



The Goddard Association of Europe

NEWSLETTER

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BENJAMIN GODARD

Benjamin Louis-Paul Godard, a French composer of operas, light piano pieces and songs, was born in Paris on 18 August 1849 and died at Cannes on 10 January 1895. He was a child prodigy on the violin, studying with Richard Hammer and Henri Vieuxtemps. At fourteen he entered the Paris Conservatoire and studied composition with Henri Reber. He competed unsuccessfully for the Prix de Rome in 1866 and 1867, but began to have music published in the late 1860s, particularly chamber music since he was a fine violist and regularly played in quartets. He greatly admired Schumann's works and orchestrated his *Kinderscenen* for an 1876 performance. His precocity, coupled with the growing reputation of his salon music, led to exaggerated fame in his early career, particularly after the extraordinary reception accorded his *symphonie dramatique Le Tasse*, which was first performed in 1878 and won the Prix de la Ville de Paris for that year.

Numerous similar compositions appeared during the following years; most were performed at the Concerts du Chatelet or the Concerts Populaires directed by Padeloup, who was one of Godard's most consistent admirers. He conducted a festival of his own works at the Cirque d'Été in 1882. In the 1880s he turned his attention to opera, though with little success. His grand opera, *Pédro de Zalaméa* (1884), was first performed at Antwerp, and his best-known one, *Jocelyn* (1888), is now only remembered for its 'Berceuse'; *Dante et Béatrice* (1890) fared little better. After two more serious operas, both failures, he fared better with the opéra comique *La Vivandière* (1895), though he died before its completion and this was undertaken by Paul Vidal. In 1885-86 he had attempted, unsuccessfully, to revive the Concerts Populaires, which had been discontinued on the resignation of Padeloup, under the title Concerts Modernes. In 1887 he was appointed professor of the in-

strumental ensemble class at the Conservatoire, and he was named a Chevalier of the Légion d'honneur in 1889.

Although Godard had compositional ability comparable to that of Saint-Saëns, his music was sentimental and lacked substance; at its best it shows an affinity with that of Frédéric Chopin and Robert Schumann. His piano pieces form the largest but weakest section of his output, the earlier works being particularly childish. His serious works, however, such as the piano studies, the symphonies and the vaguely Mendelssohnian chamber music are markedly different from his salon music and reveal an interest, typical of contemporary French composers, in emulating the achievements of nineteenth century German musicians. Godard seemed most at ease in his music for strings, probably because he had a thorough understanding of their capabilities. His sonata for unaccompanied violin and the *Concerto romantique* are worthy additions to the violinist's repertoire.

ALDBOURNE MILLENNIUM FESTIVAL

Patron John of Rendcomb's younger daughter Camilla has written to me with details of the Aldbourne Millennium Festival. Milly lives in the village near Marlborough, from which many of the Wiltshire Goddards – including the Clyffe Pypard and Swindon branches – trace their origins, and is on the organising committee. Basically the Festival takes two forms – a ten day series of events and a number of souvenirs. Those of you on the internet are encouraged to explore the new Aldbourne web site on www.aldbourne.org.uk which will give all the information. But for those of you who are not, let me give a few details.

The actual festival is from Friday 26 May to Sunday 4 June and has a Saxon theme, with a Saxon Country Fayre followed by a banquet on Saturday 27th May, and a Grand Millennium Ball on Saturday 3rd June. But there are many other events for all ages besides.

The main souvenir is a 16oz bell, priced at £55. Aldbourne was one of this country's main bell-founding sites, and the bell is a copy of one made in about 1770. Incidentally, one of the bells in the church tower was given by a Richard Goddard in the late fifteenth century. Another handsome souvenir is the *Millennium Book of Aldbourne* which, amongst other things, contains a drawing of every house in the parish done by local artists. With 272 pages it is £10 for a soft back edition and £20 for one in hard back. Other items are a sweatshirt £20, polo shirt £12, T-shirt £7, candle bell £8, china mug £5, ceramic mug £3, and paper block and pen £4. If you wish to order anything it is probably best to contact Mrs Milly Sheppard at 4 Turnpike, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 2BZ, telephone and fax 01672 540928 or e-mail: millymcg@compuserve.com

CAN YOU HELP?

Mrs Janette Brown of 30 Goddards Lane, R.S.D. 2. Bendigo East, Victoria 3539, Australia, to trace her ancestors. Her great great grandfather was John Goddard of Gerrard Street, Stayley, Cheshire; his wife's name is unknown but they had three children: Ann Binns, Rebecca and Thomas. Rebecca Goddard married Henry Robinson and they had six children: Harry, John, Anne, Maud, Ivy and Margaret. Harry Robinson is Janette's grandfather; he was born in 1897 at 5 Higher Lane Street, Staly Bridge, and married Marion Loyd. He was the only one of the family to emigrate to Australia. Henry Robinson is thought to have remarried later on, but Janette knows nothing about the rest of the family and would like to hear from anyone who can help.

Mrs Joan Gomer, whose great grandmother was Emma Ann Goddard who, in 1868, married Thomas Levi Dolling at St Mary Magdalene, Southwark. They had eight children, but both Thomas and Emma died while the children were young. Mrs Gomer, who would like to know if any members are related, has written an interesting account of the family and it is hoped it will be printed in full in the near future. Replies to Julie of Newbury.

Patrick E. Goddard of Rowland House, Elfordleigh, Plympton, Plymouth, Devon, PL7 5EB, who has a Leicestershire background where the name of Harby is used. Harby Goddard, born 1841 in Humberstone, Leicester, was the son of Edmund (born 1815, grandson of Thomas (born 1772) and great grandson of John (born c. 1745). Other descendants of this family were named John Harby Goddard (1872-75) and his brother Walter Harby Goddard (born 1879), sons of Joseph Goddard (born 1837), probably the brother of Harby Goddard. Does anyone recognise this family?

Mrs Avis Smith of 40 Barrington Street, Bentleigh East, Victoria 3165, Australia, who does not wish to join the Association but wonders if anyone is searching for Frances Goddard who married William Lawrence, probably at Heathcote, Australia around 1857. They had eight children at Heathcote and Echua; Heathcote was a gold mining town and Echua a large inland port. Mrs Smith is researching the Lawrences and does not think that this is her family, but would like to know more about them anyway.

Mrs Christine Rix of Harrogate is descended from William Goddard who married Martha Bull at Marden, Wiltshire, in 1790. He had two sons. Thomas, who was born in 1800, married Maria Mundy and lived at Wedhampton, not far away. His brother John lived nearby. Thomas's children seem to have moved to Urchfont and then Devizes. It is possible that William

of Marden came from the Pewsey Valley Goddards. Does anyone recognise him as perhaps a missing member of their family tree? Or he could have come from the Goddards who ran the tollgates along the A4, and worked in the stables of inns around that area of Wiltshire. Any suggestions? Please send at first to Julie at Newbury.

GODDARD DEATH INDEX

I am grateful to Peter in Toronto, who reports that he has now completed an index of all the Goddard deaths registered in England and Wales from 1866 (the first year that the civil registration indexes started showing the age at death) up until 1983. There were 28,326 Goddard deaths registered during this period.

The index is searchable in a number of ways, but perhaps the most useful is the ability to search for a death by year of birth and the facility to bring all the deaths registered in a particular area together. A major problem for Goddard genealogical researchers has thus been overcome in so far that it is now possible to quickly locate the death of someone without knowing whether they were aged 20 or 80 when they died.

A by-product of the index are the interesting statistics that it produces. In 1866 there were 216 Goddard deaths registered. Of these, 60 were less than a year old and a further 35 were aged between one and ten. The average of death was 29.1 years. By 1891 the average age of death had crept up to 35.1, but of the 268 deaths registered 104 were of children under eleven.

By 1925 the average of death had advanced to 50.2, but of the 224 deaths there were still 39 under the age of eleven. A dramatic improvement took place in the ensuing years so that by 1983, when the total number of deaths was 283, there were no deaths of children less than one year old and only three aged one to ten. The average age of death was 74.6.

Also noticeable is how over the years covered by the index, Goddards have spread throughout England and Wales. In 1965 the country was divided up into forty registration areas – Goddards are to be found in every one of them.

Peter intends to put the index in a searchable form on the internet, but in the meantime he is very willing to look up details for any interested member. On behalf of the Association may I express our warm appreciation to Peter for all his hard work, which should prove of great benefit to many members.

DOCTOR GODDARD

No, this Doctor Goddard is not a medical practitioner nor even a Doctor of Philosophy; he's a horse trained by Philip Hobbs and came fourth in the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury in February. Have we any racing enthusiasts who could give me some more information?

GODDARD & GIBBS AGAIN – A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE STUDIOS (with particular reference to the Gibbs Family)

The only pre-1946 records of the company are a minute book starting in 1919 and this only records very limited detail. The following are the only facts known:

1. The firm of Walter Gibbs and Sons seems to have been in existence since 1868, although the records from which this date was taken have disappeared.

2. In 1919 a Walter Gibbs and Sons Ltd was incorporated, in which three members of the Clark family had a controlling interest, but it continued under the management of Walter Thomas Gibbs and Arthur Augustus Gibbs who, according to a minute, were brothers. It would seem that at that time the company specialised in all types of decorative glass rather than stained glass in particular, and the reason for the Clarks taking an interest was that the Clark's glass business, James Clark & Sons, was Walter Gibbs & Sons largest customer; the families had worked together closely for several years and they were in adjoining premises in the Blackfriars Road.

3. In 1926 there was a Board minute saying that an allowance had been paid to a Miss Gibbs. There is nothing to indicate whose daughter she was, but John Clark believes that she was Arthur's daughter and that she gave some help in the office.

4. In 1927 Walter died and a minute refers to 'his widow and family'.

5. In May 1930 Arthur retired from full time service with the Company but remained as a non-executive Director until his death in 1938 when it is recorded that 'sincere sympathy was extended to his widow' (no mention of family). John Clark remembered Arthur as 'a quiet genial man, easy to get on with and a hard

worker'.

6. Arthur's shares were transferred to Mrs Gibbs who continued to receive annual accounts until 1943. In 1944 the accounts were sent to a Mrs Paul, but there is no reference as to whether this was Mrs Gibbs remarried or someone else. As most of the old record books of the Company have been lost there is no record of when and to whom Mrs Paul sold her shares. It would probably have been in 1945.

7. In 1938 just before the start of the Second World War, Walter Gibbs and Sons bought a small glass company called Goddard's Glass Works and, due to lack of business during the war, the two companies amalgamated in the same premises in Woolwich and became known as Goddard & Gibbs.

8. In 1946 Goddard & Gibbs Studios moved to their present premises in Kingsland Road in which it prospered for about ten years after the war, concentrating on the replacement of many damaged church windows.

9. In 1967 the Clark family sold their personal share holding in the Company to the main glass company, James Clark and Eaton Ltd, of which it became a wholly owned subsidiary company.

10. In 1978 Charles Clark bought the company from James Clark and Eaton and this once again became an independent company.

11. In 1990 a management team including Neil Maurer, Christopher Borst, John Lawson and Philip Broome purchased the studios from Charles Clark in a management buyout. Goddard & Gibbs Studios is now the largest stained glass studios in the country, employing approximately 40 people.

CUSHING'S SYNDROME

I am grateful to Jennifer Walker once again for sending me various articles of Goddard interest from national and local papers. One is from the *Mirror* of 13 October 1999 and describes the rare disease that 33 year old Jane Goddard of Wickford, Essex, has developed. Cushing's Syndrome has only 150 known sufferers in the western world; it is a very painful bone-wasting condition in which the body produces too many steroids, increasing the sufferer's weight and weakening the bones to the point where the slightest jolt is agonising and potentially dangerous. On very high doses of morphine to dull the pain, and threatened with many bone graft operations, Jane is determined to fight back; thoughts of her 25 year old husband Graham and three year old son Jack keep her going. Friends and family are hoping to raise thousands of pounds so that she can get proper care when she leaves hospital after the operations.

KENT ANCESTORS

Joan Dibble (Newsletter N° 51) has sent us further details of her Goddard family around Folkestone in Kent. The 1841 census gives Samuel Goddard, a farmer aged 63, living in Bilsington. He appears to have been a widower by that time and had Sam junior living with him on the farm and working as a farm labourer. Jane (15), Samuel (7), Elizabeth (5), William (3) and Catherine (aged three months) also lived in the house. Joan thinks that the age given for Samuel senior is incorrect and that he was probably nearer 40 in age as Jane aged 15 was his second wife! Catherine was their first baby and the others were children from his first marriage, or perhaps Sam junior's children. The family also had connections, or lived in Chapel-le-Ferne and Ruckinge. Replies and comments, including any further information, to Joan Dibble, 27 Doyle Court, Perrots Close, Fairwater, Cardiff, CA5 3DF, would be much appreciated.

Julie of Newbury

GODDARD TRAGEDY AGAIN

The directors of the BBC2 family history programme series *Blood Ties* are showing great interest in the story of Sergeant Robert Bentley which featured in Newsletter N° 51. To refresh your memories, Sgts Bentley and Tucker along with P.C. Choate were shot dead at Houndsditch. Their murders led to the seige of Sidney Street. Robert's widow, Louisa Bentley (née Goddard) was the sister of my great grandfather.

On 6 April I was interviewed and filmed at home prior to the directors travelling to London on the 10th to meet Donald Rumbelow, author of *The Houndsditch Murders and the Siege of Sidney Street*, and Roger Appleby of the City of London Police Museum at the museum. They were then going on to Sidney Street and the cemetery where Sgts Bentley and Tucker are buried.

I have been told that at the moment it is the strongest story that they have for the next series and, as the production team are spending money on it, it seems highly likely that they will use it. So watch this space.....

Joan Dibble of Cardiff

MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS

As part of their Millennium Celebrations many villages and towns are compiling and publishing accounts of their history. I am keeping an eye open for those produced by places in which Goddards used to live and purchasing a copy for the Association.

The Brimpton Story AD 2000: History of a West Berkshire parish. Two large families of Goddards have lived in this spread-out village near to the Aldermaston site of the Atomic Weapons Establishment. The Goddards of Blacknest, an estate in the village, are being researched by an Australian descendant, Michael Andrews-Reading. The other, less well-off family included a Richard Goddard who was a teacher at Aldermaston school in the 1830s and landlord of the distinctively named "The Pineapple Inn" in the 1840s, before moving on to Newbury where he died and is buried in the Newtown Road cemetery. One of his descendants is Sue Knight of Canada; and a relative by marriage, in a collateral line, is member Margaret Young of Reading. Both Goddard families get a mention in the book, together with another (unidentified) male Goddard who was involved in the Swing Riots of 1830/31.

Unfortunately the book shows signs of having been compiled by a committee, each submitting an item on his or her pet subject, which then has undue prominence, while other topics are mentioned but glossed over without explanation. The book is priced at £7.50 and the ISBN is 0-9518095-2-0.

It would help if other members would tell me of other histories which are being published in their area which mention Goddards.

NORFOLK GODDARDS

As regular readers will perhaps know, committee member Denise Goddard had traced her family roots back to the small Norfolk village of Bunwell. Member Carol Nubbert's family also comes from there. In the mid 1800s many members of the family moved to London, Southwark in particular. Now Denise and Carol have been joined in their researches by Mrs Corby of Maidenhead and a very new member, Clive Goddard, whose family come from the next door village of Long Stratton.

I recall that when the Association was first beginning I had an enquiry from someone whose family came from Shelfanger (the odd name lingered in my memory), and if they recognise themselves perhaps they can contact me again as it is possible that they too are related to the Bunwell Goddard family.

Julie of Newbury

WESSEX FIELD REGIMENT

I have just been introduced to a brief history, 1938-1946, of the 112th (Wessex) Field Regiment RA, TA. There are three editors, the main researcher and author being Major Douglas Goddard, MBE. He has kept his light well hidden under the proverbial bushel, as I was told about the work by another of the trio whom I happen to know. If anyone is interested in a copy, I suggest they apply to Douglas at Quinells, 38 The Ridgeway, Wargrave, Berkshire, RG10 8AS.

ONE FIRE TOO MANY

Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith spotted the following submission to *Readers Digest* for November 1999 by Heather Goddard of Harwich, Essex: "When my friend's chip pan caught alight he called the fire brigade and was given a stern warning to be more careful in future. However, two weeks later it happened again and the firemen were called to the scene once more. The following day my friend found a parcel on his porch together with a note reading: 'Due to staff shortages over the next few weeks, we wondered if you'd mind helping us out by using these.' The package contained a bag of oven chips."

EAST INDIA COMPANY

Reading a new book on the East India Company recently, I was interested to discover that a Richard Goddard was one of the original 218 merchants and tradesman of the City of London who subscribed its opening capital in the months before it received its Royal Charter from Queen Elizabeth I on 31 December 1600 as the 'Company of Merchants of London trading into the East Indies'. Headed by the Lord Mayor of London, Richard is eighth in the list and one of seven Aldermen noted; he subscribed £200, which was a very considerable sum of money in those days.

AMERICAN WAR OF INDEPENDENCE

I recently had the book called *American Migrations 1765-1799* to review. Its rather misleading title does not reveal that it is a collection of papers which were sent to the English government by Englishmen living in America during the American War of Independence. Despite having been settled there for generations, those who supported King George and continued rule from England were on the losing side and suffered deprivations and hardship. Claims for compensation, with explanatory notes and eye witness accounts, were sent with the claims.

As I usually do, I flicked through the index for Goddards and found several. Samuel Goldthwait of Newport was imprisoned, he writes, but "escaped with two young men called Goddard". Philip Acland says that he had been settled in Rhose Island for eighteen years; his neighbour, Daniel Goddard, supported this assertion and another for Joseph Durfee. Israel Goddard lost all his lands in Durham, New Haven County, and other places. Lemuel Goddard of Plymouth had to flee from his home in April 1775. He went to Halifax and served with the army. His family was ill-treated and, when all their clothing was taken, his wife and five small children left their home in May 1776 and went on a six month trek to join him in Halifax. Despite all their deprivations his claim was rejected. Thomas Goddard is mentioned as having sold land to John Vassall of Cambridge and Boston around 1774. And, lastly, William Goddard is mentioned in the claim by Hugh Dean. In a letter of 22 December 1784 William wrote that he was proposing to go to London in the summer of 1785.

For those interested in American history, or those just interested in true to life accounts of life in the 1770s and 1780s, you should try to buy or see this book, which is edited by Peter Wilson Coldham and published by the Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc. of Baltimore at \$75. ISBN 0-8063-1618-7. *Julie of Newbury*

AMATEUR GARDENER

The magazine *Amateur Gardening* has twice recently featured Ron Goddard – on 16 August 1997 and 25 September 1999. On the first occasion it covered his magnificent three-quarter acre garden at Magnolia Cottage in Shrewsbury. Shortly after that he moved a few miles down the road to another house and garden; this one was a fifth of the size and totally overgrown when he bought it. He immediately rose to the challenge, creating a new garden that satisfied three criteria: it had to be simple, easy to maintain, and he had to be able to walk around it in all seasons without getting his feet wet. It took two years for the garden to mature but, sadly, his wife Gill died before she could see the finished result. Now he is thinking of moving again to be nearer to his daughter in Reading. No doubt the magazine will feature him again once he has had the chance to get the next garden to his liking! Does any member know of him?

SWINDON OLD TOWN

I am grateful to Jennifer Walker for sending me a couple of articles from the *Swindon Evening Advertiser* from January, relating to development plans for Swindon Old Town. The architect for the project is Richard Goddard.

AIR AMBULANCE

I am grateful to Margaret Young of Reading for sending me a cutting from the *Reading Chronicle* about the Thames Valley Air Ambulance. One of its paramedics is Tim Goddard. Does anyone claim him as a relative?

ROBERT GODDARD

As indicated in the last Newsletter, author Robert Goddard's latest novel *Set in Stone* came out in the autumn. If your were not given it for Christmas, I hope you have a birthday coming up soon – or, failing that, go out and buy it for yourself as it is as gripping a tale as the previous eleven and, as always, has an unpredictable ending.

THE PRINCE CONSORT'S WINDSOR ASSOCIATION

I have in my possession a photocopy of a certificate from the above association which reads:

"The Prince Consort's Windsor Association
for improving the condition of Labourers and others
Presented
in memory of the Royal Founder
to James and Sarah Goddard
who received a prize of £3 0s 0d at the
Annual Meeting held at Windsor the 14th day of July 1864
For having brought up their family in honest sober and industrious habits
[Signed] Victoria"

It was sent to me a year or two ago by someone, perhaps a member but not necessarily. Unfortunately I have lost their name. Would the owner, or anyone who knows anything about the above association, please contact me.

Julie of Newbury

A JIGSAW PUZZLE WITH PIECES MISSING

This article by Julie Goddard first appeared in the *Berkshire Family Historian* Vol. 22 N° 4 in June 1999. I am grateful for her permission to reproduce it here:

“I regard being the co-ordinator of a one-name study as being the equivalent of doing a gigantic jigsaw puzzle. Sometimes I see a group of red pieces which fit together and, hey presto, a pattern appears which I can sometimes attach to another coloured group which I had arranged earlier. Sometimes I realise that someone, one of our members perhaps, has some of the pieces hidden away, or that some of the pieces over the years have slipped down the back of the sofa; but I live in hopes that one day a nearly complete pattern will emerge. If the name was Silverthorne or Hogflesh the jigsaw would not be so difficult. But, I ask you, Goddard, a name which has representatives nearly all over the world – but not in Cairo, one of our members assures me; he looked in the telephone directory as soon as he arrived there, as a matter of habit.

Take for example Kintbury churchyard. If you haven't been there do let me recommend a visit. Besides being in a pleasant spot in a lovely little village, alongside the picturesque canal, it has some celebrities as inhabitants and one never knows who you might meet out walking their dog. In the churchyard of St Mary's there are several more. Near to the gap in the wall leading on to a pleasant lane is a table tomb with the inscriptions: 'In loving memory of Emily daughter of W.H. Goddard of Parsonage Farm, Iver, Bucks, who died Apr 21st 1902 aged 69 years.' 'Also of Ann Weston beloved wife of the late Walter Weston of St John's Wood and sister of Emily Goddard born 17th March 1842 and died 19 Feb 1926.'

What were they doing in Kintbury? In the 1851 census the family are all at home at Round Farm, Love Green, Iver. There is William H. Goddard, his wife Mary Ann and children Jane (15), Thomas (11), Ann (10), Emily (8), Sarah (6) and George (4). In 1863 they had moved to Parsonage Farm, still in Iver. In 1881 William H. Goddard, aged 67, born Grove, Berks, is still farming 135 acres at Iver. It seems that Ann's husband Walter Weston must have retired from St John's Wood to the country and taken his wife and sister-in-law with him. Another branch of this family were farming at Letcombe Regis but their ancestors, so we are told – so far unverified – bought Canterton Manor, near Southampton, in 1560 when a London lawyer ancestor bought himself a home in the country.

Further into the churchyard under the trees are stones for Richard Goddard who died 2nd October 1867 aged 56 and Janet Goddard who died 10th October 1872 aged 59, and another to Richard their second son who died 19th April 1871, aged 25. Richard senior farmed at

Templeton, between Kintbury and Inkpen. He was there in 1831 when the agricultural rioters surrounded the farm and demanded money before breaking up the threshing machine. He married Janet Lidderdale of Kintbury, in whose family were doctors and teachers. They had thirteen children, most of whom emigrated to America. Richard has an ancient family tree. His father, Richard Smart Goddard, was born in Chieveley in 1779, the son of the George and Ann Goddard who have a tablet on the wall in Chieveley church. George was a son of Thomas Goddard, a timber merchant who owned property in Northcroft Lane, Newbury, next to the canal, which he must have seen develop from an idea to an actual means of transporting his wood at first downstream to Reading and then upstream to the west. The family first appeared in Chieveley in 1566 and paid homage to the Lord of the Manor. They have several eminent lawyers, doctors and clerics in their extensive family.

Almost next to this tombstone is another for James Goddard, who died 20th March 1885, aged 82, and Caroline, who died 17th April 1888, aged 73. James appears as a shoemaker in an 1827 Directory of Berkshire, but later he became a whiting manufacturer and also at his death owned a considerable amount of property including *The Barley Mow*, a freehold beer house, four cottages and six acres of land at Kintbury and two freehold cottages at Headley, near Kingsclere. The property was divided, we learn from a document at the PRO, at Caroline's death between the children John Knight Goddard, James Goddard, Clara Scott, Kate Johnson, Agnes Cruse and Rhoda Sheppard. James junior was a carpenter at Speen.

Last year I got quite excited about this latter tombstone as my husband and I were taking two Canadian sisters around the churchyard, looking for the tombstone of their great-grandmother Caroline Goddard. Caroline, née Kimber, was the widow of William Goddard of Easton Royal, Wilts. They married in Easton in 1842 but moved to London where they kept the *Hoops and Grapes* in Broadway. However, William had been a carrier in Easton and started a cab business in London, which his son George took over when William, presumably tired of the bright lights, returned to the country. William died in 1875 and Caroline lived with one of her daughters-in-law, Elizabeth Emms, in the High Street, Kintbury. An entry in the burial register of St Mary's Kintbury states that Caroline Goddard was buried on 23rd February 1905, aged 84, but, although there was certainly enough money in the family for a tombstone, there does not appear to be one. The Goddard family at Easton Royal also has a long pedigree traceable forwards from the marriage of Stephen Goddard to Jane

(Jenny) Wilkins in 1770, though the Goddards were in the locality for many years previously. As their nine children grew up, they fanned out over the Pewsey Valley and when their large families also grew up, married and looked for work, they moved to London, the Home Counties and eventually some to Canada.

Multiply the situation with the quite unrelated families of Kintbury many times as one looks at Newbury, Hungerford, Bucklebury, Marlborough locally, and the farms of Suffolk, the hills of Derbyshire and many other places where Goddards are or have been numerous, and the immense task of recording all the Goddards started by the late Howard Goddard Jones thirteen years ago becomes clear. However, as with that large jigsaw puzzle, if you like doing that sort of thing, the intricacies and small triumphs spur you on, ever onwards."

GODDARD'S EMBROCATION

I am grateful to Betty and Rachel of Llanwarne for information on and a photograph of an advertisement for Goddard's Embrocation (see Newsletters 43 & 44). Unfortunately it is high up on the wall above a grocer's shop in Brookend Street, Ross-on-Wye, and is thus too small to reproduce here. But it says:

"Rub it in! Goddard's famous white horse oils. The magic embrocation sold here in bottles 6^d, 1/- & 2/-."

LORD LIEUTENANT'S ESCORT

Jennifer Walker has kindly sent me an article from the *Swindon Evening Advertiser* from January charting the further exploits of Committee member Philip's son Nicholas. An air cadet with 1244 squadron and the holder of a flying scholarship, he has just been awarded the Lord Lieutenant's cadet post for Wiltshire at a ceremony at Old Sarum. This means that he will escort the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire, Sir Maurice Johnston, on official appointments for the next year. Our congratulations to Nicholas.

READING ARCHITECTS

I am grateful to Julie of Christchurch, New Zealand, for sending me a copy of a page from Sidney M. Gold's *A Biographical Dictionary of Architects at Reading*. In it two Goddards are listed: Mr Goddard, who was active between 1867 and 1873, was working in the office of Charles Smith. In 1867 he is mentioned as surveying at Southern Hill, Reading; and in 1873 Smith paid him as a clerk of works. He is unidentified, but he may be connected with the Leicester family of architects of that name. The second is Owen Arthur James Goddard, who was active between 1921 and 1936. He was a member of the Reading Society of Architects from 1921, and was living at 'The Verge', Finchampstead in 1936. Does any member claim either of them as a relative?

1944 OBITUARY

Mrs Pat Bisset of Whangamata, New Zealand, has kindly sent via Julie of Christchurch Mr George E.J. Goddard's obituary from the *Te Awamutu Courier* of Friday 23 June 1944: "Another link in the chain of old associates has broken, going back over thirty years to the pioneering days in the bush clad country of Ngaroma. Almost the total of 42 sections were occupied of a block of 22,000 acres. The settlers those days, while living in tents, had to help make their own roads as well as cut out a corner to plant a whare. The type of men were of an exceptionally high standard, all in the prime of life. Most of them bachelors, a very few were married. Mr Goddard was among the married men that brought in a family. The roads were not finished when the war in 1914 broke out. The call to the flag had an amazing response from the settlement, but the depletion of the district's best manhood brought sad days, six making the supreme sacrifice. Mr Goddard's son, Herbert, gave his life, while Charlie and Reg, after serving overseas, returned safely. Mr Goddard was an asset to the district in his quiet demeanour. In the early days he took an active part in local affairs, also being a J.P. His character was sincere and honest to a very high degree. He was never forward in discordant fashion, but stood for harmony. When one left him with a hearty handshake after having a talk with him in his own home, a peaceful happy expression was ever uppermost. He it was who, with his quaint persuasive style, personally prevailed on the Minister of Lands (the late Hon. A.D. McLeod) and the Commissioner of Crown Lands to arrange with the prison authorities for an accommodation paddock for the Ngaroma settlers, which has proved a blessing in the removal of stock. His was a hard uphill battle but, as a real pioneer battler, would never give up trying to carve a home in the bush. He reared a large family, and as years rolled on most of them, one by one, took on the building of homes of their own. Mr Goddard arrived in Wellington from London in the sailing ship *Invercargill* in 1887. He then lived in Rangitikei, and married Miss Edith Symonds, a daughter of one of the early pioneers in that district. He farmed near Marton, and when he sold out took up a section at Ngaroma, residing there until the time of his death. He is survived by his wife and six sons and three daughters - Charlie, Reg, and Mrs McDonald, Tanranga; Ted, Dargaville; Mrs Geary and David, Wellington; Mrs Palmer, Utiku; Don, Te Awamutu; and John, Ngaroma. Sincere sympathy goes out to his wife and family in their sad loss."

LIVINGSTONE'S AIDE

Does anyone know Ken Livingstone's former aide, Mark Goddard, 34, a freelance designer who quit his campaign as he felt Ken's policies were dangerous?

2000 AGM

This year's AGM will take place at the Goddard Arms Hotel, Swindon, on Sunday 21 May. The programme will follow the usual format, starting with a finger buffet lunch from 12.30pm in the Lawn suite at a cost of £7.50. This year the hotel do not wish to be rung up individually with the numbers of those attending, so will you please phone me if you wish to book lunch – on 01886 - 832404 after 8.00pm only – not later than Thursday 18th. The AGM itself will begin about 2.15pm, depending upon the numbers attending lunch and how long it takes to clear away and prepare the room.

The Agenda will be as follows:

1. Welcome.
2. Apologies.
3. Minutes of the last Meeting.
4. Matters Arising.
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Research Co-ordinator's Report.
7. Elections:

a).President.

b).Secretary.

c).Treasurer.

d).Two Committee members. David of

Kew and Margaret McAlpin retire by rotation and are willing to serve again if re-elected.

8. Date and place of next Meeting.

9. Any other business.

This will be followed by the presentation of the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial for 1999, and then by tea and biscuits. There is no talk this year, as several members have asked for more time to chat informally; but there will be the usual raffle, for which I have already been sent a most generous prize – a week's caravan holiday for four at the Carmarthen Bay resort of Kidwelly.

INFANTICIDE

Ann Hockaday of Ilminster has kindly sent an extract from "A Calendar of the Prisoners. Prisoners upon Orders. No. 50 Sophia Goddard aged 24. Committed by the Reverend George Pickard, junior. Charged o the oaths of Ann Mitchell, John Buxton and others with feloniously, unlawfully, and maliciously, attempting to suffocate her newly-born female bastard child at the parish of Bloxworth. Warrant dated 1st March 1834. Acquitted."

NEW MEMBERS

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

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TODDBROOK RESERVOIR

Martin Goddard, the artist and member of this Association, produced a Christmas card in 1999 showing the Reservoir House. Toddbrook Reservoir is the 'feeder' for the Peak Forest canal at Whaley Bridge. He may not know that the family living there during the 1930s-40s were called Bowden. Mr Fred Bowden looked after the reservoir, and his wife's maiden name was Edith Goddard (05842 on the High Peak monograph), daughter of Samuel and Mary Goddard (née Brunt) of Whaley Bridge.

Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith.

MONOGRAPHS

The seventh monograph, the second part of Albert's High Peak research, is now ready and will be available at the AGM on 21 May. If you are unable to attend and would like a copy, please make a cheque for £3 payable to the Goddard Association of Europe and apply after that date to either Albert at Windgather, 8 St Ann's Close, Chapel-en-le-Frith, High Peak, SK23 9SG or Richard of Malvern whose address is below. Copies of the other six monographs are available from Richard:

High Peak I, Chinley and Bugsworth.

North Wiltshire I, 1200-1600.

North Wiltshire II, Berwick Bassett, Clatford, Hidden.

North Wiltshire III, Water Eaton, Castle Eaton and East

Woodhay.

Gloucestershire I, Chipping Campden and Quinton.

Gloucestershire II, Stanway and the Vale of Evesham.

These monographs, together with ties, brooches and plates will also be available at the AGM.

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