

The Goddard Association of Europe

NEWSLETTER

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NORTHERN ARTIST Martin Goddard of Greave

I am grateful to Margaret of Worsley for sending me a copy of the advertisement for a one man exhibition of watercolours by the professional Greave-based artist, Martin Goddard aged 42, held at Woodley Methodist Church last October and opened by the mayor of Stockport. It was held in aid of the church building fund. She then sent me a cutting from the *Manchester Evening News*, extolling the considerable success of the event which raised £250 for the church from a 50p entrance fee and some £7,000 for the artist. His popular paintings are mainly scenes of the local area, and for the last eight years he has also run the Martin Goddard School of Art at Greave Church Hall every Thursday. He also sells framed (size 21" by 17"), signed, limited edition prints in black and white of old Woodley for £19.99. Ring 0161- 494- 2319 if interested.

Margaret also got in touch with him, and a week or two later Martin took the trouble to write me a long and most interesting biographical letter. Married to Barbara and with two sons, Alexander and Joshua, he was born in Fernilee near Whaley Bridge, part of Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith's High Peak country; in fact, Martin mentions having played cricket with Albert and his cousin John of Bugsworth and remembers them as particularly good bowlers. He was educated at New Mills Grammar School and went from there to Chesterfield Art College and then on to Birmingham Polytechnic. He worked as a graphic designer for a few years, but then "dropped out completely from the main run of things when I was 26 and went to run a dairy farm in central Ireland".

It was while he was there that Martin sold his first painting, in order to raise some much needed money to return to England to visit

a girl friend. He painted some animal portraits and gradually "made a bit of a name for myself with the local landowners. It was amazing how I suddenly switched from Martin the cowman to Martin Goddard BA the artist, invited to dinner parties, the hunt ball and to view private collections. Some of the houses I was invited to were like stately homes – well, they were stately homes!"

He stayed in Ireland for sixteen months and then went to live with his sister, Elizabeth, who was teaching in the Seychelles and expecting her second child. After eight months and a few illegal sales of pictures on the beach (he could not afford the work permit), he returned to England with more Seychelles paintings and held his first one man show in Hyde Library in 1985, followed by another in 1986. "Both were very successful, I thought; but the one I had recently has just amazed me."

"I've been involved with the

Methodist Church at Woodley (near Stockport) for the past few years, and we had it knocked down a year or so ago and rebuilt. You ought to see it now. It's a terrific building with a glass spire, and no doubt will be a landmark for years to come. It also gave me a great idea for an exhibition. I painted the various stages of the demise of the old and reinstating of the new church, and dozens, well hundreds really, of local scenes. The Davenport Theatre near Stockport was demolished recently too, so I had pictures of the last night at the Davenport as well. I held the exhibition in the main body of the new church. The opening night was on the Friday and then the exhibition was open to the public for just the Saturday. I had terrific help from my family and the people from the church. Sales went well on the opening night and I took lots of orders for prints. I thought that was all we'd take, as I just expected a few to turn up on Saturday out of inquisitiveness – but Saturday was just staggering and I'm still reeling from it.

"I couldn't sleep that Saturday night I was on such a high, so I got up at half past four and took a walk over Wernett Low in the dark. There are some lovely cottages over there and I became quite inspired for a future painting. I stand sometimes for a long time working out angles etc., and this time I was setting off all the security lights, which was when the police came hurtling round in a big van. I was dressed in a black woolen hat, dark coat and black trousers so had some explaining to do! A couple of hours later, after I had stood and watched dawn break over Kinder, I got a phone call from one of my delighted customers from the previous day commissioning a painting of that very scene. I tell you, I've hardly hit the ground."

I feel sure Martin would be delighted to entertain commissions from members of the Association.

CAN YOU HELP?

Mrs Patricia A. Lee of 42 Leycroft Gardens, Slade Green, Kent, DA8 2PA, who was interested in the death certificate of the Samuel Goddard from Hardley, Lodden, Norfolk who died aged 46 in 1843. She wanted me to put her in touch with the member who had sent the certificate in, as she thinks she may well be researching the same branch of Goddards as they are. Unfortunately, I cannot now remember who sent it to me. So will whoever did please get in touch with Patricia; or, for that matter, any other member who is researching the following areas: Aldeby, Norfolk 1783-1807, Kirkley 1810, Lowestoft 1820-41, Stepney, Lonon 1841-71, Paddington 1880, and Kensington 1891. Patricia says she is at a standstill in her research concerning the baptismal of William Goddard, who was born about 1759/1761 and died at Loddon in 1841 aged 82.

To supply the present address or any information about **Reginald Goddard**, born 1933 or 1934 and who joined the Royal Navy on 12 September 1949 as Artificer Apprentice at 'HMS Fisgard'. Fellow entrants want to contact him for a reunion in September 1999. Please send any information to Membership Secretary John of Accrington – address and telephone on back page.

Mr Brian Wright of 36 Gibbs Court, Dane Close, Irby, Wirral, Merseyside, L61 3XS, who is researching John and Louisa Goddard, whose address for the 1881 census was Croydon Road, Beckenham. John was a 77 year old retired actuary, who was born in 'St. George, Middlesex' (perhaps an inner London parish), and Louisa was 72 years old and born in Weymouth, Dorset. They had two daughters: Sarah Elizabeth Mills Goddard,

who married William Grain and was living at Lancaster House, Beckenham when their mother died in 1990; and Louisa Davis Goddard, who married The Chevalier Leonidas Marcondes De Montezuma and lived at Vernon Lodge, Howard Road, Croydon. An inherited eye disease, causing acute short sightedness, has been handed down through the family via the De Montezuma line. An earlier plea by Mrs Pat Manning about this family brought help from an Australian member, whom Mr Wright wishes to thank via this Newsletter as he has lost his address. Mr Wright hopes that a second notice might be seen by a member who perhaps has joined the Association since then.

Do we have any members of the Association who are, or were, related to **Keith Goddard**, formerly of Felcott Road, Walton on Thames, who was born in 1919? His grandfather was Edwin Lidderdale Goddard, a provision merchant in the south of England, who is said to have had twelve children, so there should be quite a number of descendants out there. Replies to Julie of Newbury, please.

This column has appeared in most Newsletters, and it is known that several members have been helped by requesting assistance for their genealogical problems. But Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith makes the point that many such requests no doubt still 'lie on the file' and that, with Goddard information frequently added to and changing hands, members who file Newsletters could look back at past numbers to see if 'any bells ring'. And newer members can always apply to Richard of Malvern for past copies – all are available at a modest cost.

TELETEXT

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

From November: "Seeking descendant of George Goddard born 1865 Greenwich. Parents William Goddard and Sarah Wood. Any information to F. Long on 01622 850863."

And from 7/12/98: "Seeking news of John Goddard, David Shorter (Regular) or anyone who can remember me John Fryett, Royal Signals 83 Medium Wireless, Egypt, and Kure, Japan 1946-48. Ipswich 01473 463563."

And two from Service Pals:

"Where are you Alec Anderson? (Airdrie, Scotland.) Joined Royal Navy 10/8/48 with Trevor Goddard. (Brum.) Trained / served together aboard H.M.S. Consort 1949/51. 50th anniversary of Yangtze Incident. Please contact 0121 378 4693."

And from 11/1/99: "Seeking Eddie Hopkins, Suffolk Regiment, June 1940, Rouen, St. Nazaire, Lancastrian Georgie. Jack Goddard on 01892 533019."

CERTIFICATES

The last Newsletter has reunited one member with a death certificate, and also produced another one. This is dated 4 October 1849 and is of John Goddard aged 16, son of James William Goddard, of 16 Fort Street, Old Artillery Ground, Whitechapel, County of Middlesex, who died of epilepsy. I am grateful to Association member Mrs Jill Hickey for sending it in.

I have also been sent a birth certificate of 1878. It concerns the birth on 26 December 1877 at 3 Victoria Place, Priory Grove, Kennington, South Lambeth in the county of Surrey of Lucy Theresa, daughter of James Goddard, a carman, and his wife Fanny, formerly Walder. It has kindly been sent in by Mrs Janet Barnaby.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

I am grateful to Jennifer Walker for sending me an article on Muriel Goddard, who is a public relations consultant in Swindon. She was born in Wallsend and previously worked for EMI before setting up on her own in 1997. She considers first impressions to be most important for businesses wishing to be successful.

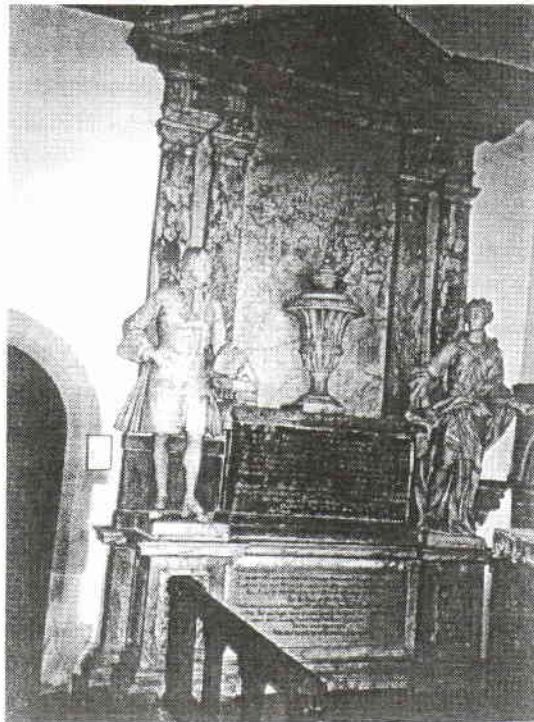
EAST WOODHAY APPEAL

There is quite a substantial Goddard memorial in St Martins Church at East Woodhay near the borders of Wiltshire, Berkshire and Hampshire. The inscription reads:

“Near this place
lies the body of EDWARD GODDARD Esq., son of WILLIAM GODDARD Esq.,
late of this parish, by ELIZABETH his wife, who was the daughter of JOHN
D'OYLEY Esq., an ancient and honourable family in the County of Oxford.
He married ELIZABETH the daughter of EDWARD GODDARD Esq., of Ogbourne
St Andrews in the County of Wilts. by whom he had no issue.
He was a person of sober life and conversation, constant in his devotions
both publick and private Whom neither the
pleasures of the age did
Lead into excess nor the vices corrupt.
By his last will he testified his respect for the House of God both in his parish and
in that of his manor of Castle Eaton in the County of Wilts. both of which Parishes
the Poor also will receive lasting tokens of his charity.
He died 7th day of October 1724 Aged 65.
ELIZABETH, his wife, died 30th September 1732 aged 72.”

I am grateful to Julie of Newbury for this information. She also tells me that his will is interesting in that he expressed the wish to be buried at East Woodhay “but not until eight years after my decease”. One wonders where he was kept in the intervening time! His executors were to spend £100 on a monument in the parish church within three years of his death, so perhaps he thought it would take five years to complete. In the event, Julie gathers that the widow was reduced to writing to all and sundry asking for contributions and that some of these letters survive.

American members of the



Association descended from William Goddard and Elizabeth Miles will be familiar with the D'Oyley family, from whom they also spring.

The church currently needs £40,000 spending on restoration but, fortunately, only a small amount on the tomb, some £485.04 according to one estimate. I feel sure members of the Association will wish to contribute to the preservation of this Goddard memorial. Please send any donation, however small, to Treasurer John and, if you are including it with your annual subscription now due, please indicate how much is for the appeal.

AGATHA CHRISTIE

Probably the most famous episode in the life of crime writer Agatha Christie was her own eleven day ‘disappearance’ in December 1926. A lengthy article in the *Daily Telegraph* week-end Review in October 1998 claimed that she had faked her disappearance to get back at her husband who had just informed her that he was leaving her for another woman. The article was accompanied by photographs and a somewhat indistinct copy of the police poster listing her as missing. What is interesting is that the poster was signed by the Wokingham Division Superintendent of the Berkshire Constabulary, one Charles Goddard. Does any member know anything further about this police officer or claim him as a relative?

SUPERSTORES

After the production of the last Newsletter, I was particularly pleased to receive a letter from David of King's Lynn – see Newsletter N° 38 for the centenary article on his family's outfitters – thanking me for the article on Superstores which had enabled him to make contact with Chris Goddard of C.B. Hillier Parker, the author of the Government's survey on out-of-town superstores and their detrimental effect on smaller businesses in near-by towns. King's Lynn has apparently just won a battle to avoid having a superstore on its outskirts and David wished to thank Chris for his report. My article inadvertently helped him to do this – thus simultaneously providing direct evidence to refute the criticism that such snippets of information are useless.

FRED GODDARD RACING

Fred Goddard Racing had a very successful season, managing to win many races and a Championship over the year. The year was tainted with many ups and downs, including a very lucky escape.

In the 1998 British SLICK 50 Formula Ford First Division Earl Goddard finished third in the Championship. Earlier on in the season he was in the running to win the Championship in his first year. However, a bad accident cost him the Championship and, considering the state of the car, was lucky not to have cost him his life. He walked away from one of the worst Formula Ford accidents ever seen. In spite of this Earl finished the season and during the year had five fastest laps and in two races attained two lap records.

Earl has gone on to test a F3000 Raynard 95D and had the lucky chance to test a F1 MINARDI 191 Ferrari powered car. He is the youngest ever South African to drive a F1 car.

Fred Goddard Racing's other drivers have performed exceptionally well. After a long and hard battle Klaus Zwart finally finished third in the Boss F1 Championship. For the second year in a row Duncan Gray won the F3000 Championship for his class.

Although the main racing season is over, the team have not stopped and have gone straight into the winter season with continued enthusiasm. Two drivers are racing at the moment. Parthiva Sureshwaren has come over from India to further his racing career. Ryan Sharp is the other driver, both racing Formula Fords.

Already thinking ahead, Ryan Sharp and Alan Van der Merwe will be racing Formula Ford. Earl will move on and race at the next level in the Formula Renault Sport Championship. There is still furious negotiation for the Formula 3000 and Boss F1 drives. Next season looks like another exciting year. *Denise of Solihull*

RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

I am grateful to member Mrs Anne Hockaday for an article on the Civil Servants Retirement Fellowship, which celebrated its thirtieth anniversary last year with a holiday on the Isle of Wight. The article that she has sent featured Bill and Pauline Goddard from Street, Somerset, enjoying their holiday along with five hundred of their colleagues from all over the country. Is any member related to these Goddards?

BODYBUILDING

I am grateful to Margaret of Worsley for supplying me with an article from the *Leigh, Tyldesley and Atherton Journal* of 19 November 1998, which featured Brian Goddard of Atherton. Already the British under 35s Amateur Bodybuilding champion, he was off to Palermo in Italy to compete in the world finals. Unfortunately he did not win.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Special birthday greetings from Irene of Durban, South Africa, to her sister Denise of Solihull, who was thirty on 15 January. Irene writes that Denise works very hard researching all sides of their family as well as looking after and socialising with present members. Both are daughters of Fred Goddard of Fred Goddard Racing and thus sisters of current racing driver Earl.

FIREMAN IN THE SWIM

I am grateful to John of Accrington for sending me the following article, under the heading of 'Chris is Hot Stuff – Fireman claims BG swim crown', from a December 1998 edition of the *Accrington Observer*:

"Firefighter Chris Goddard turned up the heat on his rivals to earn the Service's top swim award. Accrington based Chris was in outstanding form at the National Fire Brigade Championships at the Grand Central Pool in Stockport. He was crowned overall British champion after collecting two gold medals, two silvers and a bronze. The 36 year old, who lives in Sherbourne Road, Baxenden, struck gold in the 50 metres fly and 50 metres freestyle. His silver medals were earned from the 100 metres fly and 100 metres freestyle, and he added a bronze in the 100 metres individual medley.

Looking back on his best ever performance in the event, a delighted Chris said: 'I was surprised at being named the overall winner because I didn't realise they were deciding it on points. When they announced my name I was really stunned; I couldn't believe it.' His success also attracted the attention of the top brass. Chris explained: 'I got a letter from the Brigade Chief, Gordon Russell, which was nice.'

Another result of his success is selection for the British team to swim in the European Fire Brigade championships in Germany next year. He said: 'It will be the first time I have ever competed for my country and I am looking forward to it.'

More recently Chris took part in the National Age Group Masters Championships at Sheffield. He earned silver medals in the 100, 200 and 400 metres freestyle events and bronze in the 50 and 800 metres freestyle. But he had to be at his very best to get among the leading places, admitting: 'The standard was very tough. You are talking about 50 swimmers in one age group swimming under a minute, which is some going. When I got silver in the 100 metres freestyle I missed the gold by fifteen hundredths of a second, and a time fifteen hundredths slower would have seen me out of the medals.'

Chris is currently trying to raise sponsorship to enable him to take part in the European Masters Championships in Innsbruck next August. In the meantime he continues to work for improvement under the guidance of Adrian Moorhouse MBE at Burnley."

PAULETTE GODDARD

The celebrations for Alistair Cooke's ninetieth birthday in November 1998 led to a number of articles and many stories. One concerned Alistair working for Charlie Chaplin in Los Angeles. The two men struck up such a good relationship that Cooke asked Chaplin to be best man at his wedding, something he must later have regretted since Chaplin never turned up. This was in the summer of 1934 when Paulette Goddard had just become Chaplin's new girl friend, and the two had gone off somewhere else. It is a wonder that Paulette continued the relationship as long as she did, since it was already clear that Chaplin was going to stifle her enjoyment of life. On one occasion she was seen slipping out to the bathroom after dinner to replenish her drink – out of sight of Chaplin's disapproving eyes. And on another she was reduced to tears when Chaplin expressed his dislike of jazz and the decadence of night life, both of which Paulette enjoyed.

HUGUENOT DESCENDANTS

Goddards, Godarts, Godards and Godars

Sean of Exeter has kindly passed to the Association some notes he made several years ago of French emigre Goddards. Included in them are members of *L'Eglise Wallonne de Norwich 1565-1832*, lists of the members of *L'Eglise de Londres (Threadneedle Street)* and other London parishes taken mainly from the publications of the Huguenot Society of London. Please ask Julie of Newbury if you wish to borrow them for a short time.

LIZA GODDARD

I am grateful to David of Kew for sending me an article from the *Richmond and Twickenham Times* of 6 November 1998. It related to a production of Oscar Wilde's famous play *The Importance of Being Earnest* at the Richmond Theatre, in which Liza Goddard was playing Lady Bracknell. She is reported to have said: 'This is a dream come true for me. Twenty-eight years ago I played Cecily and I resolved then that one day I would do Lady Bracknell – I feel so fortunate to be doing it now.' Asked if she did not think she was too young for the part, she replied: 'No, not at all. In those days 'gels' married at eighteen and matrons were pretty pompous by the time they were in their forties. It wasn't until Edith Evans that Lady Bracknell was played by older actresses. Every day I look forward to coming to work – it is all so good and such fun – audiences are loving it and we've been having terrific houses.'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

My thanks to all those of you who have taken the trouble to write to me with complimentary remarks on the Newsletters and their content. The vast majority of you seem happy with the way things are.

GODARD HOSPITALITY ON THE BANKS OF THE AIRE AND CALDER CANAL

Traveling on the Continent over the last few years, I have come to look out for the Green Bell Tower emblem of the Campanile Hotel Chain. I have found this to mean a comfortable night and first class meals – dinner and French breakfast with a difference (buffet style) at a very reasonable charge.

The Chain is now setting up hotels in England, and readers of this Newsletter will be particularly interested to hear about the one on the bank of the Aire and Calder Canal just outside Wakefield in West Yorkshire – situated conveniently between the M1 and the A1(M). The proprietor is no less than Eric Godard – a twentieth century example of our name being brought across the Channel! Eric's address is Hotel Campanile, Monckton Road, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, WF2 7AL (tel: 01924 201054).

1999 is a special year – UN International Year of Older Persons – and Help the Aged are organising a special week-end on October 2nd and 3rd in York to mark the year. How about the Goddard Association of Europe organising a get-together at Eric's that week-end and at the same time taking part in some of the Help the Aged's activities? Members could park their cars at Eric's and be transported to and from the York events which, as well as a special service in the Minster, will include a visit to the Archbishop's palace at Bishopsthorpe, a cruise down the Ouse and a reception in St. Sampson's Church in the centre of York. Anyone who might be interested get in touch with Stephen Goddard at 26 The Meadway, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, IG9 5PG (0181 505 2570). Stephen of Silchester

SIGNALWOMAN

Watching the programme "Heart of the Country" on Channel 3 on 24 November 1998, I was interested to note a Jenny Goddard, wife of Geoff or Jeff, who used to be a lorry driver but is now a signalwoman at Whissendine near Oakham in Rutland. She was also shown driving a large Cadillac. Does anyone claim Jenny as a relative?

DUCHY OF CORNWALL

I am grateful to Anne Hockaday for sending in an article from *The Express* of 12 November 1998 on the Duchy of Cornwall. The gist of the article, based on a Channel Four television documentary, was that the Prince of Wales had in recent years greatly increased his income from the Duchy at the expense of the tenants. One such tenant from the Scilly Isles, John Goddard, complained that he had seen his rent increase from £600 to £6,000. Both his father and his grandfather were Duchy tenants. "We built the road, we put water in, we improved the cottages. It's the islanders who've made the islands what they are today," he said.

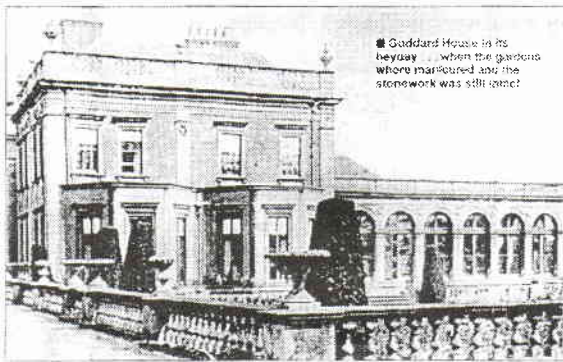
THE LAWN

I am grateful to Jean Cole for an article from the *Swindon Evening Advertiser* of 4 July 1998 on The Lawn, the manor house of the Goddards of Swindon, under the title of 'The House that Faded and Died':

"The remains of an elegant Italian garden and part of an ornate stone wall are the only clues left to Swindon's forgotten manor house which stood on the Lawn for two centuries. The Lawn estate was home to Swindon's Lords of the Manor, the Goddards, until the late 1920s. It fell into disrepair following the death of Major Fitzroy Pleydell Goddard in 1927, and brief war service followed before its eventual demolition in 1952. Today two stone columns where the entrance once stood near Charlotte Mews also offer a hint of the former glory.

The house and its grounds were cared for by an army of servants, kitchen maids and gardeners. Coachmen, dressed in traditional Regency attire, continued to drive the horse-drawn family coach in timeless fashion well into the twentieth century.

The house was built in 1770 on the site of a previous medieval manor, and was known as Swindon House until early last century. It stood next to the old Holy Rood Church, which for centuries served as the main place of worship in Swindon. Surviving photographic evidence from the late Victorian and Edwardian era hauntingly capture the lost days of elegance.



During the late 1800s Swindon's Lord of the Manor was Ambrose Lethbridge Goddard who represented Cricklade as an MP for 27 years. The family connection ended four years after the death of the MP's son, Major Goddard, who was once High Sheriff of Wiltshire. His death at 10am on 12 August 1927 was announced that day in the *Evening Advertiser*. Major Goddard, who died at the age of 75, was the town's largest landowner. It was said Swindon owed him a great debt of thanks for providing land for the Town Gardens, the County Ground and Victoria Hospital. The former messenger to Queen Victoria, county councillor and diplomat was also the man responsible for giving Swindon its gold mayoral chain.

SWINDON GODDARDS

I am grateful to Jean Cole for sending a number of articles from various autumn editions of the *Swindon Evening Advertiser*, recording Goddards of all ages in the Swindon area.

Three youngsters starting school are Ben Goddard at Tregoze School, Karl Goddard at Saltway Infants School, and Lisa Goddard at Penhill Infants School. Then there is Jenny Goddard, a fifteen year old pupil at Commonweal School. A Level results at New College saw passes in English for Nicholas Goddard and in Business, Computing and Mathematics for Nicolette Goddard. Two weddings were between Barry Wise and Nicky Goddard on 5 September and between Matthew Goddard and Andrea Slack at St Mary's, Rodbourne Cheney, on 7 November. And finally, an In Memoriam notice for Audrey Goddard, who had died on 5 November 1997, and her son Martyn, who had died on 10 October 1978.

SWINDON MARKET

Swindon Old Town festival programme for July 1998 gives the origin of Market Square off the High Street. It is so named because a market is known to have been held there as early as the thirteenth century. And in 1626 Charles I granted Thomas Goddard a Charter to hold two annual fairs and a weekly market. The last Old Town Fair was held in the Square and High Street in September 1965.

HAY-ON-WYE

Making another trip to the second-hand book kingdom of Hay-on-Wye last year, I noticed from the leaflet map that one of the 39 named booksellers was a Goddard. Rose's Books at 14 Broad Street, Hay-on-Wye, Herefordshire, HR3 5DB, is now under the ownership of Maria, recently married to Stephen Goddard who is also working in the shop. Her speciality is rare and out-of-print children's and illustrated books, and amongst her stock I discovered *Silver Woods* (The Story of Three Girls on a Farm) by Constance Felicity Goddard, written in 1939 and published by Jonathan Cape. She had at that stage also written *Dear Charity* and *Verses, Wise and Otherwise Poems*. Does anyone know anything about this author? Maria Goddard issues catalogues and runs a booksearch service; telephone 01497 820013.

In his funeral instructions Major Goddard asked to be buried in an elm coffin made from trees on the estate and laid to rest as close to sunset as possible. His widow stayed on in the house until 1931. It stood empty until the Second World War, when British and American troops were billeted there and accelerated the decay. The end came in 1952, but only after the building had clung on in a forlorn and dangerous state of dereliction for years."

RESEARCH CO-ORDINATORS

Brian and Julie rented a cottage in Blockley, in the Cotswolds, at the beginning of September and, while Julie unpacked, Brian went for a walk around this very attractive village. Entering the church, he was surprised to see, high on the wall, a large family tree and inscription. It was darkened with age and probably varnish and difficult to read, but the arms of the Goddards of Swindon were clear as the arms of the wife of a marriage. There was no clue in the church booklet, in fact it was not even mentioned, and it was not until a search had been made of the other memorials in the church that they found a mention of Goddard Carter and all became clear. Goddard Carter was the son of Mary, daughter of Richard Goddard of Clatford, and Edward Carter of Upton Old (presumably an estate near Blockley). There is no mention of the coat of arms in the entry for Blockley in Arthur Mee's Gloucestershire book, nor of any other Gloucestershire book that they have examined. For further information on Richard Goddard of Clatford read Brian's monograph on this branch of the family.

If every member spent some of their holiday poking around in forgotten corners and noted any mention of Goddards and sent them in to the Research Co-ordinator, how useful it could be. Search behind tables and high up on the walls of churches and stately homes for Goddard shields and memorials, and don't believe the resident guide if they say there are no Goddards – surprise them by finding one. *Julie of Newbury*

HYPOCRITICAL FARMERS

Jennifer Walker often sends Goddard snippets from papers and periodicals she reads. The following is a letter from the *Farmers Weekly* of 17 July last, written by Willoughby Goddard of Manor Farm, Belchamp St Paul, Sudbury, Essex:

"I have noticed over the past few months numerous banners, posters, and hoardings along our highways and country lanes, proclaiming a renewed patriotism towards British food. There is often mention that British agriculture should be supported against the threat of imports. That is to be applauded and patriotism is no stranger to our EU colleagues. However, while travelling on the A14 recently, I saw a farmer spreading Russian fertiliser with a French tractor in a field where an NUF banner proclaimed that British agriculture should be supported. Farmers should remember that in order to avoid hypocrisy they should support the British industries that supply them."

INTERNET

The Association is indebted to Malcolm of Brisbane for including details of the Association on his Internet page. I am told that our address is:

<http://www.eese.qut.edu.au/~goddard/gae01.htm>

NASTY NURSERY NURSE

Newspapers in November 1998 reported the case of a private nursery in Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, where accusations of cruelty had been levelled against the owner, deputy manager and three other members of staff. The deputy manager, 39 year old Diane Goddard, denied two charges of child cruelty at Leicester Crown Court. I missed the outcome of the case but, according to a critic, I should not be publishing an article such as this as it is not 'nice'. My answer is that the wider Goddard family is no different from any other, and that there are bound to be some 'black sheep'; not to include occasional 'bad' stories would be to present a selective and one-sided picture of Goddards as a whole.

COALPORT MUG

Julie of Newbury has details of a Coalport mug for sale with "Louisa Godard" on the side. It is thought to date to around 1850, and Louisa possibly came from the Midlands. The asking price is around £15. Reply to Julie as quickly as possible.

FREE BOOKS FOR LIFE

Thanks to Evelyn Tank for spotting in the Christmas catalogue of Hammicks Bookshops that Mrs S. Goddard of Burscough, Lancashire had won £500 worth of book tokens every year for life in their last lucky draw.

MISCELLANEOUS DEEDS

I am grateful to Jennifer Walker for supplying this list of deeds found in the Wiltshire Record Office:

Deed 800/17 Year: 1862 John Alexander Bullock is the executor of his grandfather's will. He is selling land in Woolley, Bradford-on-Avon. Stephen Goddard of Frome Selwood is one of the names in the deed.

Deed 947/1275 Year: 1813 The Hon. Rev. Edward Seymour of Seend is selling to Edmund Goddard of Beckington, Somerset, farmer, land in West Ashton called "Armour Farm".

Deed 383/605 Year: 1652 William Rogers and Mary his wife of Mere, gent., are selling the lease of the Manor Great Stacys to Nicholas Goddard (of Selwood) and Richard Green.

Deed 776/874 Year: 1891 The will of Thomas Goddard of 49 Surbiton Villas, Middlesex, who died at Boulogne in 1890. Wife Arabella already dead. Two daughters Arabella Davison and Ann Goddard. This is the will of the father of Arabella Goddard, the pianist (see Newsletter 39), and gives further family details.

Please apply direct to the Wiltshire Record Office for further details or photocopies (if possible).

NEW YEAR'S HONOURS

Congratulations to Mrs Mary Elizabeth Goddard on receiving the MBE in the New Year's Honours for welfare and counselling services to the English speaking communities in Paris. Does anyone know this lady?

HIGH PEAK BARGEMAN

I am grateful to Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith for an article from the *High Peak Reporter* of 18 August 1934, recently passed to him. The James Goddard in question was his father's cousin, but little about him is known except that he lived on a narrow boat and that his wife's name was Polly (probably from Mary).

"For nearly twenty years the barge 'Mary', converted by the adding of a superstructure and subdivided in five roomy cabins and a workshop with more conveniences than can be found in some homes, has been the residence of Mr James Goddard, who was at one time in a fairly big way of business as a canal and general dealer. From the canal towpath the 54 foot craft was black with a good coat of pitch to below the waterline. The upper works are painted red, and a dozen or so glazed windows overlook the water like gunports of an old time frigate. Tiny side curtains and a bright array of flowering geraniums grace the windows, and smoke rises from the kitchen window stack.

His daughters, Ruth, Nora and Irene, help their mother to run the boat. So seldom do barge children have the opportunity for education, Mr Goddard is proud of his family's scholastic achievements. The eldest girl, Ruth, attends All Saints School, top of her class or in the first three. The younger children are also doing well. The children are all physically fit and have never known a day's sickness. Barge life appears to agree very well with all the family.

A native of Bugsworth, he had spent most of his working life on the canals and claims to be the oldest surviving bargeman in this part of the country. Up to 1916 he was the owner of six barges, six horses and a number of carts. He carried coal for the mills of Shepley, Hollins, Goyt and limestone for Buxton Lime Firms and Marple Council. His trade took him from one end of the country to the other. The barge he resides in has borne him as far south as the Thames and covered thousands of miles on English Waterways. He employed six men and his weekly expense was no more than £20. When the war came along his men were taken from him, his business was at a standstill and he lost all but the barge 'Mary'.

Mr Goddard had a reputation as a life saver. In 1910 the Crowns Lodge of the RAOB recognised his gallantry by presenting him with a Gold Medal on which the inscription records his saving five lives from drowning. On the instigation of Mr Goddard, lifebuoys were provided at the locks of the canal and, after arranging for their erection, Mr Goddard handed them over to Marple UDC. Recalling some of his earlier rescues, his mate dived overboard to save a man attempting suicide at Failsworth. The struggle became so desperate that Mr Goddard had to dive in to save them both. He saved his

father from drowning in the top lock at Marple. Jumping from the lock to the cabin roof, he broke his ankle and nose but, in spite of his injuries, he crawled along the deck to rescue his father from the other end of the boat. He then saved a woman who had fallen into the canal near the Ring O'Bells Bridge, jumping from that bridge. Mr Goddard was a track cyclist, winning medals at Belle Vue, Bredbury and Stockport."

SAFEWAY

My wife spotted a Goddard couple in the October 1998 issue of *Safeway Magazine*. The article, entitled "And so to Bed", began: "Karen and John Goddard have lived in a Victorian house in Kettering, Northamptonshire, for five years....." and then described their determination to brighten the decor of their bedroom. Any claimants for this couple?

MOTOR CYCLE RACING

I am grateful to Margaret Young, who has come across an article from *The Motor Cycle* magazine for 28 August 1952, detailing the events of the twenty-fourth Gloucester Grand National meeting held at the circuit at Tirley near Gloucester. Of interest to this Association are the exploits of A.G.H. Goddard. He won the Junior Race riding a 347 AJS, came second in the Lightweight Race on a 247 AJS, and fifth in the Senior Race; his Sunbeam MCC team won the overall Team Prize. Does any member claim this Goddard as a relative?

NEW MEMBERS

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

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