



The Goddard Association of Europe

NEWSLETTER

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA French Historian's Find

I am grateful to Ian of Balcatta, the Association's co-ordinator in Australia, for passing on to me a page from *The West Australian* of 31 March this year in which claims are made that French explorers set foot in Western Australia almost a century before the British settled from the east coast. The historian making this claim is a Frenchman living in New Caledonia, Philippe Godard. In 1998 he led the excavation team which discovered a lead cap and coin buried on Dirk Hartog Island in Shark Bay – named after the Dutch explorer who had visited the coast in 1616. The coin, dated 1766, was buried there in 1772 by the visiting crew of the French ship *Gros Ventre*. A bottle and second coin and cap were found two months later at the same site by a Western Australian Maritime Museum expedition. Until this year this was the best evidence there was that the French intended to lay claim to Western Australia. According to historical records and logs, a parchment claiming New Holland as French territory on 30 March 1772 was slipped into the bottle and buried at Turtle Bay. This was sixteen years before the British claimed eastern Australia, and more than fifty years before Britain sent a military party in 1826 to counter the French threat in the west.

Philippe Godard is researching the life of the *Gros Ventre* captain, Louis Francois Marie Alleno, Count of Saint Allouarn, and discovered that he was the first Frenchman to go ashore in New Holland since 1687. Following a previous historian's lead, Godard has unearthed a letter from a young French East India Company ensign, Nicolas Gedeon de Voultron to his king, Louis XIV. In that same year, 1687, Voultron had gone ashore when his uncle, Captain Duquesne Guitton, had nearly wrecked his ship *Oiseau* on Western Australia's coast. On his return he wrote to the King via the Minister for the Navy asking for permission to make a settlement at the mouth of the future Swan River,

with a view to using it as a base to expand France's growing trading ventures in Asia and help to counter foreign interests in the Indian Ocean region. This was clearly the first real intention by the French to settle Western Australia; but Louis XIV appears not to have shown much interest. Had he done so, Godard reckons that Western Australia would now be populated by descendants of seventeenth century French settlers. As it was the English explorer William Dampier made the first English landing on the same coast only one year after Voultron and his uncle.

Philippe Godard has also written a book on the Batavian tragedy, and eight volumes on the history of his island home, New Caledonia.

THE LOWRY

Readers of Newsletter N° 33 will recall the front page article on Paul Goddard, the Lieutenancy Officer and Clerk to the Greater Manchester Lieutenancy. To give a flavour of the sort of engagement he has to help organise, he has kindly sent this article via Margaret of Worsley.

"On 12 October 2000, as part of a full day of engagements in Greater Manchester, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visited the Lowry, the magnificent building set in the heart of Salford Quays, which houses two theatres, galleries with an excellent collection of the work of L.S. Lowry and other exhibitions, an interactive area for the creative arts, restaurants, bars and function rooms. The Queen, later joined in her tour of the building by the Duke who had been viewing the building of the nearby Imperial War Museum North, performed the opening ceremony and in her speech recognised that the building, the culmination of a partnership of many bodies including the City of Salford, the Lowry Trust and the National Lottery, had received several awards. She felt sure that in the years ahead it would continue to receive well-deserved recognition for the part it plays locally, regionally and nationally as a theatre, gallery and a centre of excellence in the arts. The royal couple then met many of the 160 guests representative of the funders of the building who together contributed to the £70,000,000 plus cost, and others like Harold Riley the painter who was very much inspired by Lowry, who have in many ways assisted in the creation of this building, which is in itself a work of art.

Unfortunately the full enjoyment of the day was affected for many of us by the person who, during the subsequent 'walkabout' outside the Lowry, sought and got publicity for his campaign on the use of cannabis by handing a posy of flowers to the Queen which, unbeknown to her, contained a cannabis plant."

CAN YOU HELP?

New Australian member **Mrs Diane Sanders** of 2 Toorak Court, Port Maquarie, N.S.W. 2444, to trace her forebears? She writes that her grandmother was Minnie Goddard. Minnie's parents were Samuel Goddard and Elizabeth Woodward, who was born in 1862 at Flamstead in Hertfordshire, and she thinks they settled at Luton in Bedfordshire where they had a son Arthur in 1889. Rose was born in 1892 near Liverpool, as was Minnie in 1895, and there was also Katy and Robert and, possibly, James. The family then moved back to Luton as that is where Minnie spent her childhood. The adult daughters moved to Liverpool and married; one son went to Canada, became a Mountie and was possibly murdered; and another is believed to have gone to Australia. Some time around the turn of the century Samuel either died or ran off with a chorus girl. Elizabeth Goddard was still living in Luton in the early 1930s, but moved to Liverpool when World War II started. She died while holidaying in Yorkshire in the late 1940s. Can anyone tell Diane any more about this family? She is interested in the Goddard families of Caddington, Hertfordshire 1833-64, and Luton, Bedfordshire 1864-1900.

Australian member **George Goddard** of 22 Timbs Road, Oak Flats, N.S.W. 2529, to do some French research? He writes that he has traced his ancestors back to 1732 in the form of Huguenot refugees in London, but that the records he got from the Huguenot Association were in French and thus not easy to decipher as he is not fluent in that language.

Australian member **Mrs Madeleine Mionnet** of 13 Goleby Esplanade, Cleveland, Queensland 4163, email: mad2col@hotmail.net.au who is searching for ancestors of her maternal grandmother, Millicent Goddard, who may have come from the Weymouth area in the early 1900s. Her first child Ivy was born at 4 Upper Holly Road, Weymouth. The family then moved to Poole, Dorset. Neither her date of birth nor her parents' names are known. Her father may have been Arthur Goddard or William John Goddard. Millicent Goddard's siblings may have been Nancy (m. Ben Rees), Carrie (m. Arthur Kitcher – children John, Ivor, Peter, Elsie), Bessie (m. George Durant), Alfred and Albert. Any information or contacts with her siblings' descendants would be greatly appreciated.

BREATHLESS

I am grateful to Julie of Newbury for sending me an article on the revival, after forty years, of the French film *A Bout de Souffle* (Breathless), which was made by the celebrated director Jean-Luc Godard in 1960. Described as a "choppy thriller", "it still takes your breath away".

APPRECIATION

Julie of Newbury has passed on information concerning new member Mrs Sheila Duncombe's Goddard roots. These are in Deptford St Pauls parish in Kent, where her family were potters in Victoria's reign. She can get back to Henry Goddard who was born in Boughton under Blean in 1811 or 1812. She also passed on Sheila's kind comments on the Association, saying that the Newsletter was "crammed with very interesting pieces; you are all to be congratulated" and that paying £5 to join and to receive details of her family from our files "was marvellous value". How nice to be appreciated occasionally!

ANGLING EXPERT

There was a very brief feature in the last Newsletter concerning a fly-fishing article by a John Goddard. I am grateful to another of the same name – Membership Secretary John of Accrington – for supplying me with the following information:

"John Goddard spent most of his working life in the fishing tackle trade until his recent retirement. Founder-chairman of the Angling Foundation, he is currently vice-chairman of the Flydressers' Guild. He has earned an international reputation through his writings in a wide range of angling publications. An expert entomologist and keen photographer, he is acknowledged as a first-class flyfisherman and is the designer of some of today's most popular flies. John Goddard is the author of *Trout Fly Recognition* (1966) and *Trout Flies of Still Water* (1969), and co-author with Brian Clarke of *The Trout and the Fly* (1980), all of which are standard works on entomology for anglers and have been in print continuously since their publication.

Every angler knows the thrill that comes from watching a fish rising persistently to take flies floating on the surface of the water. It is with a matching sense of frustration that you see your own limitations studiously ignored by the fish – no matter how perfectly the line is cast. At times like this you long for the kind of expert entomological assistance John Goddard can provide.

His information-packed *Waterside Guide* features the terrestrial and aquatic insects that form the diet of trout, grayling and other freshwater species. It tells you exactly what to look for in making a correct identification, plus fascinating life-cycle, habitat, distribution and emergence details.

Nearly all the photographs that appear in this volume have been taken by the author over many years. They form a unique collection, some showing insects which can only be seen on the wing for brief hours in the season.

For anglers – especially flyfishers – who have wanted to know more about the insects of the waterside, this essential pocket book will add a whole new dimension to the fishing experience."

HENRY GODDARD The Bow Street Runner

Long standing members may recall the article in Newsletter N° 21 about Henry Goddard, the Bow Street Runner and Private Detective. Henry was born in 1800 in Christchurch, Surrey. His early life was spent as a fishmonger, until he joined the newly established London foot patrols fighting crime in the metropolis. In 1826 he joined the Bow Street Runners, then worked as a private detective until appointed as the first Chief Constable of Northamptonshire; then again a private detective and finally doorkeeper at the House of Lords.

Towards the end of his life he began to dictate his memories of his life against crime. The memoirs were kept in the family and largely forgotten. However, at the approach of the second centenary of the founding of the Bow Street Runners, Henry's grandson's widow presented the papers to the London police for their museum.

So colourful and eventful are the memoirs that doubt has been cast upon their authenticity. Even the editor of the published version, Patrick Pringle, had his doubts to begin with. Henry and his life story came to mind when I was looking through the 1881 census for quite a different Henry Goddard. There, at 42 Maitland Road, London, was Henry aged 80, a door keeper at the House of Lords, place of birth, Surrey. Unfortunately the entry for his wife has been badly transcribed and it is given as "Kis J" when it should be "Rose", but one can see how the mistake came about. While this does not conclusively establish that all his most startling adventures were true to the letter, it does confirm to me that Henry really existed!

Members who want to know more about Henry can get his book through second-hand dealers, or the public library system. The full details are *Memoirs of a Bow Street Runner* by Henry Goddard, with an introduction by Patrick Pringle, London, Museum Press, 1956.

Julie of Newbury

EASTON ROYAL TITHE MAP

A note for all those who are descended from the Goddard families of the Pewsey Valley, Wiltshire. I have written to the Royal Commission for Historical Manuscripts to ask if they know of the location of the Tithe Map of Easton Royal, which would be so helpful in establishing the exact holdings of the various Goddard families of the village. Unfortunately they, like the Wiltshire Record Office, have no knowledge of the whereabouts of a copy. Perhaps the village's copy of the map still exists somewhere – I know of another village which kept theirs in a box, hammered out of old biscuit tins by the village blacksmith, in the garage owned by one of the church wardens – and it may come to light one day.

Julie of Newbury

DARTS EXPERT

Margaret of Worsley has kindly sent me a brief extract taken from the *Stockport Express* of 23 August under the title of 'Goddard Turns on the Style': "Tony Goddard turned on the magic for Old King in the Stockport and District League, blasting home 140, 180, 145 and double 18 to finish in a brilliant ten darts against Armoury in his 2-0 win." A relative of any of our members?

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Association's Executive Committee met at The Fleet Inn, Twyning on Sunday 8 October. Not only were all nine members present, but all had remembered their agendas – was this a record, we asked ourselves? We thought that it probably was! The main items of business were as follows:

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed. There were no matters arising that did not appear later in the Agenda.

The Treasurer produced a list of those members who had not yet paid their subscriptions this year and it was agreed that, apart from this jog to the memory, the President would include a reminder with the Newsletter of each one indicated. The President was also asked to produce a list of articles for sale (see p.8), including the new monograph that was now available.

The President mentioned that the vicar of Christ Church, Swindon Old Town, had contacted him, as the church was soon to celebrate its one hundred and fiftieth year, and the vicar hoped that the Goddard family might like to be involved in some way.

It was agreed to adopt the suggestion of Peter of Toronto and include the family origins of new members, where known, in the Newsletter so that other members of the same branch could contact them to help further research.

Next year's AGM was fixed at Twyning for Saturday 19 May. It is hoped that some members of the American Association will be making a trip to England to coincide with our meeting and that we will be able to meet them for dinner on the Friday evening prior to the AGM either in Twyning or Tewkesbury. I will hope to be able to give you more details in the next Newsletter.

The recipient of the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial for the year 2000 was unanimously agreed – come to the next AGM to find out who gets it! Philip of Swindon announced that the gates at the High Street end of the driveway to The Lawn, where the Association gave a tree a few years ago, had recently been replaced. John of Accrington indicated that he thought he had a buyer for the sampler held by the Association. And the President gave information of a CD-ROM made by Jim of Addlestone on the Silchester Goddards.

TELETEXT

As usual, Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith has kindly sent two items which he spotted on Teletext, one from Lost Touch: "Alan and Joe Goddard, mother Mary, father Alan from Swindon. L.K.A., 56 Pateley Moor Crescent, Darlington, you are our brothers. Any information much appreciated. Please contact on 01305 773200 or 01305 772941." The other is from Family Tree, but could equally well have appeared in our own Can You Help? column, as it is from one of the new members welcomed in this Newsletter: "Researching the family of Goddard. My grandfather, Alfred William b. 1882, was divorced from first wife Julie Harriet Mortiboys and thought to have gone to Canada, but did he return and did he marry again? Any information write or phone:- Mrs M. Crocker, 39 Rosebery Rd., Gillingham, Kent, ME7 1QQ. Tel. 01634 853156."

GAP YEAR

Many young people these days delay entry to university immediately after leaving school and take a 'gap year', partly to prove to themselves that they can face a challenge and partly to enjoy a break between A Levels and three or four more years of intensive study. These can take a whole variety of forms, but many are based on the old 'Voluntary Service Overseas' scheme. Under the heading "A gap year out of this world", the *Sunday Telegraph* of 27 August featured Kate Goddard, a nineteen year old from Ealing in west London who spent six months teaching English and travelling in China after as many months raising the £3,000 or so needed to fund the trip. She received a Chinese teaching salary of £50 a month, which was fine as long as she spent it on Chinese things; having gone out a fussy eater, she now says she will eat anything! After finishing the teaching, she and a friend travelled all over southern China, and she then came home via Singapore. She has just started reading psychology at Durham University. Any claimants to kinship with this enterprising youngster?

THATCHED COTTAGE

Julie of Newbury spotted an item on Meridian TV recently concerning Association member Gillian Goddard's thatched cottage. She lives at Longparish, just outside Andover, Hampshire, and has just had it rethatched at a cost of £6,000. But now the council inspector has discovered that it has been done with reeds, not the straw that was originally used. The thatcher says that reeds will last longer than straw, but the council seems to want to argue the point – or, in the worst case scenario, have it redone. Gillian and her cousin Douglas have not been to AGMs lately. Unfortunately it seems to clash with the Francis West Charity AGM, and both are descended from the Wests also.

THORPENESS

The *Sunday Telegraph Review* for 6 August, also spotted by Anne Hockaday, featured a long article on Thorpeness, a holiday complex on the Suffolk coast created by Edwardian barrister Stuart Ogilvie in 1908. Having, like so many other places, gone through the doldrums, it is now experiencing something of a renaissance. So Philip Goddard, who had spent most summers at his parents' holiday home there, was determined that his own family should enjoy a similar experience. After four years of searching, Philip, his wife Sharlie and children Alexandra 7, Gertie 6 and Jackabee 4, have bought the Mill House, a 1930s Stuart Ogilvie property. Does any member claim relationship with this family?

DISTURBED YOUTH

Back in February newspapers reported the murder of a young Newbury girl followed by the suicide of her alleged murderer. The inquests on both Zena Abery, a 21 year old mother of three, and Darren Goddard, also 21 and from Newbury, were held in June. Zena was pregnant with Darren's child and they shared a house; but the relationship had been stormy and members of both families had tried to end it. At the inquest Darren's father, Robin Goddard of The Village, Hampstead Marshall, told the court that he had advised the police and probation service a month before the events in question that Darren should be sectioned under the Mental Health Act; both the young people had tried to take their own lives before. On the afternoon of 22 February Darren was admitted to the Royal Berkshire Hospital with a suspected methadone overdose after he was found in a collapsed state on the top of a multi-story carpark in Reading. Later discharged, he appears to have strangled and stabbed Zena before returning to the same carpark and throwing himself off the roof as police officers approached him. Before doing so he had telephoned his father, admitting the murder, apologising for his actions and saying that he loved his family.

FARMERS' TROUBLES

I am grateful to Jennifer Walker for a snippet from *Farmers Weekly* of 9 June. In an article on the profit in milk for cats as opposed to people, dairy farmer David Goddard, a Gloucestershire County Council tenant with 120 cows, is mentioned. He had written to his MP complaining of the impossibility of dairy farmers making a living: "At age 52, while working seven days a week, I have had to make provision to draw down on my pension fund this year in order to live. My pension fund was supposed to provide me with a retirement home at the end of my tenancy. I have had insufficient income to contribute to my pension scheme for the last two years." Does anyone know this David?

GODDARD & GIBBS



Shortly before the stained glass firm of Goddard & Gibbs moved to new premises, as mentioned in the last Newsletter, they had this photograph taken of the assembled work force. Mr James Weatherley, our main

contact and who gave us the talk at Sheldon Manor in 1996, is last on the right in the back row – to the right of the traffic light. My thanks to him for the photo, and to Margaret of Worsley for sending it on to me.

POSTCARDS

Hampshire Genealogical Society were advertising some time ago that they had been handed some postcards addressed to Goddards which were dated 1946 and 1953. I wrote and asked, if they were not claimed, for them to be handed over to us. They duly arrived by post from Sandra Naish.

The first postcard is of a copy of a picture by Cranach of a woman, and the second a picture of a Dutch interior painting by de Hooch. Both were addressed to Capt & Mrs B.R. Goddard, Lea Cottage, Lower Upham, Southampton. The first was from Janine in Hastings and the second from E.B. in Guildford.

Does anyone recognise the Captain and his wife? Or wish to claim the postcards? *Julie of Newbury*

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to those new members who have joined the Association since the last Newsletter, which includes among them the 600th since our foundation fifteen years ago:

Mrs Loraine L. Bessant, 24 Robert Moffatt, High Legh, Knutsford, WA16 6PS.
Mrs Maureen E. Crocker, 39 Rosebery Road, Gillingham, Kent. ME7 1QQ.
Mrs Sheila Duncombe, Pemberley, 54 Hawthorn Way, Shipston-on-Stour, CV36 4FD.
Mr James Goddard, 2855 Windflower Place, Coquitlam, Br Columbia, V3E 2V3, Canada.
Mrs Joyce N. Goddard, 3 Holt Street, Littleborough, Lancashire. OL15 9RJ.
Mr Patrick & Mrs Lynda Goddard, 34 Balmoral Road, Salisbury East, S, Australia 5109.
Mr Paul John Goddard, 28 Osprey Road, Flitwick, Bedfordshire, MK45 1RU.
Dr C.M. Richards, 4 St Ronans Avenue, Redland, Bristol, BS6 6EP.
Mrs B. Ridgley, Silver Cottage, Silver Street, Milverton, Taunton, Somerset, TA4 1LA.
Mrs Diane R. Sanders, 2 Toorak Court, Port Maquarie, N.S.W. 2444, Australia.
Mrs Dawn Smalley, 6 Butler Road, Bagshot, Surrey, GU19 5QF.
Miss Angela H. Winteridge, 19 Newtown Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 9BZ.

CYCLIST

I am grateful to Margaret Young for spotting an article in the *Reading Evening Post* of 21 June concerning Helen Goddard, aged 20, who had just “enjoyed a day trip to the seaside with a difference” by cycling the 58 miles from London to Brighton to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. With other friends from Burlington Road, Tilehurst, it took her over seven hours to complete the run and another three to get home, being stuck in traffic jams on what had turned out to be one of the hottest days of the year. Helen, who has just completed a degree course in leisure management and sport at Buckingham University and is now working for Esdex, an e-commerce company in Winnersh, said that the last eight miles across the South Downs were the worst part of the journey: “You just never thought you would get there, but everyone was standing at the roadside cheering you on and telling you it was just round the next corner”. “We didn’t even dip our toes in the sea or get on the beach, but we did have champagne and strawberries and a lovely barbecue. It was a wonderful experience to be with so many other cyclists all working for the same cause. Everyone was chatting and encouraging each other on the ride. It was fantastically hot but we had plenty of glucose drinks, bananas and energy foods and it was such a sense of achievement to get there.” All the cyclists raised over £2 million. Do we have any relation of this enterprising young Goddard?

BRIMPTON, THATCHAM, VERNHAM DEAN

There are several members whose ancestors came from the Brimpton and Thatcham Goddards of Berkshire. Rifling through the old files the other day, I re-read the following note which had been sent in some time ago by our inveterate delver into dusty archives, Jennifer Walker.

There is a batch of deeds in Wiltshire Record Office (Ref. 562/31) for the transfer of land. In 1632 Richard Jordan of Newbury, gent., sold the lease of about three acres of land called "Winterside Piece" in Vernham Dean, Hants., to Thomas Goddard of Brimpton, husbandman. In 1680 Thomas Goddard, now described as "of Crookham", near Thatcham, yeoman has died and left "Winterfield Piece" to his niece Frances Goddard, second daughter of his brother George. Frances died unmarried in 1697 and the land passed to her surviving sister Alice, who was married to John Locke. A deed made the land into a "dower" for her; that is, if she is widowed she will still have the rents, or any proceeds from the land, on which to live. Alas for Frances's hopes; within two years her husband had sold the land to Richard Becke of Whitchurch. Perhaps Alice had died, or she was being deprived of her dower, for in those days a married woman's lands and property belonged to her husband.

We have a summary of Thomas Goddard of Brimpton, Thatcham and Crookham's will, proved in 1680. He and his wife had no children. It is apparent that he owned many parcels of land in the area and now, it is seen, in Hampshire too. It is this Thomas Goddard who left a bequest of money, which was to be raised from the rent of some of his land, to the local poor. Nowadays the charitable bequest has been taken into the general charities of Brimpton, but local Goddard descendants still remember it and how their grandparents used to receive it in the form of coal for their winter fires.

Julie of Newbury

P.S. New member Kay Staniland of London comes from the Goddards of the Blacknest Estate, Brimpton.

AMERICAN SECRETARY

I have just heard that Kathryn Goddard Meyer, American Association secretary, has retired after I have forgotten how many years in the post. She tells me that she has done her last Newsletter. Kathryn has twice accompanied GAA tours to this country and was the recipient of the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial for 1994; she would have come again next May but for the fact that her granddaughter is getting married at the critical time. We wish her well. And of course we wish Kathryn a long and happy retirement – not that I can imagine Kathryn ever being 'retired'; but she certainly deserves a rest as she has done a magnificent job.

RESEARCH CO-ORDINATORS' NOTES

The group of people who are descended from Norfolk Goddards – Denise Goddard, Carol Nubbert, Carol Corby and Clive Goddard, together with Andrew and Val Goddard – have really been working hard on their family tree, or trees. E-mails have been flying thick and fast between them. Are there any more Norfolk Goddards out there who would like to join in?

Joan Goddard of Hove has very kindly given us a copy of her researches into the Goddards of Sussex. It comprises a large folder of maps, charts and transcriptions. Looking at the coloured map of the parishes of Sussex which is included, it seems that nearly half of them had Goddards living there at one time or another. If you have Sussex ancestry and perhaps you have approached us in the past and we have been unable to help, do try again. Most of this is new information.

Patrick Goddard, whose ancestors lived around Leicester, has sent in his family tree. In the last century they were railwaymen, but previously perhaps agricultural labourers and farmers – like the ancestors of most of us plebs. I was delighted to see that way back in the distant past Patrick's family and mine had intermarried when Thomas Goddard married Mary Siddence (more correctly spelt Siddons) at Ibstock in 1703.

Julie of Newbury

ARTIST

Artist Martin Goddard has had another exhibition. Styled a Millennium Exhibition, it featured watercolour paintings and prints of Marple and the surrounding areas, and was held at Marple Library. It was officially opened by Andrew Stunell M.P. on 27 October.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

The *Times* of 25 October carried an article by Maureen Paton from her recent book *The Best of Women: The History of Women of the Year*. The story she chose was that of Renee Goddard. Born Renate Scholem, the daughter of a German jew, in 1923 at Linden a working-class district of Hanover, she fled to England as a refugee in 1934 when her father was arrested. But, despite that, she found herself imprisoned for eighteen months at the age of seventeen as an enemy alien, first in Holloway gaol and then on the Isle of Man. While there she was informed by the Red Cross that her father had been shot. After the war she became an actress and later joined ATV as the head of the script department; she became one of the first women executives in British broadcasting. Now one of the Women of the Year Lunch's longest serving members, she joined the organisation in the 1970s. Divorced three times, she has just married for the fourth, aged 77. Although the article did not say so, I suspect her third husband was the Goddard, as it says that two of her three husbands were refugees as well.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

The new Manchester Diocesan Director of Communications is Steve Goddard. I am grateful to Margaret of Worsley for passing on an article from the August edition of *Crux*. After gaining a degree in theology at London Bible College, Steve recorded an album of his own songs 'Waiting for Goddard' for Kingsway Music in the late 1970s. In 1981 he became editor of *Buzz Magazine*, at that time the country's leading Christian monthly. In 1987 he moved from his home town of Croydon to St Helens and established a public relations consultancy which worked with a whole variety of organisations, including religious ones. Steve, who still manages to support football club Crystal Palace, has also worked on the sports pages of the *Liverpool Daily Post and Echo*, and in 1994 won a national Excellence and Marketing Award. More recently he has joined forces with freelance writer and designer Simon Jenkins to create ship-of-fools.com, the country's first on-line web magazine which takes a committed and critical look at faith and culture. It attracts 400,000 hits a month with news, analysis, humour and free-ranging theological discussion. Does any member claim him as a relative?

SAMPLER

I am delighted to report that the story of the sampler, first mentioned in Newsletter N° 24 and later in N°s 46 and 47, has a happy ending. It has been reunited with a descendant of the family that first produced it. New member Mrs Loraine Bessant is now the proud owner.

WAR MEMORIAL

My sister has sent me a photograph which she found in a junk shop. It is of a group of nine men and women in costumes of the 1930s in front of a war memorial. The memorial in a column about ten foot high, with flattened sides on which there are the names of the fallen. The side which is shown has names from A to L and includes D.G. Goddard. We have run this name through the Commonwealth War Graves Commission CD and the only Goddard who might fit this description is Denis Gerald Ambrose Goddard, midshipman on *Queen Mary*, son of Lt Col F.A.D'O. Goddard and Evelyn Maud Goddard, who was killed on 31 May 1916 aged 18. The record goes on to state that his memorial is at Portsmouth. However, the photograph does not look big enough for the Portsmouth War Memorial, which must have thousands of names on it. The initials are not entirely correct either. My sister ran the other names on the memorial through the computer and found that they had in common that many were killed in the Channel Islands around Jersey, and we wonder if the picture is of St Brelade's memorial there. Can anyone help? A copy of the photograph can be forwarded for your inspection.

Julie of Newbury

EAST WOODHAY

Remember the parish where the Association recently paid for the restoration of a Goddard tomb, thanks to generous donations from members? East Woodhay (Newsletter N° 49). Our Research Co-ordinators have recently added the *East Woodhay History* to the Association library, but are not very happy with it. Julie of Newbury writes: "I worked very hard to try to ensure that they got their facts about the Goddards correct, but I see that I failed. It was Edward Henry Aemilius Goddard who gave the Goddard bowl to the parish, not Emilius (Newsletter N° 6). If they had looked at the letters concerning the donation they would have seen this. I would also have thought an account of the robbery in 1685 (Newsletter N° 44) and the will of Edward Goddard (died 1724/5) where he says that he is not to be buried until eight years after his death (Newsletter N° 49), would have been worthy of a mention." Despite this, the book is of interest and Julie asks me to remind members that it and any other volumes in the Association's library are available for borrowing; the only conditions are that return postage is paid and that the book is not kept for more than three weeks.

UNIDENTIFIED TREE

During a recent clear-up of unfiled papers, a very neatly drawn family tree came to light. It starts with John Goddard marrying Hannah Weston in 1769. Unfortunately there are no clues as to who submitted it except the names "R. Easton & R. Goddard" at the bottom right-hand corner. We should be grateful if either of these people would contact us; there is no 'R. Easton' on the membership list, but there are eleven 'R. Goddards'!

Brian & Julie of Newbury

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

The Association's new(ish) co-ordinator in Australia, Ian and his wife Fran, are pleased to announce the impending marriage of their daughter Jenine on 3 February 2001 to Brad Wilson. Both are working on contract to British Airways and are based in Palermo, Sicily, operating between there and Rome. Brad is a pilot and Jenine is a flight attendant. They are returning to Perth to get married, and the reception will be held at Ian's golf club. Our best wishes to them both.

OBITUARY

Margaret Young recently spotted this Goddard obituary in the *Reading Evening Post*: "On 27th July, Anna, aged 78 years, after a recent illness passed away peacefully in Battle Hospital. Anna will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service at Reading Crematorium on Monday 7th August at 12 noon. Flowers or if preferred donations or 'Macmillan Cancer Relief' may be sent to A.B. Walker & Son Ltd, 36 Eldon Road, Reading, RG1 4DL." Any claimants?

GEOFF GODDARD

The songwriter, Geoff Goddard, who has featured previously in Newsletters 32, 38 and 46, died suddenly of a heart attack aged 62 on 15 May, and I am grateful to John of Shrewsbury for sending me the obituary from *The Times* and to Margaret Young for a copy of *Reading Weekend Post* where it made front page headlines. Born on 17 November 1937, Geoff's death came as a great shock to his elder brother Barry and Barry's daughter, Lorraine Walsh.

A quiet and modest man, he was brought up in Reading and educated at Ashmead Community School. He then trained at the Royal Academy of Music, graduating in 1959. Qualified to become a concert pianist, he felt that the competition was too great and instead spent his first weekend as a graduate composing Russ Conway-type tunes. The following week he played them to publishers in Tin Pan Alley and won a contract with Southern Music, although he was advised to emulate a more classical style. He found this effortlessly easy, but failed to secure record contracts; his career only took off when he was introduced to the maverick producer, Joe Meek.

In 1961 he wrote a song for one of Meek's singers, John Leyton, for the television soap opera *Harpers West One*. Called *Johnny Remember Me*, Geoff claimed to have written it, both words and music, in ten minutes one Sunday morning. He credited his inspiration to the late Buddy Holly from whom he believed he had received 'direct help'. He followed *Johnny Remember Me*, which reached number one in the charts, with *A Tribute to Buddy Holly*, which also reached the top twenty. Further hits with singer John Leyton were *Wild Wind*, *Son This Is She* and *Lone Rider*. He also wrote a tribute to the rock singer Eddie Cochran *Just Like Eddie*, which reached the top ten.

He played the piano part in numerous recording sessions although seldom received recognition, but his own singing career, under the name of Anton Hollywood, failed to take off. His career came to an end when he had a dispute with Meek over the ownership of a song *Have I The Right*, and lost a subsequent High Court case. One more song, *My Head Goes Around*, was recorded by Cliff Richard in 1969, but the arrangement was spoilt and Geoff called it a day. In 1972 he became a cleaner in the catering department of Reading University, only occasionally relieving the monotony of wiping tables by playing the piano at university functions and Christmas lunches. A colleague described him as "friendly, generous and fun to work with".

ROBERT GODDARD

I am advised that Robert Goddard's next book *Sea Change* will be out in hardback in time for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

The usual range of items are available at any time, but may particularly appeal at this season as a 'different' present to a relative. They may be obtained by writing to Richard of Malvern (address below) and enclosing a cheque for the relevant amount, payable to 'The Goddard Association of Europe'. In each case packing and postage is included in the price:

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Back numbers of the Newsletter by negotiation!

Or why not give annual membership of the Association £7.50 (OAPs £5.00) to that relative for whom you find choosing a present particularly difficult? To do this write to Membership Secretary John of Accrington (address below).

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