

The Goddard Association of Europe

NEWSLETTER

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FRED GODDARD RACING

Fred was brought up on a farm in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) in the 1940s and 50s. This involved not only looking after the animals and any crops, but turning your hand to anything. This he did, fixing cars and tractors and any other bits of machinery that might need fixing. Whilst at school his ambition was to work with cars and this led to his interest in cars and onto an engineering course at Bulawayo College.

His first job wasn't actually with cars (he became an apprentice gunsmith) before moving on to what he really wanted, a motoring apprenticeship. His love of cars continued, working on Jaguar cars for a short time in England, and starting up in his own garage in Rhodesia. Fred Goddard Motors then expanded and moved to new premises in Fife Street.

All this time Fred had been pursuing his hobby of racing, his love starting at about the age of eighteen. He started (as many professional drivers did/do) in Formula Ford, progressing to Formula 2, and then his major love of sports cars.

In those days things didn't work on the scale and at the pressure which they do today. There wasn't always a team of mechanics, engineers and managers to back you up. If something went wrong you just jumped out of the car, fixed it, got back in and carried on with the race. Fred built and worked on his own car, and did the races in his own time, whilst running his own business. He, as well as many other drivers, ran their own cars on a shoestring, or non-existent budget.

In 1968, 1969 and 1970 Fred came second in Formula 2 in South Africa. In 1976 and 1977 he won the sports car championship in Rhodesia. He continued to race during the 1970s and 1980s, finally deciding that as other drivers were becoming quicker than he was it was about time he retired! As racing drivers never really retire he thought his talents could be put to better use helping others win races.



Fred Goddard
For a photograph of son Earl in
action, see the back page

In 1989 Fred moved to England to set up his own team. Fred Goddard Racing was born, starting in Formula 3, running drivers on limited budgets and still managing to get respectable times and wins. (Most of the Formula 1 drivers follow the route of Karting, Formula Ford, Formula 3, Formula 3000 and then Formula 1.) Since then the team has raced Formula 3, British Formula 2 and Sports Cars. They have raced in Britain, Japan, Germany, Ireland, Canada and South Africa. One of the best moments was winning the Formula 2 race in Canada with Gio Franko Canè (Ayrton Senna's team mate from Formula Ford days).

The team is based at the Silverstone circuit in the ex-Jordan Grand Prix premises. Last year they ran Owen Mildenhall in Formula Ford 1st Division, winning the championship. Fred's son Earl (one of five children – the other four all daughters) also started his single seater racing in Formula Ford after a season in Karts. The team also won in the Boss Formula with Duncan Gray.

This year Fred Goddard Racing is running several drivers; Earl Goddard and Julian Barratt in Formula Ford, Klaus Zwart in a Formula 1 Footwork, in the Boss Championship, Paul Osborne in a Formula 1 Tyrrell Jean Alesi, and also Duncan Gray, the reigning Boss Formula 3000 champion.

The story doesn't end here. Whilst Fred is still running Fred Goddard Racing, his 'racing blood' has continued in his son Earl (aged 18), who won his first single seater race on 26th April this year in the British Slick 50 Formula Ford 1st Division at Silverstone. At his next race on 4th May at Donnington Park he took pole position, achieved the fastest lap, broke the lap record, and came first. He's looking forward to his next race at Brands Hatch at the end of May! *Denise of Solihull*

YOUR FAMILY TREE

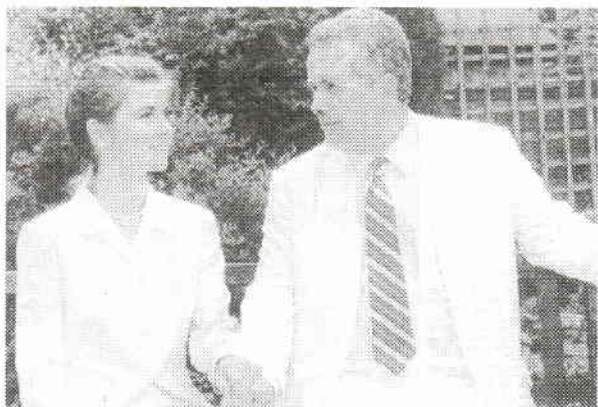
Having asked at the AGM if anyone was following my step-by-step instructions in the Newsletter and having received an answer of 'one', and also having had no letters or queries about the two instalments already printed, I have decided to employ a different approach. Jean Cole was kind enough to hand out at the AGM her instruction leaflet for beginners; I will make this available to anyone who asks. The newish magazine *Practical Family History* also has instructions for beginners printed in the inside of the covers. It is readily available from all good booksellers (ask if you don't see it) priced at £1.70.

I am still available for consultation by any GAE members with queries, but post only please – no phone calls.

Julie of Newbury

MARTIN'S BELLE

Readers of Newsletter N° 43 will recall that Martin Bell, former war correspondent of the BBC and now anti-sleaze MP for Tatton in Cheshire, had a girl friend called Fiona Goddard. Margaret of Worsley, amongst others, has spotted that he married her on Friday 17 July at Canterbury Register Office after an engagement lasting a year, and then introduced her to the press on



Monday at his constituency home in Great Budworth for what would be her one and only photocall which, he said, she "viewed with less relish than a firing squad". Aged 32, she is 27 years his junior and becomes his third wife. She works for a design company and has a home in Egerton, Kent, where she plans to spend most weekends while he is up north on constituency business. Her father, Bob, is a landowner in Kent and said to be a staunch Tory supporter; he was also said to be too busy haymaking to attend the wedding, but delighted at the union. Martin also has a home at Golders Green, north London, but he will not be there much in the immediate future as he is just off to Burundi with two other MPs on a Unicef-sponsored trip. And on his return he will be having hip surgery. An unconventional start to married life for Fiona Goddard. Our congratulations; we wish her well. Does any member claim her as a relative?

SAMPLER

The sampler recently saved by the Association and on display at the AGM had no takers at £300, which is cost price. As indicated previously, it ought to be reunited with a descendant of the family it commemorates, which is that of Samuel Goddard born at Brownbrow and baptised at Mellor, New Mills, Derbyshire, on 12 May 1764 and his wife Betty Shallcross, born at Disley, Cheshire, and baptised on 20 March 1771; her family later moved to Shallcross Hall, Whaley Bridge. They married at Stockport at the beginning of 1789 and had nine children, as the sampler records – it is the work of Mary, the oldest, born later that year – born at Brownbrow, New Mills and Laneside, Low Leighton. The family then moved to Longton Hall, Staffordshire. Samuel died in 1845, but Betty had predeceased him, on 18 December 1839; both are buried in Mellor churchyard.

Originally agricultural labourers, whose line can be traced back in Mellor to 1628, Samuel became an innkeeper and, as the late Michael Barefoot says, probably improved his 'stock' when he married Betty Shallcross. Their eldest son and second child, Thomas, born on 19 September 1791 (died 1872), "apart from being a surgeon, was a man with many interests; a master potter, colliery owner and iron master is to name but a few". He married Eliza Palmer in 1817 and they had eight children "who went into a variety of professions. Of the boys the eldest was Samuel Palmer [1818-66] and he followed in his father's footsteps and entered the medical profession. John Hackett [born 1820] was in business in the coal and iron industry and also exported china. Thomas [born 1823] became a clergyman and William [born 1831] a civil engineer."

FIRE OFFICER

The Easter floods have brought one Goddard some unwelcome publicity. I am grateful to Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith for sending me a cutting from the *Daily Mail* which reported that Milton Keynes Fire Authority has been charging £278.50 an hour for each crew that attended to pump out flooded premises, as the cost of the operation totalled some £50,000 which they could not afford. Jeff Goddard, Chief Fire Officer, said the brigade had no statutory duty to carry out the work it did at 90 households and was not funded to do it. "We are sorry that we have to do this and understand it is the last thing people need after a disaster. But the work is not covered by the brigade's budget. Our budget this year is extremely tight and this will put it under severe strain. Having to charge for this kind of work puts us in an extremely difficult and embarrassing position, but the Home Office sets standards that we have to maintain all year." An insurance spokesman said that homeowners would probably be able to claim back the charges.

CAN YOU HELP?

New member **Mrs N.L. Bull** of Tring, who is interested in her husband's family who were Goddards of Faringdon and Eaton Hastings in Berkshire and include the distinctively named Boaz Goddard. We already have a member descended from that tree, Malcolm Simpson of Didcot, and we used to have a Mrs D. Smalley of Wokingham (who gave us a large family tree) but have unfortunately lost touch with her. If anyone else has Boaz on their tree, or could help find Mrs D. Smalley we should be grateful to hear. Write to Julie at Newbury first.

New member **Barry Goddard** of Nottingham, who thinks that he is the descendant of David Goddard 1867-1949, son of John and Eliza Goddard of Ellough, Suffolk. The family were agricultural labourers and moved from farm to farm and village to village, staying briefly in Huntingfield, Cratfield, Brampton, Wrentham and Walpole amongst others. Is anyone else descended from this family? Write to Julie at Newbury, please.

Diane Goddard Rea, whose Goddards are hardworking bricklayers from Monks Kirby in Warwickshire. They moved to Staffordshire to live at Burton on Trent. Does anyone recognise this family and know anything about them? Write to Julie of Newbury, please.

Anne Hockaday, a friend of Julie of Newbury, who has discovered a Goddard in her family tree and would like to know more. Edie (Edith) Milton Goddard died at 55 Amberley Road, North End, Portsmouth in 1937. Informant at her death was her father, John Milton Goddard, a shipwright. Can any member of the Association from that area help? Replies to Julie at Newbury.

BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Several members spotted the three Goddards in last month's Birthday Honours list. Mrs Joan Goddard of Ottery St Mary, Devon, received the MBE for services to the WRVS and the WI. Mr Jeffrey Goddard, the Chief Fire Officer of Buckinghamshire, received the OBE; he has already been mentioned on the previous page. And Air Vice Marshal Peter John Goddard, AFC, RAF, received the CB. Our congratulations to all three, none of whom, according to Membership Secretary John, are known to be members of the Association.

TELETEXT

An item spotted by Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith from the Teletext columns:

Lost Touch p. 681 from 27 April: "Seeking Keith Goddard. Moved from Ashford to Kingston-upon-Thames. Old friends are keen to get in touch. Phone Peter on 0181 930 2179."

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

The *Newbury Weekly News*, like many other local papers, has a column in which items from the paper twenty-five, fifty, seventy-five, a hundred, and one hundred and fifty years ago are highlighted. I am grateful to Margaret Young for having prompted me to note the following, which came from the edition of 12 July 1923:

"Compton [the one north of Newbury] was one of the first of the local villages to honour their beloved warriors, and its Memorial to the Fallen in the Great War was erected and unveiled as long ago as August 1919.....Recently it has been the general desire to re-erect in a convenient position near the War Memorial the actual crosses which had been set up over the graves of the fallen heroes on the battlefields abroad. Three of those simple crosses have already been transferred to this most desirable spot. They commemorate the names of Private Goddard, of the 7th Royal Berks, who died on October 18th 1918, just prior to the Armistice; Private A. Carter, 36th Northumberland Fusiliers, who made the supreme sacrifice on June 17th 1918, and Private W. Heath, of the 1st Royal Berks, who died of wounds received in action in France on May 17th 1917....."

Consulting John of Accrington's list of 'Goddards who died in the Great War 1914 to 1918', I find that Private Goddard was Charles Freeman Goddard who was born at Speen, near Newbury, son of James and Rose F. Goddard and husband of Elsie Minnie Goddard. He died aged 35 at Salonika. Others might like to consult John's list for their soldier fathers, grandfathers, cousins, uncles or great uncles. Copies are kept by John in Accrington and Julie in Newbury.

In the same newspaper, under the heading of 125 years ago, 10 July 1873, another Goddard is mentioned. He was a Sergeant Goddard of the Maidstone police at the time. A man had presented himself at Maidstone police station and confessed in great detail about a murder he claimed to have committed. Sergeant Goddard had concluded that the man was drunk and imagining the incident and sent him on his way. *Julie of Newbury*

PATRON

I am delighted to announce that Earl G. Goddard of Palo Alto, California, has accepted the Executive Committee's invitation to become a Patron of the Association in recognition of his generous support over the years.

REUNION

Margaret of Worsley has been in correspondence with a Mrs M.A. Turnbull, née Goddard, whom she spotted in her local paper trying to stage a reunion for 19th September of all former pupils of Sale Grammar School for Girls who started there fifty years ago in 1948; I am delighted to say that she has joined the Association.

WAR TIME SECRETS

Calling Old Beaumanor Staff

A request from Julie of Newbury: "I was brought up in Woodhouse Eaves, a small village in Leicestershire and, although I left some time ago, my sister still lives there. She belongs to the local historical society which is studying the history of the village and of the big house of the next village, Beaumanor, which was used during the Second World War and after as a radio listening centre. Those of you who have read Robert Harris's book *Enigma*, about the use of codes during the war, will remember that the hero of the book visits Beaumanor for help. My sister has been visiting me and on a day spent exploring Newbury, she ventured into the local branch of Waterstones and discovered for sale on a shelf in the military section *Beaumanor Staff Magazine 1941-45 and The Woygian 1945-1949*. She bought it and we have been eagerly scanning its pages, laughing at the cartoons, the descriptions of war time life, parodies of popular poems and the announcements of engagements and marriages of some of our relatives. On page xvii we found "A farewell from the House of Beaumanor", a poem written by someone who had worked there during the war and returned to see it again in 1970. Two verses go:

'You came in the crisis of war, sirs,
From Chicksands and places unknown,
A.T.S. girls worked alongside you,
and together the station was born.

Officers in charge I remember,
Ellingworth, Duvivier and Wort,
Jack Kelsall, Eddy Goddard, and Basted,
They came, went, and left their mark.'

Can anyone identify Eddy Goddard? If he or someone who knows of him could contact me and my sister we should be delighted to give him the rest of the poem and to exchange news of old Beaumanor."

HALF MARATHON

Congratulations to Brian Goddard, who came 1,700th out of a field of over 2,500 when representing Buxton Athletics Club in the Wilmslow Half Marathon earlier in the year, in a time of 1:53.57. The winner set a new course record of 1:04.22. I am grateful to Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith for spotting this titbit.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Mrs E.M. Bostle, 11 Eastcote Avenue, Harrow, Middlesex, HA2 8AJ.
Mrs N.L. Bull, Ferndale, 84 Grove Road, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 5PB.
Mrs M.A. Cooper, 19 Foxglove Close, Wyke, Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 4TW.
Mr S. Darken, 425 Alameda del Prado, Novato, California 94949, USA.
Mr B.R. Goddard, 43 Newark Crescent, Sneinton, Nottingham, NG2 4NZ.
Mr R.F. Goddard, 109 Southdown Road, Bath, BA2 1HL.
Mrs D. Goddard Rea, 11 Wissage Lane, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 6DQ.
Mrs M.A. Turnbull, 25 Whitefield Road, Sale, Cheshire, M33 6NY.

TWO ITEMS

We have had a very interesting enquiry from Maureen Hannis of Victoria, Australia. Her ancestor, George Hannis, was butler to the Rev. Richard Goddard (1787-1844), one of the Swindon Goddards. Maureen has more information on the Rev. Richard than we have, including a copy of his will showing a bequest of £100 to his butler, George Hanniss (sic). George appears on the 1841 census of Enstone, Oxfordshire, in the vicarage household headed by the Rev. Richard and his sister, Miss Sarah Goddard. The Earl of Kintore was staying there at the time, perhaps for the hunting as the kennels of the Heythrop hounds were very near. There were three female and four male servants in the household. Unfortunately both Richard and George had died before the next census in 1851. Can anyone else add to this?

There are now three people in contact with us who are descended from the Goddards of Stroud, Gloucestershire, and the neighbouring villages. They married into the distinctively named Teakle family. Sometimes said to come from a Stroud Goddard family, Lord Goddard, the Lord Chief Justice, was actually born in London in 1877. It was his father and grandfather who had connections with Stroud, though they claimed to be part of the Chieveley branch of the Swindon Goddards and Lord Goddard took the title of Lord Goddard of Aldbourne.

Julie of Newbury

INTERNET REQUEST

The following appeared on the Internet last October 22nd. I do not know if the enquirer received any reply, but the details given are interesting and I wonder if anyone wants to volunteer any information. As I do not have an address for the sender, Al Goddard, write it to me and I will have it passed on electronically. "Hi Folks.....I'm trying to find information on my great-great-grandfather Alfred James Goddard born 13 Aug 1841 in Walsall, England. He was a musician and played in Queen Victoria's band. It is also said that the Goddards maintained Big Ben." I have checked the 1881 census and Alfred J. Goddard aged 40 is not in Staffs, Berks or Middlesex (London). *Julie of Newbury*

MISSING, PRESUMED DEAD

There is an amusing sequel to the story about Maurice Goddard and the Italian prisoner of war camp that features again in this Newsletter, and I am grateful to his brother Rex of Chichester for the information. Some time after the War, the two brothers visited their old school, John Ruskin at Croydon, and were shown the War Memorial upon which they found Maurice's name engraved! Apparently the school had obtained the information from Croydon Borough Council, and the latter had recorded a death when Maurice was listed as missing in Libya.

LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

I am grateful to Jean Cole for the following item from the *Swindon Evening Advertiser* of 11 May. The Marriott hotel in Swindon has recently received a special award from Connect Support Employment Services, a Swindon group that helps people with learning problems find jobs, for its positive attitude over the past eight years. Among those it helps is Tracey Goddard, aged 32, of Shrivenham Road; in fact, she was the first employee with learning difficulties that the Marriott helped, and she has been a part-time chamber maid there ever since. Her supervisor regards her as a real star, as she copes well with helping to prepare every bedroom to top quality standard – quite a complex task. Tracey herself said, “I was a bit nervous when I first started, but as I became more confident I took on more bedrooms to clean. I enjoy sewing and embroidery in my spare time and there’s quite an art to that, just as there is to making a room look nice.” Tracey is now in the process of being trained to an even higher standard.

JAPANESE ATROCITIES

During the Japanese Emperor’s state visit to Britain in May there was much talk about the possibility of an apology for the atrocities committed during the Second World War. On the 9.00pm news on 12 May there was a Joan Goddard speaking about the need for the Japanese to make such an apology before reconciliation could really be accomplished. She gave the impression of having been one of many children interned during the war, but it did not say where she came from. Does any member recognise her as a relative?

BOOK REVIEWS

I have recently been reviewing a pile of books for *Family Tree Magazine* and was delighted – though not surprised – to find Goddards mentioned in the first two books I picked up. *The Forebears of Sir Billy Butlin 1695-1906* by Stewart Smith tells of a peel of bells at St Andrews Church, Rugby in 1991 which was dedicated to the memory of Sir Billy in thanks for a donation from his trust fund. The bell tower captain was John Goddard.

The second book was *A Breath of Fresh Air* and is an account of of Birmingham’s Open-Air Hospitals from 1911-1970. One of the contributors is Mrs Lucy Goddard, née Steane, who was at Cropwood 1937-39.

I turned to the other books in the pile, but they were about researching your family tree in France. No Goddards – but if any of our members with French ancestry feel emboldened to try their hand in France I can recommend these books by Patrick Pontet, who seems to have thought of everything.

Julie of Newbury

LIZA GODDARD

As reported in Newsletter N° 44, one of our Patrons, Liza Goddard, is recovering from breast cancer. I am grateful to Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith for spotting an article in the *Daily Mail* earlier in the year, which highlights Liza’s positive attitude. She was diagnosed with the complaint a year ago and is now, aged 48, in remission after a lumpectomy and a course of radiotherapy. Here is her story:

“I’ve had a number of cysts over the years and I thought this was just another one. I went to the doctor and was told again it was an infected cyst. It couldn’t be drained like the others and would have to be removed. It was a cyst, but underneath it was the cancer. I’m a member of BUPA so the very next day I was able to go into hospital and have the breast cancer tissue removed. Then I had to have 25 courses of radiotherapy.

Throughout the whole thing I tried to maintain a positive attitude. I don’t think it does any good to dwell on these things. I went on a special diet and read up all about breast cancer. That made me feel much better about it. At first, I thought about having cancer all the time, but now I don’t think about it at all. I did have a scare at the New Year, though. I had a mammogram and the doctors thought they saw something, so I had another mammogram and an ultrasound, and it turned out to be nothing, which was a great relief.

Now I am very careful about what I eat. When I was told I had cancer I contacted the Bristol Cancer Help Centre and was sent a guide about what I should and shouldn’t eat, which I follow rigidly. I gave up meat, caffeine, sugar, dairy products, preservatives and margarines containing hydrogenated fats. I still don’t eat any of these things and I take plenty of vitamins. There is no conclusive proof that a good diet helps prevent cancer, but I’m sure all those things are bad for the body. I think what people really want to know is what causes cancer. When I was having treatment, the doctors were concerned with making me better and they didn’t tell me why I had it. All sorts of things go through my mind as to why I contracted it. Twenty-five years ago I was working on a play and had a particularly bad bash on my wrist, and I even wonder if that caused it. That’s why I support the charity Breakthrough. It’s doing lots of good work looking into the causes of cancer.”

Liza’s positive attitude is an example to others; we wish her a complete recovery and no more scares.

FLOWER ARRANGING

Jennifer Walker has spotted in the *Swindon Evening Advertiser* of 26 May a small announcement that the Stratton St Margaret Floral Art Society was to host an evening of flowers by Sally Goddard on Thursday 11 June. Does anyone know this lady?

HOME BY CHRISTMAS

The article 'Home by Christmas' in Newsletter N^o 45 recounted the escape of 2/Lt Maurice Goddard, Royal Artillery, from prisoner of war camp in Italy in 1943. Also at Fontanellato was a 2/Lt J.H. Goddard of the Buffs. While no one has acknowledged kinship, Rex of Chichester, Maurice's brother who originally sent me *Home by Christmas?*, has now kindly sent the eighth annual report of the Monte San Martino Trust, the body which helps the descendants of those who assisted prisoners. In it there is an account of John Goddard's adventures sent by his son, Anthony, who had seen the article in the *Daily Telegraph*. Headed 'A Honeymoon to Remember' it gives his story:

"Of the very many letters that came to the Trust after the article in the *Daily Telegraph* the most breathtaking began, 'I wonder whether I am unique in having been conceived behind enemy lines.' Anthony Goddard's father, John, had led a bayonet charge at Acroma to win an M.C. but was later in Fontanellato. His widow, Vilma, actively living in Gloucestershire, has kindly given the Trust more details of the most romantic and often dangerous story after her husband made his exit from Fontanellato.

Within a few days of that exit John Goddard and Denis Jeston chose one of two doors to knock on. Fortunately, as the other belonged to a fascist, it was that of the Costa family who lived near Salsomaggiore. Denis Jeston was soon to move on. Goddard had found an extra reason, beside the generous and courageous hospitality, to stay with the Costa family for over a year.

By December 1944, however, the line was getting nearer, the Germans more numerous and life more difficult, so it seemed wiser for Goddard to go into the mountains around Bardi, from where so many Italians had migrated to Britain and where so much English was spoken. He was befriended by John Berni (of the Berni Inns family), Mayor of Bardi. To spend the New Year there came Vilma, daughter of the Costa family, with her aunt. Finally Vilma gave in to the pleas which John had been making for several months and agreed to marry him. On 3rd January John Berni, the Mayor, married them. Three days later the snow was feet deep and at the same time the Germans decided to make a 'rastrellamento' to pick up young men in the area. The couple could not return to Salsomaggiore and so Vilma and John Goddard were 'on the run' for nearly three months for their honeymoon, sleeping in barns, kitchens and seldom beds. Finally with the help of a man parachuted in they were led through the lines near La Spezia. Vilma Goddard's first view of England at war was, like the last view for so many, the Liverpool Docks. Anthony Goddard was born in Caterham in Oct. 1945."

INTERNET

Another mysterious page, this time on the origins and distribution of the Goddard families, has appeared on the Internet; it is not sponsored by the Association. What is a particular shame is the fact that it contains several inaccuracies, which a prior check with the Association could have rectified. We are currently in the process of devising material for an Internet page of our own and would appreciate it if all efforts could be channelled through the Executive Committee.

GODDARD BINDERY GROUP

I am very grateful to my good friend Roger Hall-Jones of First Paige of Malvern, who also happens to be the printer of the Association's Newsletters, for passing on to me an article from the July edition of *Printing World*. Under the banner headline "Goddard's Welsh flagship installs new generation Hunkeler", the article talks about the installation of a brand new multi-purpose Hunkeler Master Mailer machine, the first of its kind in Europe. The firm that has just installed this £200,000 machine is the Goddard Bindery Group at their factory at Cwmfelinfach near Newport, and their managing director is Mr Terry Goddard.

Goddards is an independent, family-run print finishing business which started in Slough five years ago. It opened its branch in south Wales last year in response to customer demand at the western end of the M4 motorway and has already invested £1,200,000 in the works. Currently employing eighteen staff, the new machine means four new jobs and there is still further room for expansion. The company has a growing order book of direct mail and promotional material, and its owner hopes that its investment in the new machine can be recouped within a year. "This plant started as just a bolt-on to my group," said Terry Goddard; "now it's the flagship." Does anyone claim relationship to this enterprising Goddard?

CORRECTIONS

Julie of Newbury sends her apologies and the following corrections to the last Newsletter:

Robert Taylor asks us to point out that he does not run the Society of Brushmaker's Descendants, but Ken Doughty of 13 Ashworth Place, Church Langley, Essex, CM17 9PU does. Robert's interest is that his niece's husband had four successive generations in the business.

David Goddard of Woking's great grandfather was indeed Robert Goddard born in 1870 in Southall, but Robert's parents have proved to be not as stated, but William and Jane (Howard) Goddard who married at Woking St John the Baptist Church on 10 July 1859. William was the son of Thomas and Mary (Patrick) Goddard who married in Guildford in 1824.

RESEARCH CO-ORDINATORS' REPORTS

The major part of my work for this year has again been the preparation for the publication of the research that has been done on the Goddard family trees over the years and for which I am acting as editor. The first chapter of the North Gloucestershire Goddards was published last year; here today is the second chapter for that area, this time covering Stanway and the Vale of Evesham. The research, text and illustrations for this chapter have again been provided by Leslie, one of the Birmingham Goddards.

As we said earlier, the aim is to publish chapters each year in the form that members may make up into a loose leaf binder. In order to spread the work over a wide number of authors and a variety of Goddard families the chapters will not be published consecutively. This will reduce the pressure on any one writer to complete a chapter for a print deadline before he or she is happy with their efforts. Because we are trying to keep costs and publication time down, there may of course be several 'chapters' to a section, as for example the North Wiltshire branches where this may run to six or seven 'chapters' and take four to five years to complete. I hope that someone will provide the script for a new family or area very soon. I would love to be overwhelmed with offers of scripts in the very near future!

It is with regret that I have to say that I still have a backlog of work on information still awaiting entry onto the computer, but thanks to David of Kew for assisting in the data entry there has been a small reduction. But then again very little new work has come in this year.

To repeat something from previous years: it is unfortunate that all the material that members originally sent to Howard Goddard-Jones went missing soon after his untimely death. If you gave your family information to Howard and haven't sent it to Julie or myself since, please write to us again. If in doubt please check with us.

I hope that this is the year that not only will new family trees come flooding in, but also one or two new scripts.

Brian of Newbury

The older I get the faster time seems to fly and I can receive an enquiry and recall that we had a similar one last week.....or was it last month.....and when I look in the files I find it was last year – or even longer ago than that. It seems only like yesterday that I received the files back from Rachel and her mother when they decided that they could not take over from me. As the spaces in our filing cabinet and on the shelves had in the meantime been filled with new files and even more books, I had to do a little pruning of old wood and rearranging of the files – such as typing of all the relevant information from several letters on to one sheet of paper – and reordering

the files under counties and the names of the villages where Goddards are predominant. That and the very welcome help from John and Eileen in receiving most of the letters of enquiry and sifting out those that are about the Association per se from those with enquiries about ancestors; John also deals with enquiries about the north of England and Albert about Derbyshire and Jim about the south west so that I am left with only the Midlands and south of England. It seems to work well and I have been Research Co-ordinator for so long now that it is a way of life. That is not to say that Brian and I wouldn't like offers of help from those knowledgeable about their own specific family tree, or experienced in data inputting to help Brian with the backlog of entries to go into the index, or volunteers to go to Record Offices and Archives and make notes about Goddards from the records held there for our files.

You will have seen from the latest Newsletter that we have united two people whose ancestors came from Benhall in Suffolk and another two whose ancestors left Bunwell in Suffolk. We now have several people who are from Donhead St Andrew and Donhead St Mary on the Wiltshire / Dorset borders, but even more – fifteen at the last count – whose ancestors left the lovely Vale of Pewsey in Wiltshire. In fact, I have so many detailed trees from this area that I am trying to write one of our monographs about them. I now realise how hard Albert and Leslie must have worked on the monographs about Derbyshire and Gloucestershire. However, there are worse places than the Vale of Pewsey to potter around and we eat our sandwiches overlooking spectacular views.

My logbooks for the year are on the table; have a look at them if you are interested. I make a note of each letter or enquiry as it is received and try to answer within a few days, whether with information or the fact that we have no information, or perhaps that this will take a little time to look up – and I try to say thank you to anyone who has put themselves out to write.

The postman rarely goes past our door without pushing a handful of letters through the letterbox and one can never know what will come out of the blue – it's rather like being an Agony Aunt (as Jean here will tell you). I echo Brian's wish that more trees and queries will come flooding in, so that I can put even more people in touch with their relations, or their past.

Julie of Newbury

OBITUARIES

The Association is sad to record the recent deaths of two of its members, Mrs Cis Goddard of Painswick, Gloucestershire, and Mrs Pass of Fovant near Salisbury, and offers its sympathy to their relations.

1998 AGM

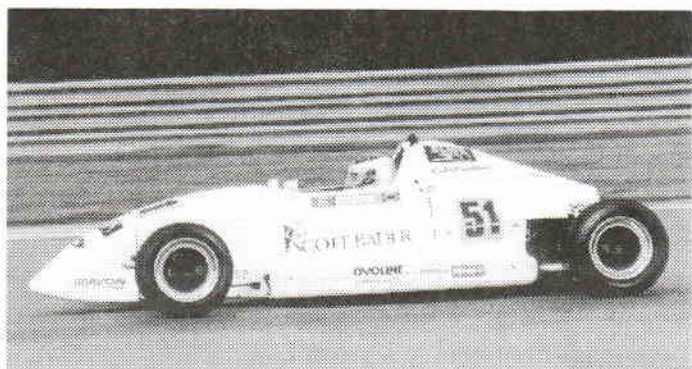
This year's AGM was held once again at the Goddard Arms Hotel in Swindon on Sunday 17 May, with some 65 members attending. Apologies that the hotel got the lunch arrangements wrong, but they had the good grace to make amends by not charging the Association for the tea and biscuits after the meeting.

The President welcomed those present and gave the list of apologies. The minutes of last year's meeting were approved and signed, and there were no matters arising. Treasurer John then gave his report, prefacing his remarks with a surprise for the President (see this page). There was a small surplus for the year, thus there is no intention of raising the subscription for the time being. Copies of the audited accounts are available from John (address below) on sending him a stamped addressed envelope. Brian and Julie, Research Co-ordinators, then gave their reports (see page 7).

The election of Officers confirmed Richard as President, Eileen as Secretary, John as Treasurer, and Brian and Philip for another three years as Committee members. It was agreed that next year's AGM should be held on a Saturday again; the venue is to be the Fleet Inn at Twynning near Tewkesbury in Gloucestershire, and the date Saturday 22 May 1999.

The Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial for 1997 was awarded to Frank of Rotorua, New Zealand, to recognise his work as the first co-ordinator the Association ever had. It was, of course, presented 'through the post' as it were, since Frank was at home in New Zealand. He has subsequently written to express his great pleasure at receiving the award and his thanks for it. This announcement was followed by a genealogical workshop, taken by Jean Cole, the agony aunt of *Family Tree* magazine, together with Julie of Newbury. Jean had just discovered, to her considerable amazement, that she was related to one of the Goddards at the meeting. Apart from several helpful tips on research, Jean fielded and answered a number of questions from the floor.

Very many thanks to those kind members who donated raffle prizes.



Earl Goddard in action
(see article on front page)

SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

The metaphorical wind was taken completely out of the President's sails when Treasurer John got up to give his annual report. He indicated that he had been economical with the truth when running through the Accounts at the Committee meeting in the morning, but that now he needed to come clean so that the Accounts could be fully presented. The reason was that, at their October meeting and when the President had temporarily left the room, the rest of the Committee had voted to make a presentation to the President to mark his twelve years of running the Association. Ironically, at the Committee meeting in the morning, the President had attempted to relinquish the office to give someone else the chance, but had been firmly told not to talk in such terms until he had completed at least twenty-five years! To applause John then presented on behalf of all the



members of the Association a magnificent antique cut glass bowl with silver rim.

Changing from the impersonal to the personal, I am very aware that, being taken totally by surprise, I made a most inadequate attempt to express my appreciation. The Newsletter gives me the opportunity to thank all those present at the meeting once again, and the many more who were not. Although often very hard pressed for time, I thoroughly enjoy compiling the Newsletters, a job made much easier these days by kind members sending in articles and snippets for me to use.

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