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BATTLEFIELDS OF LIFE

The autobiography of Fred Goddard

Battlefields of Life is the apt title of an autobiographical book published in November last year by the Book Guild Ltd., price £15.95. The author is 83 year old Fred Goddard of Haywards Heath in West Sussex, and the book is dedicated to his wife Doris who sadly died in 1997 after just over fifty years of marriage. The foreword was written by Mid-Sussex Member of Parliament, Nicholas Soames, the former Armed Forces Minister. I am grateful to Margaret of Worsley and John of Accrington for getting in touch with Fred; I am delighted to say that he is now a member of the Goddard Association.

Born in Haywards Heath in 1916, Fred was at first sent to foster parents but then removed from them at the age of seven. Beaten by a savage father whenever he tried to return, and subsequently placed in a retail apprenticeship without his agreement, he joined the army in 1938. He saw active service as a driver and wireless operator with the Royal Tank Regiment in France, but the British Expeditionary Force was thrown back to the Channel by the Germans. Resting in a wood, his tank became overrun by the enemy advance and the crew were forced to abandon it, blowing it up as the Germans approached, escaping in the confusion and then retreating to the coast on foot. Their routes through Calais and Cherbourg were cut off, but they finally made it to Brest after some 800 miles and returned to England on a collier five weeks after the famous Dunkirk evacuation. Others were less lucky, and Fred never could understand why so many men were left to their fate on other parts of the coast to Dunkirk.

Fred's second and, as it turned out, last spell of active service was in North Africa. Here his Cruiser tank received a direct hit and he was blown out of the turret, wounded in the head, back and foot. He was shot again in the leg before being



taken prisoner and loaded on to an ambulance. This in turn was hit and the driver killed; he was then put in a lorry whose driver was also killed moments later. Thanks to his own determination and the skill of an Italian doctor, his leg was saved. But, while recovering from his wounds, he almost had his throat cut

by a fanatical member of the Hitler Youth; fortunately the latter was restrained by two other Germans. Eventually repatriated from an Italian PoW camp in 1943 he was discharged from the army as unfit for further service. He gradually settled back into civilian life, married Doris in 1946 and they had three sons and a daughter.

After a spell of employment for others, he decided he would rather work for himself and so set up his own plumbing, heating and electrical business which two of his sons now run. His next battle was with the Army pension board for fair compensation for his war wounds; then there has been his struggle with heart problems and resultant surgery. Never idle, he promoted Irish music, learnt to fly, has travelled on Concorde, in a hot air balloon and through the Channel Tunnel; and he continues to make plans for the future – gliding lessons, a Rhine cruise, driving a tank at the Tank Museum at Bovington in Dorset where he had received some of his training before the Second World War.

Fred's book *Battlefields of Life* has been very well reviewed and clearly deserves to be on the shelves of members of the Association.

APOLOGY

It is good to learn that the May Newsletter has at last reached its destination, though I must apologise that in the vast majority of cases it arrived some eleven weeks after it was posted at the beginning of that month. It would appear that the box containing most of the envelopes got 'lost' in the Worcester sorting office, as I managed to trace it from my local post office (where I have often posted the Newsletter before), through Great Malvern to Worcester. There the trail went cold, and I can only suppose it got kicked under a table, re-emerging recently when someone stubbed their toe on it!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Association's Executive Committee met on the morning of the AGM, Sunday 21 May 2000, at the Goddard Arms Hotel, Swindon. All nine members of the Committee were present. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed. Under matters arising, the Committee agreed to delete from membership those who had still failed to pay their dues after two reminders, according to the list produced by Treasurer John. And Membership Secretary John then agreed to produce a current list of Members available to any who may ask for it (address on back page).

Treasurer John produced his accounts, which were most satisfactory. Payment had been made to the East Woodhay Goddard monument restoration appeal. The stock position of the Goddard plates was reported, and it was decided to sell the imperfect ones at a discount. Part II of the High Peak monograph was now available for sale at the AGM, and it was hoped that part III of the North Gloucestershire one would be ready for October.

It was agreed the next Committee meeting would be held at the Fleet Inn, Twyning on Sunday 8 October, and that it would be recommended that the next AGM be held at the same location on Saturday 19 May 2001.

Any other business produced a letter from a Blue Badge guide offering conducted tours around old Swindon; this was noted. Brian also submitted his research report for the year. Finally, it was regretted that Margaret of Worsley was not able to be present to receive the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial at the AGM the same afternoon; but it was agreed that Richard of Malvern, together with help from John and Eileen of Accrington, would present it at some mutually convenient date in the near future.

FOOTBALL FAN

One of the English football fans, who travelled to Belgium for the European Cup in June but was not involved in any trouble, was Graham Goddard. His picture appeared in the *Daily Telegraph*, but it did not say where he came from. He was one of a number of fans who criticised UEFA for threatening to throw England out of the competition because of a mindless minority which the government should have prevented travelling to Belgium in the first place.

LAND GIRL

Margaret of Worsley has been in touch with Mrs Joyce Goddard, who featured in Newsletter 52 in the article on Land Girls, although at the time neither knew that it was the same Mrs J. Goddard who had written a letter trying to trace a former colleague, which is what Margaret had spotted and followed up. And Joyce did not know that she had featured in our Newsletter! Hopefully she will now join the Association.

STRAY GENES?

Whilst on holiday in Barbados recently Ian, son of John of Accrington, was amused when several residents remarked on his resemblance to Senator Philip Goddard of the Barbadian government. So much so that one lady was astounded to learn that he was from England and recommended him to ask his mother if she had ever been to Barbados! (She assures me she hasn't.) Ian has asked that the family tree be re-checked; he thinks it would be great to have relatives there. Unfortunately his ancestors can all be accounted for in Lancashire and Yorkshire for the past 250 years. But one of the Barbados Goddards is an Association member and we know of other Goddard connections on the island which have been mentioned in earlier Newsletters. The mysterious account of the dancing coffins in the Chase vault (11, 12); John D.C. Goddard, the West Indies cricket team captain and the gate named after him at the Bridgetown cricket ground (8, 12); and more recently Goddard Enterprises, whose advertisements on the cricket ground have been seen on televised Test matches (46). *John of Accrington*

COUNCILLOR GODDARD

After the local elections in May, David Goddard handed control of Stockport Council back to the Liberal Democrats by joining them. Previously a Labour Councillor, he resigned the whip a year ago and sat as an Independent. Needless to say his move was welcomed by one party and reviled by the other – but that's politics.

PURCHASE OF INDENTURE

At the get together before the AGM at Swindon committee members were approached by a couple carrying a large parcel. They explained they had something with them which might interest the Association. They unwrapped their bundle and revealed an old parchment in a glass fronted picture frame measuring 24 x 15 ins. At the top the inscription started "THIS INDENTURE made the five and twentieth day of November 1610 and in the year 8 of the reign of...." An indenture is a legal document which is indented, or cut jaggedly, at one edge. There are two copies made at the same time on the same piece of parchment, each participant to the document keeping one half; the verity of the document can then be tried by matching the two jagged edges to each other. This indenture appears to be an agreement over land between Edward Goddard of Woodhay and Edward Sheldon of Beoly, both in Hampshire. We bought it!

At some time in the document's 400 year life between the lawyer's office and the car boot sale at which it was found, it has been exposed to water and the right hand side of the sheet is faded and the bottom water stained. Obviously it needs expert conservation treatment and hopefully we can arrange this at a price we can afford. I will publish further details later. *Julie of Newbury*

ANOTHER PoW

The sixtieth anniversary of Dunkirk has produced many memories. I am grateful to Jennifer Walker for a *Daily Mirror* selection. One is by John Goddard, aged 83, of New Cross, London; a stretcher bearer with the Queen's Royal Regiment 75th Battalion, he was captured fighting with the rearguard and spent five years in prison camps, first in Poland where they had been taken in cattle trucks for five days and nights without food, and then, following a thousand mile march because of the advance of the Russians, in Baden-Baden in Germany. Does anyone claim this old soldier as a relative?

CAN YOU HELP?

John of Accrington, whose address is on the back page, and who wants to know if anyone has come across or known a Melbourne Goddard who married Ruth Brown in Liverpool in 1941 and later moved to Beddington near Croydon. "At least," he says, "one John Goddard used some imagination when he named his son Melbourne!" If the uncommon name strikes a chord, please get in touch with him.

Mrs Margaret Galbreath of P.O. Box 420, Elizabeth, South Australia 5112, to trace her Goddard forebears who were said to be butchers in Henley, which she now thinks is the Suffolk one and not the one on the Thames. Maria Goddard, who married Margaret's great-grandfather, was born in Great Livermore, Suffolk, in 1831; her parents were George Goddard and Mary Cullum, and George's parents were Jacob Goddard and Elizabeth Cockerill. Further back than that she cannot go, and she would be glad to hear from anyone who might be able to help.

DIAMOND WEDDING

Jack and Barbara Watts of Newbury celebrated their Diamond Wedding in April. Barbara was the eldest daughter of William and Elsie Goddard of Bucklebury. She worked at Douai Abbey and Downe House School among many domestic jobs. They have three children (Jean, Michael and Geoffrey), twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Goddards of Bucklebury are recorded over many generations.

GODDARD QUADS

I am grateful to Margaret of Worsley for sending me a snippet from the *Weekly News* of 15 April relating to a set of quadruplets who had just celebrated their twenty-first birthday. Roger and Linda Goddard of Hampshire were taken completely by surprise when it was announced that Linda was expecting quads – they already had a three year old son called Ben. Then Kate, Richard, Matt and Ruth appeared, causing them to change the family car for a minibus and their three bedroom house for a larger one. Does anyone recognise this family?

UNWANTED CERTIFICATE

I am grateful to Joan of Hove for sending me an unwanted birth certificate together with some information from the 1881 census, which would appear to relate to the same family. The certificate is for Mary Elizabeth Goddard, born on 29 June 1864 at 100 Bunhill Row, City Road, Finsbury, St Luke, Middlesex. Her parents were Benjamin Goddard, a cabinet maker, and Mary Elizabeth Goddard, née Tyrell. The 1881 census information is for 117 Bunhill Row, St Luke, Middlesex and concerns Benjamin Goddard, cabinet maker, aged 55, his wife Mary aged 61, and two children: Clara, unmarried, aged 28 and Frederick, an upholsterer, aged 20. The household also had a resident maid, described as 'general servant', one Louisa Searle, unmarried, aged 16. If anyone is related to this family and would like to claim the certificate, please write to Richard of Malvern (address on page 8).

GODDARDS GRADUATE

In a long letter from New Zealand Pat Bisset (descendant of James Robert Goddard of Silchester) writes that she and Norman went to Hamilton for the graduation ceremony of their daughter Jane Bisset, and found that Frank Goddard and family were there from Rotorua for the graduation of his grandson Karl Nicholas Goddard. To complete the Goddard hat-trick Michelle Louise Goddard was also receiving her degree; unfortunately Michelle knows nothing of her ancestry.

Pat says that they "had a lovely day; it was quite a ceremony and very colourful, with the dignatories gowns and silks glowing in the light".

Now that is the type of snippet of information that the editor of the Newsletter (Richard of Malvern; address on back cover) loves to receive, especially from the other side of the world. *Julie of Newbury*

HARARE CORRESPONDENT

I am grateful to Anne Hockaday for sending me a copy of an article from a June copy of the *Daily Express*, dealing with the present troubles in Zimbabwe. The correspondent is a Jaqui Goddard. Does any member claim her as a relative?

NEW MEMBERS

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

Ms E. Carpenter, 9/48 Victoria Road, Hawthorn East, Victoria 3123, Australia.
Mrs C.H. Clark, 8 Alder Close, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield, B76 1LW.
Mrs C. Corby, 15 Farmers Close, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 3PZ.
Mrs P. Evans, 14 Parker Close, Gosport, Hampshire, PO12 4BD.
Mr F. Goddard, 117 Bentswood Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 3PP.
Mr K. Goddard, 80 Northview Drive, Westcliffe-on-Sea, Essex, SS0 9NF.
Mr M.C. Goddard, 11 Albermarle Avenue, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW2 6AJ.
Miss R. Goddard, 111 Springwood Drive, Godington Park, Ashford, Kent, TN23 3LH.
Mr R.S.J. Goddard, 56 Brackenfield Way, Thurmaston, Leicester, LE4 8GT.
Mr R. Goddard, 15 Willow Place, Braithwell, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S66 7BD.
Ms S. Knight, 33 Hutchison Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, K1Y 4A2, Canada.
Mrs C. Mayhew, 41 Robinson Crescent, Tamatea, Napier, New Zealand.
Mrs D.P. Rogers, 205 Neville Avenue, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 7NG.
Mr D. Sayer, 75A Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, London, SE5 0NJ.

A FAMILY CRISIS

This is the story of the crisis that followed my great grandmother's death in 1889. She was born Emma Ann Goddard around 1844 in the Camberwell / Lambeth area, her parents being George Goddard, a hatter, and Sarah Bernal who had married at Oxted, Surrey, in 1825. In the 1852 census the family was at 4 John Street, Stockwell. Sarah, 47, a laundress, was head of the family, "Husband left". A sister, Sarah, 25, unmarried, embroideress, and a brother Charles, 11, errand boy, were also there with Emma Ann.

Emma Ann married (Thomas) Levi Dolling on 29 November 1868 at St Mary Magdalen, Southwark. Levi was newly come to London from Somerset and before long had his own business as a "Master carman employing two men and a boy".

Tragedy struck when Levi, only 35, died in 1883, followed six years later by Emma. This left the wider family with the problem of what to do with their six orphaned children, resulting in the admission of the two youngest boys, George and Albert, to Dr Barnardo's en route for Canada. The Admission Report tells the story: "The application for the admission of these orphan boys came from their maternal uncle, Mr C.W. Goddard. The case was given out for investigation, and from the report of our enquiry officer the facts were found to be as follows:-

The father, Levi Dolling, died from diphtheria on 1 March 1883, and is buried at Brompton Cemetery. He had carried on the business of a van proprietor and retail coal salesman at 45 George Street, Blackfriars. His widow, the mother, Emma Ann Dolling, continued to carry on the business until the time of her own death, which occurred on 27 June 1889 from dropsy and tumours. She was interred at Abney Park Cemetery. On the death of Mrs Dolling, her brother above named endeavoured to continue the business for the benefit of the children, and took up his residence at the house. He found, however, that there was a considerable burden of debt, and up to the time of application had kept the shop going only with difficulty, and at an actual loss to himself. Both he and the other relatives stated that there was no alternative but disposing of the business as quickly as possible, and that when this had been done nothing but the workhouse stared the two boys in the face, unless some Institution opened its doors to them.

It appears that although there are several relatives living, the burden of looking after the orphaned family has fallen almost, if not quite, exclusively upon the applicant and his wife, who have done their best to make provision for them. Six children were left at the mother's death. Of these, the eldest [my grandfather], a lad of eighteen, got married. The next, a girl of sixteen [here a line is blacked out, perhaps indicating that she

had just had a child out of wedlock], in the Magdalene Hospital, Streatham. Another girl, Minnie, he succeeded in getting into Mr Spurgeon's Orphanage. The other three children remained at the shop, assisting in the coal business. It was proposed to provide for Emma by getting her a situation. As to George and Albert, none of the other relatives were disposed to undertake their support, and their uncle, Charles Goddard, having five children of his own, could not do so.

A sum of £16 or £17 will become payable to each child on attaining majority by the Provident Institution (Montague Street Branch, Bloomsbury). For these sums the paternal uncle, Robert Dolling, is trustee.

The various relatives concurred in the application, and in the Canadian Clause of the Agreement. George is twelve years old, and Albert ten."

The Goddard relatives were named as:-

1. Charles William Goddard (52), clerk to Messrs W.H. Smith & Sons (5 children), 45 George Street, Blackfriars Road. (Emma's brother, Charles William Goddard, was born on 28 July 1838 at City Road Lying In Hospital. He married Martha Morton Allcock at St Mary Le Strand on 29 August 1858, but Martha died 5 August 1860. He married again on 2 February 1862 at St Paul's Bermondsey to Elizabeth Allen. They had five children – Emma (1865), Sarah (1871), Thirza (1873), Charles J (1875), Elizabeth A (1877), all born in Southwark.)

2. Thirza Pooley (57), widow, supported by her children, 195 St George's Road, Peckham. (Emma's sister, Thirza Frances Goddard was born around 1834 in Mansfield, Nottingham. She married James Pooley at St George the Martyr Southwark on 8 November 1858 and their eight children were born in Bermondsey / Peckham / Walworth / Camberwell.)

Things I would like to know:-

1. More about Emma Ann's father, George Goddard – birth, death, census, background.

2. Did Emma Ann have any other siblings? Why was her sister Thirza born in Mansfield when earlier and later children were born in the London area? Were there any other children born in Mansfield in the 1830s?

3. Are there any descendants of Charles William and Thirza around? I should like to know more about Charles William, my grandfather (Charles Dolling)'s Guardian.

Please reply to Mrs Joan Gomer, 55 Hythe Hill, Colchester, Essex, CO1 2NH.

To give a happy ending to the story, I was thrilled in 1995 to meet up in London with the Canadian descendants of Albert Dolling, contact having been made through a family history article I had written!

Joan Gomer of Colchester

JAZZ AND DAFFODILS

John Goddard of Banstead is a versatile man. Two years ago Margaret of Worsley contacted him in relation to a jazz band, the Blackbottom Stompers. Recently she spotted the same John in connection with the Daffodil Society. As usual, she does not let slip such an opportunity for contact! So she naturally telephoned and then wrote to him. John kindly wrote back, saying "You may care to introduce me as a daffodil enthusiast, exhibitor and committee member of the Daffodil Society and Royal Horticultural Society Trials at Wisley". Too busy at present to write anything on his speciality for this Newsletter, he has very kindly sent an article he wrote for his local pensioners magazine, which he said we may use; and I will when I have more space.

And the Blackbottom Stompers? As John says, they were "formed in the mid sixties by a group of young musicians whose passion was jazz music typified by the classic period of the twenties. Over the years it became famous not only in the United Kingdom but in Germany, Belgium, Holland and France. The band represented England in the then East German Dixieland Jazz Festival in Dresden. Since then there have been various changes of personnel, but the style and passion of the band has been carried on through the years. More recently the leadership has changed, which has given more impetus and improved management direction. The Blackbottom Stompers as a group is well known on the jazz scene, but has specialised also in performing at private functions such as weddings, birthday parties, festivals for the National Trust and appeared with Roy Hudd on TV on Tom O'Connor's 'I've Got a Secret' show." So, if you have a spring wedding coming up, you could order the decorations and the entertainment from the same address!

ATTACKED

Earlier this year Anthony Goddard of Swindon, aged 28, who lives with his partner Emma and three year old daughter Shannon, drove to Salisbury to help friends whose car had broken down. He fixed it and followed them to Bournemouth, where they were going for a day out, to make sure that it was alright. He joined them for a drink, and that is the last he remembers for twelve hours, when he woke up in Poole Royal Infirmary. He had been badly beaten up and his car stolen.

QUEEN MOTHER'S PAGEANT

As Anne Hockaday has kindly pointed out to me, the Goddards were well represented at the Birthday Pageant for the Queen Mother on 19 July. Three were lucky in the draw for the five hundred double tickets: Mr K. Goddard from Lancashire, Mrs M. Goddard from Oxfordshire and Mrs S. Goddard also from Oxfordshire.

GODDARD & GIBBS AGAIN

I am grateful to Margaret of Worsley for sending me a copy of a letter from Mr James Weatherley, who spoke to the Association about the work of the stained glass manufacturers Goddard & Gibbs at our AGM at Sheldon Manor in 1996. They are moving premises again after 55 years in their current location: "We move on June 9th to Yeo Street, Bow in East London near Limehouse, leaving Shoreditch where we have been since October 1945. I joined the company on 24 April 1946, so have been associated with the firm 54 years. I am sad to say goodbye to the building today; it has been my life since joining Goddard & Gibbs. Arthus Buss joined the company in October 1945 and became our chief stained glass artist and designer for 25 years; he designed hundreds of windows. He trained me and we worked together for all those years. He retired in 1970, replaced by John Lawson who also carried on the work until 1998, but is working at home designing windows for the company, especially millennium designs. Arthur Buss died on 1 December 1999 at the age of 94; he was a great man of artistic merit. We hope that we will achieve much new work in our new surroundings, and that I shall be much involved as previously in Shoreditch."

TROUT FISHING

My younger daughter, Julia, recently spotted an article in the May edition of *The Field* on fly fishing, which said: "Fishing the Test last year, I noticed emerging mayfly falling to trout on station midstream, but I did not have John Goddard's Seventies Hatching Mayfly." Could some fishing fanatic kindly explain the term and give me further information on the Goddard in question?

TELETEXT

Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith has kindly sent more from the Service Pals section. 20 June: "Were you a communicator on H.M.S. Juno 1970-72? Trying to contact Noddy Cooper, Jed Stone, Mick Goddard, Biffo White, Sugar Plumb, Polly Ellis, Fez Parker, Ginger Reece, Tommy Donohue, Freddie Fox, Dinger Bells + 3. Contact Mike Temple 01752 846496 or email mike,temple@bigfoot.com". And 24 July: "11 Flight R.A.F. Swinderby, Manser barrack block, upstairs room 11. July/Aug. 1969. Trying to locate room colleagues from 31 years ago. Mainprize (815), Goddard (689), Paintoney (784), Fitch (747), Clarke (730), Johnstone (830), Pritchard K. (688), Weatherman D. (794) and Weatherman K. (800). Please write to:- Mr Terry Jones, 30 Dentith DR, Blacon, Chester, CH1 5HD."

LIBRARIAN

Does anyone lay claim as a relative to an Ann Goddard, either Librarian and/or teacher of Drama at Queen's College, Taunton?

JAMES GODDARD – RISING STAR

I am grateful to artist Martin Goddard of Romily for sending me the following article about his nephew:

“17 year old James Goddard is a rising star for us all to watch over the next few years in the world of swimming. James, top 16 year old points scorer in the National Age Group Competition at Coventry last August, became British Junior Champion in the 200m Individual Medley (IM) and 400m IM at Sheffield in December. He recently qualified to represent Britain in the European Junior Championships at Dunkirk which take place on 27th and 30th July this year.

James, who swims for Stockport Metro, is trained by top British coaches Sean Kelly and David Calleja, who also coach Olympic Bronze Medallist Graham Smith, Steven Parry (the Commonwealth Record Holder at 200m Butterfly) and until recently World Record Holder James Hickman. The Medley races, in which James particularly excels, include all four swimming strokes – backstroke, butterfly, breaststroke and freestyle.

This season has seen James gain valuable experience with the senior team when he swam for Britain at San Diego, California, and then later made the final of the British Winter Championships at Sheffield, which was shown live on BBC2.

After an amateur Swimming Federation funded training camp at Phoenix, Arizona, James won two Gold Medals at the 6 Nations Meet at Grunstadt, Germany, in April. Could this be one of the stars of the Commonwealth Games at Manchester in 2002? “Certainly, we are hoping so,” says coach Sean Kelly, “although a more realistic target may be the 2004 Olympics in Athens when he will be 21 and then, of course, the Olympics

A SHARP EYE REAPS A REWARD

New member Keith Goddard of Essex spotted a mention of “James Goddard, carpenter of Speen” in the article about Kintbury graveyard in the May Newsletter and wondered if it could be his ancestor. He sent details to the Research Department and we spent a happy evening with a computer and our CDs and are 99% sure that it is his James. We were also able to give him James’s brothers and sisters and parents, and to follow the family as it moved from Wiltshire, through Berkshire, Hampshire and back again to Wiltshire. James’s father, James senior (with, in his latter years, the interesting occupation of whiting manufacturer) was born on the estate of Tottenham Park in the Savernake Forest outside Marlborough in 1805. Some time ago we received a telephone enquiry about the Goddards of this Tottenham Park. We asked them to put the enquiry in writing – and have never heard from them since. If anyone knows who the caller was please tell us as we can give them a lot of information. *Julie of Newbury*

beyond that.....but there’s a lot of water to go under the bridge before then!”

James, a student at the Ridge College, Marple, has to be up at 4.30am most mornings to train for two hours before the day starts and again most evenings for another couple of hours. What James particularly needs now is sponsorship, commercial or private, to help meet travel costs, accommodation bills, entry fees and equipment etc.

If you feel you would like to help James in any way, please contact Mr M. Goddard on 0161 494 2319 or e-mail martingoddard@care4free.net

James is pictured with Olympic Silver Medallist



Sharon Davies at the British Training Camp 1999 at Florida, USA.”

PROPERTY MARKET SLUMP

I am grateful to Anne Hockaday for an article from the *Daily Express* from the beginning of May. Arthur and Joyce Goddard have lived in the same terrace house in Lower Beswick, Manchester, since they were married and Arthur is now a great-grandfather aged 68. In the late 1980s they bought their house from Manchester City Council under the right-to-buy scheme for £24,000 and they also spent a good deal of money fitting a new kitchen and on other improvements, thinking it to be a sound investment. Since then the area has become run down and house prices have slumped. Now the local authority has decided to put a compulsory purchase order on the entire street, because it is in an area being regenerated for the Commonwealth Games in 2002. Every householder is being offered the same price for their two bedroom terrace houses – just £7,000, a level of compensation determined by national guidelines. Not unnaturally the Goddards are very upset, but there seems to be little that they can do.

RESEARCH CO-ORDINATORS REPORT FOR 1999-2000

The publication for this year is the second chapter of family trees for the High Peak Goddards, whose branches live on the borders of Derbyshire, Cheshire and Lancashire, and covers the parishes of New Mills, Kettleshume and Whaley Bridge for the period from 1600 to 1900+. The original research, the script and the illustrations for these trees has been provided by Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith. Copies are available from Albert or from Richard of Malvern, priced £3.00 including postage.

The "web" and the internet have played a significant part this year for both the research and to answer requests for help via the e-mail system. It extends the information sources we have available for use, dramatically extending the Goddard Association library and other information facilities we have built up over the years. The web is not only useful for text, but also illustrations for use within our publications.

Absence Makes The Heart Grow Fonder by J.W. Godward was one of the pictures obtained off the web



and considered for inclusion in the latest monograph.

Last year the Association purchased the 1881 census on CDs which Julie and I have been using extensively. However, we have found that it is far from perfect; we have found a few mistakes but, more importantly, whole families have not been registered. This has been particularly noticeable in rural areas with isolated houses and farms missed from the census completely. The CD version is much easier to search than the printed copies which are available in most genealogical research establishments and many local libraries. That is not to say

that by using the census records you can instantly trace your family back to the middle of the last century, but it does give a significant help. However, if you are using the printed library copies you have to know the census area they were in at precisely the time of the census.

On the research front the year has proceeded quietly. Some loose ends have been tidied and distant cousins put in touch. Output depends on input; if we have not been given the information about your family tree, we cannot know whether you are related to another Goddard who would be interested in what you know. We look forward to being inundated with enquiries from the membership in the next few months – or is that only a pipe dream?

Brian & Julie of Newbury

JOHN WILLIAM GODWARD

Those of you who have purchased the latest monograph, the second on the Derbyshire/Cheshire Goddards, will have seen the paragraph on J.W. Godward (1861-1922), the celebrated painter. He was savaged by the critics and took the criticism so much to heart that he committed suicide, allegedly leaving a note to say that he thought there was not room in the world for him and Picasso. Nowadays paintings by Picasso are sold for millions, but do not disparage J.W. Godward; Bonhams are advertising for sale this June his 1913 painting entitled "Dorilla" with an estimated price of between £70,000 and £100,000. If anyone is interested in knowing more about Godward, there is a book about him by Vern Grosvenor Swanson, and Leeds Art Gallery have a collection of his paintings. *Julie of Newbury*

EMINENT BURY ST EDMUNDS GODDARD

Mrs Mary Harper of 36 St George's Road, West Harnham, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP2 8LU, has sent us copies of some interesting invitations which were sent to her grandfather Edward Goddard in the years 1908-1912 by the Mayor of Bury St Edmunds. Each invitation asks him to attend a dinner at The Angel Hotel, presumably an annual event. There is also an election poem:

Oh! Teddy, Teddy Goddard,
You're a good un, heart and hand;
You're a credit to your calling
And to all your native Town;
May your luck be never failing,
May you to us be ever true,
God bless you, Edward Goddard,
We'll show the Electors' love for you
VOTE FOR GODDARD!

Is there anyone who can help Mrs Harper find out more? Her great grandfather was born in Troston, according to the the 1881 census, one of the Suffolk villages which were full of Goddards and next to Great and Little Livermere, also Goddard villages. *Julie of Newbury*

This year's AGM took place at the Goddard Arms Hotel, Swindon, on Sunday 21 May. The lowest ever attendance of 24 members was almost certainly due to the failure of the Post Office to distribute the Newsletter posted earlier in the month – in fact, it has only recently resurfaced. As usual, the business part of the meeting was despatched as speedily as possible to enable members to enjoy each other's company afterwards; it had been decided that there would be no set talk this year.

The President welcomed everyone present, and a number of apologies were recorded. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed. John of Accrington reported that the membership list had been under revision, and that copies would be available from himself in the very near future.

Treasurer John submitted his Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2000, which were approved. They showed a surplus on the year of £883. Copies of the Accounts are available from him if you send a stamped addressed envelope. Brian of Newbury then presented his and Julie's Report as Research Co-ordinators and this is printed on page 7.

Richard, Eileen and John of Shrewsbury were re-elected as President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively; and retiring committee members David of Kew and Margaret McAlpin were also re-elected.

Subject to confirmation, the date and place for the next AGM will be Saturday 19 May 2001 at the Fleet Inn, Twynning.

Under any other business, the President drew attention to part II of the High Peak monograph which was on sale. He also asked members for ideas for meeting places around the country, the requirements being a suitable sized room at no charge and with catering facilities. Brian of Newbury then gave an impromptu talk on the 'odd' in Goddard, illustrated by strange and humorous excerpts from Goddard wills.

My very grateful thanks to those members who donated prizes for the raffle which raised £33 towards expenses for the occasion.

The Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial for 1999 had been awarded to Margaret of Worsley, but unfortu-

DOUBLE MARRIAGE

New member Mrs Babs Rogers of Hove is descended from Susannah Goddard who married John Joyce in Bradford on Avon on 2 April 1786. As Ann Goddard had married Richard Joyce in 1779, it may be that it was a case of two sisters marrying two brothers. Susannah and John had at least six children. At his marriage John was described as a 'scribbler' – no, nothing to do with writing, but a wool carder in the woollen mills of this Wiltshire town.

Julie of Newbury



nately she was unable to be present. It had been agreed that the President should present it to her on a suitable date in the near future, and this was in fact done – assisted by John and Eileen of Accrington – at Little Peover, south of Manchester, on Sunday 2 July. The photograph, taken by John, shows Margaret and husband Alan with the commemorative bowl.

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