



The Goddard Association of Europe

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JOHN FREDERICK GODDARD The 'Handshake' and Other Pictures

Robert of Truro has most generously sent me for the Association's archives the catalogue from which he derived some of his information for his AGM talk on John Frederick Goddard which was printed in the last Newsletter. In particular it contains the Fox Talbot photograph



of 'The Handshake' which he mentioned (JFG is on the right); but there are also others of the same subject. One is of Goddard's head (see opposite), and the other is of him (seated on the right) talking with Fox Talbot's friend, Charles Porter (seated in the middle) and his valet, Nicolaas Henneman, again – he is the other half of 'the Handshake' – (standing on the left). It



will be remembered that these photographs were taken on 8th and 9th April 1842 when John Frederick was sent to Lacock Abbey by his London employer, Richard Beard, to negotiate with Fox Talbot for a licence to add photography to his existing daguerrotype skills. They represent some of the earliest photographs ever taken, and I duly acknowledge that they come from Fine Photographs, Catalogue 9 of Hans P. Kraus, Jr.

The catalogue also quotes the long epitaph on Goddard's tombstone: "In memory of John Frederick Goddard, Esq., late of Brook Green, Hammer-smith; born on 8th December, 1797, and died on 28th December, 1866. He was distinguished for his discoveries in science. In 1838 he received from the Society of Arts a silver medal for his apparatus for experiments on polarised light, and in 1840 he discovered the use of bromine in photography, the value of which is well known to the photographic world, and this valuable discovery was published in the *Literary Ga-*



zette of December in the same year. He was one of the earliest lecturers on the oxyhydrogen microscope, and was lecturer at the Adelaide Gallery and Royal Polytechnic Institution on topics and kindred subjects, and the greater part of his life was spent in scientific pursuits. He died much respected, and was a steadfast follower of the Catholic faith, R.I.P."

Has any Association member yet claimed him as an ancestor?

CAN YOU HELP?

Mrs Maureen Bird of 37 Glassey Drive, Ashburton, Mid Canterbury, South Island, New Zealand, who has sent the following account of her family:

Samuel Goddard of Saddleworth, Yorkshire, married Patience Radcliffe of Quickedge on 21 October 1737. They had six sons, John, Samuel, Joseph, John, James and Joshua, and two daughters both named Sarah. Joshua, the youngest son, lived in Mossley, Lancashire, and married Sarah Garside of Quickwood, Saddleworth in 1775. They had children named John, Mary, Samuel, Mary, William and Hesketh. John, born 1777, married Tabitha Radley at Cumberworth in 1806 and they had children named Hannah, Jonathan, Joshua, Mary, John, Sarah, George and Mary Anne. Jonathan married Eliza Wood at Kirkburton in 1830. John and Eliza had children named John Wood, Henry, Mary, George and William.

Jonathan and Eliza emigrated to Australia on the *Almora*, leaving on 4 October 1857, settling in Sandhurst, Bendigo. William, George and Henry followed them, but went on to New Zealand. William farmed at Otiake, near Kurow on the South Island at a farm named 'Denbydale' from his home town. He owned the Horse Stables Hotel and Hall in Kurow and previously had owned the 'Swanson and Ashburton Coaches' which ran between Omarama and Kurow. On his last trip with the coaches, on 21 May 1878 when he was driving, he met with a serious accident. The coach rolled down a hill and a passenger was killed, another died the next day, and other passengers and William were seriously hurt. He was exonerated from blame at the inquest, over-crowding of the box seat being given as the cause of the accident.

William married Sarah Willsmer of Sandhurst, Victoria at Dunedin, New Zealand, on 8 August 1890. They went back to Australia and William died there at Bendigo in 1917.

Mrs Bird is descended from William's brother George (born 1836 in Yorkshire; died 1918 Christchurch, New Zealand) who married Mary Holmes born Bassington Line. She has traced distant relatives in America, H. Wallace Goddard in Alabama, and Orson and Bernice Goddard in Utah, but would like to know of any other descendants of Jonathan and Eliza, who did not emigrate but stayed behind in Yorkshire. Or descendants of Jonathan's parents, John and Tabitha Goddard of Cumberworth. Or even distant cousins from around Bendigo, Australia.

Mrs Anne Baldwin who is seeking information about her natural mother, Vera Martha Goddard, possibly born about 1913 and who was working as a domestic servant in Hackney in 1932. In 1940 she married a John

W. Holmes in Southwark and on the marriage certificate her father is given as John Arthur Goddard, fisherman RNVR. However, Mrs Baldwin's adoptive parents believed her mother to be a vicar's daughter from Surrey. Any information to John of Accrington.

Julie of Newbury who has had an enquiry about a Goddard family, based on Aston Tirrold in Berkshire. John Goddard was the village baker. His wife was Jane Munday Goddard, a distant cousin. They are in the 1841 and 1851 censuses, but there is no trace of them, or their children, by 1881. Had they emigrated? Any answers or comments to Julie at [Newbury](#) – address on back page.

SUSSEX GODDARDS

I was interested in the certificates which have been handed in. They are of no use to me unfortunately, but I have the following information on my database of Sussex Goddards which might be of interest to whoever claims them:

Abraham, son of John and Elizabeth, was baptised at Barcombe on 26 December 1819. John and Elizabeth also had John, who was baptised on 26 June 1814, and James, baptised on the 9 March 1817, both also at Barcombe.

In the 1851 census in Hamsey Abraham and Mary Ann were living with three children: John 13, Abraham 8, and Amos 11. By 1881 they were in Brighton with another son Alfred who was aged 15. Son Abraham married in Hamsey on 16 July 1863 to Jane Gammond. Amos married Elizabeth Ann Lasseter in St Nicholas Brighton on 25 January 1873.

An Abraham and Mary Ann had two sons: Abraham, baptised on 8 October 1876, and William James, baptised on 11 April 1869 in Westbourne, which is near Chichester. However, I can't think that they were the couple who were married above – Mary Ann would have been 56! It could be their son, however, although I haven't found a second marriage for him. [Joan of Hove](#)

'GRAFFITI' GODDARD

On a recent visit to Kenilworth Castle I was surprised to find so many names carved or scratched upon the castle walls. Some of the inscriptions were dated and the earliest one I noted, from an albeit rather cursory scan, was about 1808. Amongst the names was a Celestine Goddard without a date. I gained the impression that the earlier 'entries' were rather more carefully and skillfully carved compared with the more recent ones. Celestine's was quite well done and so one might infer that this was not recent. So if you have a Celestine in your branch of the Goddards say around the late nineteenth / early twentieth century this could well be her. I am pretty sure the inscription was in the Saintlowe's Tower.

John Parker of Calne

GODDARD IN THE SWIM

More than 3,000 competitors from 33 European countries, including World and Olympic class swimmers, gathered in Innsbruck, Austria in August for the ASA Masters European Swimming Championships. Representing Great Britain in his age group was Chris Goddard, son of Association Secretaries Eileen and John of Accrington, who swam in five races. Although not amongst the medals this time, Chris was quite satisfied to have finished 9th in the 200m and 400m freestyle, recording a personal best time in the 200m. His lowest position was 16th out of more than 200 swimmers in his age group. He is now looking forward to the next championships in Majorca in 2001 when he expects to improve on these results. In the meantime he has competed in three other championships. At the Northern Counties competition in June Chris won four gold and two silver medals; he now holds six Northern Counties records and is ranked second in Britain in the 35-40 age group. At the Fire Brigade National Championships at Glasgow in early October he won gold in the 100m freestyle, silver in the 100m butterfly, and gold in all four 50m races (freestyle, butterfly, back and breast strokes). And in the National Masters Championships at Sheffield, later in October, he followed this up with gold in the 200m freestyle, but had to be content with silver and bronze in the 100m and 50m freestyle respectively, both of which were won in new European and British record times for the age group. Now aged 38, life gets tougher as he goes up the age group, so he is looking forward to getting into the next age group in due course!

John of Accrington

WINTERBOURNE BASSETT

Mrs Glenda Sawyer and her son David have been trying to discover more about their Goddard family ancestors who lived at Winterbourne Bassett in Wiltshire, near to Avebury. Thomas William Goddard appears in the 1881 census, aged 47, with his wife Catherine (formerly Carey). He was a farm labourer, and still was in the 1891 census. Catherine, with whom he had two children, Charles George (born 1868) and Ellen (who died young), died and he remarried; this time his wife was named Bella and she died in 1906. Charles George Goddard moved to Heathrow to look for work and met and married Rose Violet Aldridge. Their daughter Ellen is Mrs Sawyer's mother-in-law. Thomas William died in 1920 aged 89 and is buried in Harmondsworth. It seems, looking at the other, possibly related, families in Winterbourne Bassett, that the family moved around the small group of villages in that area, such as Broad Hinton and Beckhampton, and they may all be related. Can anyone help?

Julie of Newbury

SAINT GODARD

I am particularly grateful to Rachel of Leicester who, following a recent trip to Rouen, has sent me some information on St Godard together with this photograph of the church there dedicated to his memory. St Godard



spans the period between the end of the Roman dominance and the rise of the Frankish kingdom. Appropriately enough, therefore, he had a Frankish father and a Roman mother. Born in Picardy in 458, he was elected in 488 as the fourteenth bishop of Rouen by the unanimous vote of clergy and people together, and eight years afterwards he represented the diocese when Clovis was baptised at Rheims. He died about 525 and his body, which was first buried in the crypt of the church which bears his name, was afterwards removed to Soissons.

He had a twin brother, St Médard, who also became a bishop. He studied at Vermond and then at Tournai, and was ordained priest by the Bishop of Vermond whom he eventually succeeded. When that city was destroyed by the Vandals and Huns, he transferred his see to Noyon which was fortified. He died in 545.

This St Godard is not to be confused with the St Godehard, who featured in Newsletter N° 29. He lived some five centuries later, from 961 to 1038, and was Bishop of Hildesheim. The St Gotthard Pass, where a chapel dedicated to his memory once stood, was named after him. Quite a saintly lot the Goddards – or, at least, those from the first millennium!

Exhibition

MARTIN GODDARD

Christmas Card

Margaret of Worsley was unable to attend the recent Martin Goddard Exhibition at the Uniting Church, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge, but Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith went, particularly as the paintings featured Whaley Bridge and the surrounding areas including Chinley, Buxworth, Combs, Taxal, Fernilee, Erwood and the Goyt Valley – areas that he has written about in these pages or which have been associated with Goddards in the past. As the catalogue states, people either living in the area or driving through may have noticed Martin "beavering away by the roadside with palette and easel in preparation for his latest exhibition.

Martin originally hails from Fernilee, Whaley Bridge and this year has seen him returning to his roots to produce an extensive one-man show of Whaley Bridge and the surrounding areas. Educated at New Mills Grammar School, Martin Goddard studied art at Chesterfield and Birmingham Art Colleges in the 70s. He began life as a graphic designer in London but by 1982 was a full-time watercolour artist. His early subjects came from extensive stays in Ireland and the Seychelles, but he eventually settled in Greave, Romiley, with his wife Barbara and two children where he founded the Martin Goddard School of Art which is now in its eighth year. Here Martin teaches his preferred medium of watercolour painting."

If you want more information on any paintings or prints, telephone Martin on 0161 494 2319. He has also produced a Christmas card – see the next column and the first column on the next page. It measures 10 x 8 ins and is in colour which, unfortunately does not do it justice when reproduced in black and white.

Toddbrook Reservoir, or 'Whaley Reser' as the locals know it, shimmers between the hills high above the Derbyshire town of Whaley Bridge. As a boy at Whaley Bridge Primary School I sometimes looked up from the playground and shivered at the thought of the towering dam being bombed à la Barnes Wallace, or suddenly cracking from an earth tremor, or something – we'd have had no chance.....And then do you know what? It did crack! Or at least weaknesses were detected and the reservoir bed lay drained for what seemed like an eternity.....But it was repaired eventually and the water came back to its usual level.

My earliest recollections of Toddbrook Reservoir are of being taken fishing by my friend's grandad, Fred Bagshaw from Far End Cottages, Fernilee. He had been a soldier in the Great War, Mr Bagshaw, meek and ancient now with the movements of an old tortoise. There were stories of him having led a charge years ago, laying still and wounded in the French mud, when the mortars and machine guns stopped and the Germans checked for survivors with their bayonets. They must have missed him.

I felt proud being with Mr Bagshaw. When we got off the bus after the mile and a half trip to Horwich End, people I didn't know called him Sarge and shook his hand, as though they hadn't seen him for a long time. I suppose Mr Bagshaw didn't stray much out of Fernilee in those days, although he did have a fortnight's fishing holiday in Ireland once, his only luggage his fishing gear, toothbrush and a change of underpants. Those days seem a long way off now.

With Mr Bagshaw we could go round on the mem-



bers' side and enter, legally, the green wooden Mosside Angling Society Members hut with the enormous trout and long gaping pike in glass cases. That day, my first at Toddbrook, I caught a pike, a three pound jack, or at least the rod that I was supposed to be watching did. I can see Fred Bagshaw now, stepping down with his flat cap and the landing net, the sun glistening on the water.

And now I am an artist. I no longer catch fish but impressions and this year, following an exhibition of my watercolours of Whaley Bridge, I have been asked to reproduce my painting of Toddbrook Reservoir in winter as this year's Martin Goddard Christmas Card. Printed by a huge printing plate at the same time as a couple of my limited edition prints, and using the same UV resistant inks, the card will be, as a bonus, ideal for framing in its own right.

Martin Goddard Christmas Cards come in packs of five priced at £4.99. Stocks are limited but to order telephone 0161 494 2319. *Martin of Romiley*

LAND GIRL

Almost a year ago Margaret of Worsley sent me an article about Land Girls by a Monica Goddard of Marple, Cheshire, who had been one. She has now kindly sent me another of a Joyce Goddard from Littleborough, an ex-ATS who recently attended a service of remembrance and parade at Eden Camp, Yorkshire, marking the sixtieth anniversary of the start of the Second World War. Does anyone claim either of these two Land Girl Goddards as a relative?

JAPANESE LEAK

The accident at the Japanese atomic plant on 30 September brought an interview on television with a Professor Tony Goddard of Imperial College, London, presumably an expert on these matters. I do not think we have come across him before – any claimants?

TELETEXT

Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith says that the Teletext columns have been reorganised to include a Family Tree page (489) in addition to Service Pals (487 & 488) and Lost Touch (466). The Family Tree page says: "Are you tracing your family history and desperate for that one missing link to complete your family tree? Teletext has launched a new service called 'Family Tree' to help you find out about your ancestors. We'll carry requests every day, so whether it's the 'Linctoirs of Potto' or great Uncle Jack you're keen to trace, write to: Family Tree, P.O. Box 297, London SW6 1XT."

One Service Pals entry, from 27 September, is of interest: "76th Med. Reg. Seeking: Nunn, Piper Pudge Pateman, Goodeve, Sayer, Max Lee Ward, Andrews, Goddard, Roughley, Bush, Stone, Vellets, Waddington, Mattocks. Please call A. Erdbeer on 01375 413305."

DATA PROTECTION ACT

The new Data Protection Act has recently come into force, designed further to strengthen individual rights. It requires any body who holds a list of names and addresses to let those recorded know what data is held, why it is held, what the body proposes doing with it, and who has access to it. As far as the Association is concerned, I hold everyone's name and address for mailing the Newsletter, Treasurer John holds the list to check that annual dues have been paid, and Membership Secretary John of Accrington is in the process of compiling a second booklet of members' names, addresses, telephone numbers, and fax numbers and email addresses if appropriate, for distribution to members; such a list was requested at the last AGM as indicated in the last Newsletter. So, if you do not wish your details to appear in this booklet, please advise John of Accrington immediately. The Association has no intention of supplying this list to anyone other than existing or new members; it will not be sold for profit to commercial organisations.

630 JOHN GODDARDS

The Research Department has now received a copy of the CD ROM of the 1881 British Census and National Index. Not only will it be easier to find that errant Goddard ancestor who has moved from one county to another – it will reveal all persons with a certain surname and first name alive at the census time – but it also gives some interesting statistics. There were 12,473 Goddards alive in 1881 in the British Isles; 630 were named John, 805 William, 803 Eliza/Elizabeth, 801 Betty and 872 Mary. You will perhaps now understand why we are often unable to help when someone asks: "My grandfather's name was George Goddard. I don't know where he lived and I don't know his age. Can you tell me more about him?" And we haven't made this up – only changed the name. *Julie & Brian of Newbury*

LOCAL NEWS

I am, as always, grateful to Jennifer Walker for supplying local news with a Goddard interest. Under the heading "Pupils take to the Catwalk", Bibury Primary School pupil Gemma Goddard, aged 5, was shown modelling some clothes. While a photograph of Alton Barnes School from 1954-55 shows four Goddards – Michael, Pauline, Dennis and Peter – out of a group of thirty-eight; they must now be in their fifties. Thirdly, there is a brief article in the Swindon Evening Advertiser of 7 May: "On Monday we carried a story about Mrs Mary Goddard's search for a social worker who helped her after the breakdown of her violent first marriage. We have been asked to point out that she subsequently married again and that her second husband, Mr Neville Goddard, was not responsible for any of her injuries".

POT OF BEER

The Pot of Beer is, unsurprisingly, a public house and is situated at 36 New Mount Street, Collyhurst, Manchester. It has just come under new ownership, and the manager is Tony Goddard from Ohio; his wife Linda is the new chef. She is American but born of Polish parents, and the owner's wife is also of Polish descent, so they are specialising in Polish food and beer. Tony was a member of the Goddard Association of America. I am grateful to Margaret of Worsley for sending me an article from the *Manchester Evening News*; she, in turn, had the information from Margaret Turnbull.

RETIRED POSTMAN

John of Accrington has sent me a cutting from the *Kent & Sussex Courier* of April on John Goddard, who had just retired after 29 years as a postman in his home town of Southborough. Born there, he left school at 15 and became an apprentice painter and decorator. He saw three years service in the RAF from 1952 to 1955, and joined the Royal Mail in 1970 following a recession in the building trade. Apart from being bitten twice by dogs, his most memorable exploit was rescuing an old man from his blazing bed. Married with one daughter, he lives in Manor Road. After three decades of getting up at 4.00am, he now enjoys a lie in and a cup of tea in bed; and he will have more time for his hobby of bowls, being a member of the Southborough Bowls Club.

NEWBURY NEWS

Julie of Newbury has sent me two extracts from the *Newbury Weekly News* of 1898. Firstly, from 23 January an announcement of the death of John Goddard at 3 Norfolk Street, Reading in either his 37th or his 57th year. And secondly, an advertisement of E.W. Goddard, Bee Appliance Manufacturer and Dealer of The Model Apiary, Wash Road, Newbury. Julie says she does not know who either of these two were.

FYLDE WINE SOCIETY

I am grateful to John of Accrington for an article from the *Blackpool Gazette* of March on the Fylde Bacchus Friendly Society of which a certain Mary Goddard is a member and former chairman. Mary, 56, and husband Frank, 60, helped to found the Society which meets on the fourth Thursday of every month from September to May. They take a break in the summer as many of the members are hoteliers and restaurateurs; indeed, Mary has been a hotelier for 23 years and currently runs the Abberford Hotel at Yorkshire Street, South Shore, Blackpool. Meetings feature outings, speakers and wine producers, suppliers and wholesalers who conduct a tutored tasting, bringing a variety of wines with them. Mary also attends the International Wine Fair in London every year.

FELIX GODDARD

John of Accrington has kindly sent me this facsimilie of the frontispiece of some music passed on to him by a friend who collects Lancashire books and ephemera. Probably late nineteenth century – 'Lead Kindly Light'

LANCASHIRE BELLS

Introducing the favorite tune

"SANDON"

"LEAD KINDLY LIGHT"



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by Cardinal J.H. Newman was published in 1837 – and John has discovered two Goddards in the 1881 census called Felix. One was born in Shaftesbury in 1830, but was living in Tottenham in 1881; the other was born in London in 1844 and living in Hastings in 1881. Can anyone throw any light on this composer?

GRAND PRIX PASSENGER

Association member Margaret Young has kindly sent me the following article from the *Newbury Weekly News* of 16 September: "Father-of-four James Goddard won a day out at the Grand Prix circuit at Silverstone in a 'seven' competition – and it was even better than he expected. James, aged 38, was driven five times around the Northamptonshire circuit by Le Mans winner Derek Bell in a Porsche Carrera. The BT contract manager from Friar Road, Newbury, says that seeing the track from inside a Porsche travelling at high speed was very different to watching racing on television. 'With television, the camera is looking down on the circuit, but inside the Porsche it's a wall of tarmac. We probably reached about 130-140 mph in the car with Derek Bell, but I felt very safe.' He adds: 'It was very well organised. I would like to thank them for a brilliant day.' James' prize also included lunch with the Porsche Club of Great Britain at Silverstone plus tickets to the club's international meeting at Highclere Castle."

GODDARD QUARRY

Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith has kindly sent me the following article from a September copy of the *Buxton Advertiser*. "Quarry firm RMC Aggregates Eastern is hosting an open day this Saturday at Goddards Quarry, Stoney Middleton. The aim, said a spokesman, was 'to give the public a chance to see for themselves how RMC has kept its promise to develop the quarry to take into account the interests of the community and the environment. In particular, Goddards Quarry has been developed to take quarrying away from the village of Stoney Middleton and to mimic a natural limestone gorge, with specially created habitats for wildlife.' Visitors will be able to see the environmental provisions RMC has made and can view a working quarry complete, with a display of heavy-duty quarrying machinery. The quarry will be open to the public from 10am to 2pm on Saturday."

Albert writes: "You will probably recall that the Goddards of Stoney Middleton and district were researched by Rosemary Lockie and most were descendants of lead miners in the eighteenth century. It reminded me that a few years ago we met a couple, very elderly, who lived in Stoney Middleton. I was half apologising to him because it was the Goddards who knocked the village about by quarrying, but his reply surprised me. 'E, that were mi grandfayther' in broad Derbyshire dialect. He sent me a list of some of his family which even Rosemary had not got on her 'trees'."

HMS CAVALIER

I am grateful to Ian of Wellington, New Zealand, for sending me an article on the above warship. It comes from a supplement of *Navy News*. Ian writes: "It may seem strange to receive part of a UK publication from the other side of the world, so perhaps I should explain that the NZ Defence Force receive a copy from the Royal Navy, which is then passed to NZ Cadet Force HQ, who pass it to the President of the Sea Cadet Association. I'm on the National Executive of the Association so I then receive it from the President. Now part of it is making the full circle back to the UK 'Tis a strange world!"

HMS Cavalier was a destroyer, built in 1944 in the shipyard of J. Samuel White of Cowes, the first British warship to bear that name. She spent most of her time in the Far East and is now the only destroyer left that saw active service in the Second World War. Rather than be scrapped, she has been saved for the nation – after a considerable struggle – and is now based at Chatham as a worthy memorial to the 30,000 men who sacrificed their lives in destroyers in World War II and to the 153 ships of the type that were lost. The interest for the Association is that her last Commanding Officer was Commander Peter Goddard. Does any member claim this naval officer as a relative?

LITTLE LUCY

Lucy, the six year old daughter of Malcolm and Lesley Goddard of Brisbane, has just been diagnosed as suffering for the last two years from the very rare and currently incurable disease of Abdominal Migraine or CVS. This takes the form of severe headaches and bouts of vomiting lasting three days at a time with consequent dehydration. Although a recognised condition since 1882, many doctors are ignorant of it so that it is often mis-diagnosed; numbers of sufferers are probably higher than the 270 cases in the USA, 51 in Australia and some 75 in the UK. Through the internet Malcolm has made contact with support groups in Australia and the USA, but he and his wife are keen for any other assistance, as very little money is being spent on research at present. If anyone can help, please contact Malcolm direct at 21 Power Street, Norman Park, Brisbane, Queensland 4170 or direct via Email: m.goddard@qut.edu.au

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

Reading *Swindon: History and Guide* by John Chandler recently, I was interested to come across the following: "The town's character was set, and the local government controlled, by its forceful leading family, the Goddards. Despite repeated disputes with the vicar over tithes, which spilled over into litigation in 1777, the Goddards were no friends of nonconformity either. Pleydell Goddard in 1741 orchestrated a savage persecution against an itinerant evangelist, John Cennick, and his followers when he tried to preach in the town. According to Cennick's diary guns, halberds and a fire engine spraying ditchwater were all turned on them to intimidate and inflict injury, while Goddard 'sat on horseback the whole time, laughing to see us so treated'. Such antagonism was not uncommon, but it is eloquent testimony to the power wielded by the lords of the manor that nonconformity made virtually no impact in Swindon until after 1800....."

UNWANTED CERTIFICATES

I am grateful to Jean Crabtree of Mirfield for sending in copies of two birth certificates relating to her forebears which others with the same tree might like to have. They relate to her great grandfather John, born on 23 September 1841 at Eckington in the district of Pershore, Worcestershire; his mother's name was Mary Goddard, but that of the father is not given. And to John's daughter Ada (Jean's grandmother) born on 31 December 1881 at Castleford in the Pontefract district of Yorkshire; her mother is Manwella Goddard née Casier.

NEW MEMBER

A warm welcome to the new member who has joined the Association since the last Newsletter:

Mr R.G. Hicks, 7 Beaulay Way, Rise Park, Romford, RM1 4XD.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Following a request from one of our members, I am pleased to give an account of the Executive Committee meeting held on Sunday 24 October at The Fleet Inn, Twyning. Eight of the nine members were present, only Philip of Swindon being unable to attend. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed. It was confirmed that copies of the published Monographs had been sent to the Society of Genealogists. John of Accrington announced that he had only received three E-mail addresses and requested a reminder – so if you have not sent him your details and still wish to have them included in the next members list, please contact him. The list will be available in time for the next AGM.

It was decided that at the 2000 AGM members would be asked for their views as to the next project the Association should undertake. So please take this as advance warning and come prepared, or write in to any of the Committee members if you have ideas and are unlikely to be able to attend. Treasurer John said the finances were in a healthy state and could well support such a project. The plates had now been paid for and the remaining stock collected from the producer. However, the bill for the repair of the Goddard memorial in East Woodhay church had not yet been received.

Six other topics were discussed: the problems of handicapped members and those without transport attending AGMs, the new Data Protection Act (see p. 5), the next monograph to be published, the possibility of a change of venue for the 2000 AGM, the recipient of the Howard Goddard-Jones memorial for 1999, and the advertisement of a Christmas card (see p. 4).

TO GODDARDS

Denise of Solihull has kindly sent me this photograph. She writes: "I decided to go to Norwich and try to make a bit of progress with my family tree. As I walked up to the record office I saw this sign. It's nice



to know they were expecting me! I asked some of the staff in the record office if they knew anything about the sign or name, but no one did." So, do any of our members know what the Goddards car park signs in Botolph Street, Norwich is all about?

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Stuck for want of an idea? Membership to the Association, £7.50 or £5.00 for OAPs, might be the answer. Or any of the other items offered for sale: Brooches £2.50, Monographs £3.00 (there are now six of these, three on the North Wilts branch, two on the North Glos branch and one on the High Peak area), Postcards (Goddard brassrubblings) 10 for £1.00, Reprint of the Richard Jefferies booklet on the history of the Goddards of North Wilts £5.00, Ties £5.00. Cheques payable to the 'Goddard Association of Europe', please, and orders sent to Richard of Malvern – address below.

ROBERT GODDARD

Those of you turning your minds to Christmas presents may like to know that Robert Goddard's next novel, *Set in Stone*, is due to be published on 4 November.

WINNING SCULLER

I am grateful to Margaret Young, who spotted in the *Reading Chronicle* for 30 July a Goddard in the Goring and Streatley Regatta. He is Geoff Goddard and, as an amateur, he won the Sheridan Marine Trophy.

MISSING DOCTOR

An article in the Daily Telegraph for 14 October indicated that French detectives had flown to the Isle of Man looking for Dr Yves Godard. He is alleged to have murdered his wife at home, dumped her body in the Channel and then disappeared on a yacht from St Malo. I never seem to be able to find the time to make contact with our French cousins – not necessarily this one – so if anyone else does.....

USEFUL ADDRESSES

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