beginners and the more advanced – a chance for any of you to find the answers to those illusive problems that have perhaps been bugging you for years. I hope as many of you as possible will come to Swindon this year, and I look forward to seeing you there.

## SWINDON GODDARD PETS

I am grateful to member Jennifer Walker for an article from a copy of the *Swindon Evening Advertiser* written last April. It relates the fact that the Goddards who lived on the Lawn estate at Swindon erected headstones to their pets. These were originally placed near the house towards the Church. But, during the Second World War when the house had been acquired by the old Swindon borough and was used as a billet for American troops, the soldiers began to destroy them. It was then that the spectre of the White Lady started to appear. It was said that this ghostly figure in white was seen to walk through the woods, terrifying the young soldiers; she was thought to be the ghost of one of the Goddard ladies of the Lawn, annoyed at the disturbance of her beloved pets' memorial garden. After the war, when rangers were clearing the park, they removed the remaining headstones to the woods to save them from further destruction or being taken to the tip. They can still be seen under a tree at the lower end of the park.

## SAMPLER

To prevent it falling into other hands, the Association has recently acquired from a lady in Harrogate a fine early nineteenth century Goddard sampler, first mentioned in Newsletter N° 24. It takes the form of a register of the birth – and, sadly, in three instances of the death – of the ten children of Samuel and Betty Goddard between 1789 and 1810, coupled with various pictures and other writing. The Samuel concerned was a clothier from Cheshire and featured in former Association member Michael Barefoot's book on his Goddard ancestors. The cost is £300 and it will be on display at the AGM and, hopefully, reunited with the right branch of the family. Failing that it will be available to other offers.

## THE VOX POP

The Vox Pop is a feature of the *Swindon Evening Advertiser* in which ordinary members of the public get a chance to air their views on the issue of the week. Twice in early March Goddards had something to say, and I am grateful to Association member Jennifer Walker for sending me the relevant cuttings. On 4 March the issue was the threatened £1,000 fines for dog owners whose pets foul public places. Bazz Goddard, aged 20, a builder, said: "This is a very good move and I am certainly in favour of it and maybe it should be a lot higher so that dog owners get the message. It is dangerous for children and very annoying when you get it on your shoes." Three days later the issue was the raising by £2.50 to £13.50 of the price of a ticket to watch Swindon Town footballers play, at that time about half way up (or down) the First Division. Michael Goddard, aged 31, unemployed of Gambia Street, Swindon, said: "I think people who support Swindon will support them anyway, it won't matter how much the ticket price is. I guess it's expensive for some, but if you really want to go you will probably go. I guess there are several things the team could do to improve on the field – more team work."

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