



## The Goddard Association of Europe

NEWSLETTER

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### 1897 SILCHESTER LETTERS

I am grateful to Stephen of Silchester for the following. He writes: "Recently my brother Jim was looking through a James Goddard & Son Invoice Book for 1897 and came across some rather interesting letters from our grandfather (Arthur James Goddard). They were written to the young lady – Lottie Priest Gray – who was to become our grandmother, the year before they were married. Arthur James (the 'Son' of the Goddard & Son) travelled from Maidenhead to visit Lottie, as my grandmother lived in Cookham and was a cousin of Sir Stanley Spencer. You will observe that the Langshaws are mentioned at various points – the Rev Langshaw was the Rector of Silchester. He was Rector for some time as he married my mother and father in Silchester Church in 1936! The letters give an interesting insight into Silchester village life a hundred years ago." Here are some extracts:

"I have promised to attend and show a little interest in the Easter Day services at Silchester. This evening after the 7-o'clock service we had a rare long practice. I did not get in till 9-15. Mrs Langshaw after Service: 'I am so pleased to see you again and can you stay for a little practice? I am sorry you have not been here lately, we miss you so much. I suppose you must go away sometimes, is it important?' 'Yes-m', says I, 'it's very important for me to go away sometimes (laughter) but I shall not be going away so often now for a time.' 'Oh, I am glad, and shall you be here for Easter?' 'Yes-m'.....Then we got on with the practice and Mrs Frene made a devil of a job at playing. I began to wish that I was going to help where there would be more decent playing. The hymn 'Jesus Christ is Risen Today' was terrible, a bit too tricky for the dear girl."

"Mother had Mogie killed this morning because she killed 2 little chicks, 'life for life'. Henry Simpson

was the executioner. Cricket at 1-o'clock Padworth Rectory on Monday." "The Cricket match was easily won by Silchester. Score Silchester 118 Bramley 25, and 48 in the second innings for 7 men out."

"I hope you are not quite cooked this Hot day. Mother was talking about you both at dinner time. We had the 'Cock' for dinner that crowed so much. I helped get the seasoning ready Saturday Evening. Cut the parsley and sweet herbs like Mother does it don't you know."

"I went to sleep this afternoon part the time and part the time up in the Garden talking to Cousin Willie Brooker who rode his bike over from Caversham this morning and went back about six o'clock. He is a hard-working, honest sort of a Chappie and had the good fortune to marry young (is that right) and now he is the Happy possessor of a big tall wife and a family of eight. (At the age of 35 this is not a bad bargain.) I am sure I am all behind and must see about it."

"I have been to Church again this evening, rode down and back with Dad. Mrs Langshaw said it was very nice and I should 'be at Church next Sunday'. 'Yes-m, as far as I know at present.' 'Oh, that will be very nice, then I shall be so glad if you will stay for a little practice. We want to sing the Psalms in the morning and then Mrs Tottens will help us this evening.' Then Mr Langshaw had a chat and ordered me to get some new Brass Candlesticks and fix the Organ curtain rail. The 'Fire Insurance Co.' do not allow lights fixed to the organ Casing. He has just insured the organ for £300 and the Church for £1,000 and he said how nicely your sister is getting on with the organ. I really think she will be our future organist."

"Your letter to Lil has gone up to her at Africks. I don't know if she wrote yesterday to you or not, anyway I will write a few lines and tell you about Ted. It is indeed only too true, it is the most dreadful thing I ever knew I think. He had been home to tea and when the storm came on worse he said he would go and fetch a little boy who had been helping with the birds. They both started back and were running across that open meadow just at the back of the house when the awful flash came that cut him down. He was thrown on his face and very much burnt and cut about, I really don't know how much, but very fearfully I know. All his clothes were burnt into pieces, his watch flung into one place and his collar in another, even his great thick boots were nearly all gone. The only nice thing was that his face was not burnt, the back of his head was, but falling on his face saved it. The grass is all scorched up where he lay – the little boy was only slightly burnt and very much stunned but he has gone home quite right except for the burns. They are all dreadfully cut up and no wonder, everyone else seems as if they could not get it out of

their heads, it does....." (rest of letter missing).

(And another letter, the start of which is missing, would seem to cover celebrations for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee). ".....I have been to Church twice, each service commenced with the National Anthem. This afternoon I had a Sleep and then we had an early tea and I went to Church with Edie and Mrs Whistler.....Bertie Richardson is down here for a few days again. Since Church I have been for quite a Cycle Tour on his Bicycle, down to Halls Farm, then back and round Church Lane and Wall Lane, round the Common and home.....I trust, dear, you will have a Jolly Outing to Windsor, if it's a fine day I should think it would be Jolly too. It will be a mixed week with men, some wants one day and some another. I expect 'White' and his Boy will be the only two working on Tuesday."

Written in the cool of a Sunday evening. "Scene: the rustic little Summer retreat at the top of the Garden, and I wish my darling little Lot was here too, for although it is a pleasure to write to the dear gal, a nice old snuggle would be a Jolly treat, as it is I have Toby for a companion, he has just sniffed me out. And with all the fuss imaginable and jumped up on the table and lies down as quiet as a mouse. Fancy, dear, you wanting to know a something about myself. I will give today's proceeding, woke up this morning and of course did not rise at a very early hour, had the usual Cup and then the letters came. Yours was a jolly letter, and with flower to drop out on the sheet, sweet Cookham fragrance. Quite a lot of letters I had to read, one about cricket, one which I ought to have mentioned first full of love for ever and ever, and some Business letters. Nicholls and Clarke, London, Chris Mappin Brothers, London, 2 from Reading, one from W. North, Stratfield Saye with a neat Cheque £8-8-6 from Duke of Wellington A/C. I did not seem up for much Breakfast so asked ma dear to leave it till I came down, then I went in for Mutton Broth. Edie and Father drove to Church and your humble Servant stayed and helped his ma Shell peas, do potatoes, chop mint, and I filled up a large Barrel of what is expected to be rhubarb wine like Mother makes it, you know. Cut off a nice piece of Gammon of Bacon, trimmed it up and put it to soak ready to be Cooked for the Dear Lill and her future hubby Sweet William who we expect to come tomorrow. Then what a dinner we had, Shoulder Mutton, potatoes and Veg, plus peas as big as the Cracking Nuts the bloke continually cried out about at the God Save the Queen Regatta. Then of course I was amongst the washing up, and at 3 o'clock Edie blasted down to Lower Farm to take tea with the Streets, a big party of them.....Father and Mother had an afternoon nap and so did this Child and I forgot what I dreamt about but we nearly got Dad late for church, quarter past five when

Mother began rushing about to get a cup of tea. We managed it all right and I have been to Church. A nice congregation, the sermon alright too. Text: He that gathereth in Harvest is a Wise Man, but he that Sleepeth in Harvest is a Shame to his House. I came up from Church with Mrs Whistler and her Brother. The darling Captain H had a little said about him, now Father and him are gone down to Streets and are going to bring Edie back in the cart, and here am I a lonely old Bachelor, no company. We have a cricket match tomorrow on our own Turf against 'Padworth Park CC' and if darling Lill and Willie comes it will about fill up the day."

"I thought you would like to know how the 'Council' was settled. Much interest seemed to be shown in the Election.....[he gives the result]. After the declaration the 3 top men stood a few gallons of beer outside the Crown and made it a bit lively. Mrs Goddard entertained the 3 successful candidates with a bread and cheese and Pickled Cabbage supper, then us 4 had a smoke, and a hand at cards till 1.30. That finished up the Election."

"Abraham and Dolly are busy carting mould to fill up the ditch between our Garden and Taylor's orchard.....Mother is Architect and Surveyor over the job so I expect we shall get it all level and proper, don't you dearie?"

Some of these have been included in a CD-ROM, which has been produced by the Jim referred to at the start of the article. It also includes other material about the Silchester branch of the family. Copies can be obtained from Richard of Malvern (address on back page), price £10.

### HMS AFFRAY

I am grateful to my elder daughter Diana for an article from the *Portsmouth News* of 18 April on the fiftieth anniversary service commemorating the loss of the submarine HMS Affray in the English Channel on 17 April 1951. Sole remaining survivor of the ten members of the crew who did not sail on her that fateful day (they were not required because she carried no torpedoes on her last voyage) was former Association member Lieutenant John Goddard of Bishop's Waltham (see Newsletter N<sup>o</sup> 21), who has always maintained that the ship was not seaworthy; indeed, he told the official enquiry as much at the time. For fifty years the Admiralty has kept quiet about what happened, but now historians have confirmed that John's assertions probably gave the true picture: faulty batteries which may have exploded and an inexperienced crew which did not know how to deal with the situation was the most likely cause. The Affray went down with 75 men on board, and John, now aged 72, has long fought for the truth to be told so that the surviving relatives – some who never even knew their fathers – can mourn properly.

## CAN YOU HELP?

**Mr M. Fielder** who, as a child in the 1940s, was friends with Hugh, Ann and Pat Goddard who lived at Dunwood Manor, Shootash, near Romsey in Hampshire, and who would like to get in touch with them. He has tried locally without success. If any members recognise this family and know of their present whereabouts please contact John of Accrington (address on back page).

**Mr Ernest H. Goddard** of Plum Tree Cottage, 4 Sims Terrace, Gunnislake, Cornwall, PL18 9DQ, or e-mail him at ernesthobart, to discover descendants of his great uncles and aunts, the children of William and Charlotte Goddard who had a hansom cab business in Farnborough, Hampshire. They are Arthur (1863-1938), Herbert (1866-1949), Charlotte (1867- ? ), Louisa (1869- ? ), George (1870-1922), Henry (1872- ? ) and Charles (1874-1951). Ernest's grandfather was Edwin Cecil (1881-1950) who was married to Ivy Ridgers (1891-1959), and he can trace his Yateley/Cove/Farnborough forebears back to the late sixteenth century.

**Mrs Iris Trunley** of 27 Hampton Close, Bradwell Village, Milton Keynes, MK13 9DG to fill in some more details of her family tree? She has rejoined the Association and hopes to make some more progress. She writes: "My great grandfather was Lewis Lane Goddard, a horse dealer. He was born in Waltham St Lawrence or Cookham, Berkshire, on 1 August 1838. He married a lady named Naomi whose maiden name was Allaway and came from Finchampstead and was the daughter of Nimrod and Naomi Allaway; very Biblical names. The father of Lewis Lane Goddard was William Goddard who was born around 1811 and married Hannah Lane. William was a timber merchant but his origins are unknown. Lewis Lane Goddard and his bride were married on 2 May 1864 in the parish church of St James, Westminster, and are reputed to have been well off, owning Goddard's farm and giving some land, named Goddard's Green, to the council as a recreation area – presumably the Goddard's Green near Crowthorne." Mrs Trunley is descended from Ernest Goddard who was a butcher born in Odiham, Hampshire, through his son, also named Lewis Lane Goddard.

**Julie of Newbury**, address on the back page, to find out more about Henry Goddard, captain of the *Fidget*, a canal steamer? There is a note in the 1881 census for Guys Cliff in Warwickshire "Canal steamer *Fidget* from Birmingham met with at Guys Cliff Wharf, Horse boat *Oxford* with steamer." The *Fidget* had three crew and two engine drivers on board. Julie has a mental picture of the enumerator running along the towpath determined to catch the boat and add the passenger and crew to his list! Captain Goddard was 37 years old and born in Bullsbridge, Middlesex, and married – so somewhere

there is a family. However, there is no record of a family belonging to him in the Birmingham area census records. And where is Bullsbridge? Can anyone add any more to this story?

**John of Accrington**, address on back page, to help Mrs Jean James. She has in her possession a clock bearing a brass plate which states: "Presented to Fred G. Goddard by his friends at Poulton-le-Fylde, as a token of esteem and respect in which he is held. Sept. 21st 1907". Can anyone help to identify Fred or throw light on the circumstances of the presentation?

## PROFESSOR GODDARD

Professor Peter Goddard, Master of St John's College, Cambridge, has been drawn to my attention twice recently. As Master he automatically becomes a Governor of Shrewsbury School, and this school's magazine has recently published potted histories of each of its sixteen Governors, together with the photographs of fifteen of them - guess which one was not accompanied by a mug shot! But at least the biographical details are interesting.

After Emmanuel School, Peter went up to Trinity College, Cambridge, where after his BA, MA and finally PhD in Mathematics he was elected Fellow. After a short spell as lecturer at Durham University he returned to Cambridge as Fellow of St John's in 1975, and he lectured in Mathematics from then until 1991. He was Senior Tutor from 1983-1987. In 1991 he was Deputy Director and Senior Fellow at the Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences and Professor of Theoretical Physics, and in 1994 he was elected Master of St John's. Professor Goddard was appointed Fellow of the Royal Society in 1989 and Fellow of the Institute of Physics in 1990.

When I first heard of him two or three years ago I wrote to him but received no reply.

## WINDSOR ASSOCIATION

Via Ian of Balcatta I have received an interesting letter from Association member Mrs Margaret Galbreath of P.O. Box 420, Elizabeth, South Australia 5112. She writes: "We are still working away at the family history. Not much progress with the Goddards; we are still stuck on Jacob and Esther of Little Livermore who were both born around 1715. I was interested in the account in the Newsletter of the Prince Consort's Windsor Society and his model cottages. Members of my family (not the Goddards) lived in model cottages at Egham around the early 1900s, and some worked in Windsor Great Park, so it has suggested an avenue of research. I was interested to see that Julie has joined the Suffolk Society, because my interest is in the Suffolk Goddards." If anyone has any more information for Margaret, please write to her direct.

## ANOTHER AUTHOR

I have the College Librarian very well trained! She is always on the lookout for Goddards and has just shown me an advertisement for a new book out this month. Entitled *Libidan* and by P.J. Goddard, it is described as "the first black comedy of the biotechnological age", and is priced at £8.99. Can anyone tell me anything about this author?

## MARRIAGE

Our warmest congratulations to Fred Goddard, author of *Battlefields of Life* (Newsletter N° 55), who got married again just before Easter to widow Jean Brice. Fred's two-year-old grandson Robert was a special page boy. They will continue to live in Haywards Heath.

## CUP WINNER

The *Malvern Gazette* for 13 July had, as one of its sporting headlines, "Goddard is Cup Winner". Ian Goddard, match secretary of the Malvern United Angling Association, has just won the Club Cup for the best haul in the annual competition. Three days later he came second in a round of the League Champion series.

## DIAMOND COUPLE

I am grateful to a cousin of Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith, for a cutting recording the celebration of a diamond wedding. George and Doris Goddard married at Holy Trinity Church, Hadley, Telford, on 1 February 1941, and have just renewed their vows at St John the Baptist parish church in Whittington near Oswestry in the presence of their two sons, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. George, aged 84, was originally from Brymbo but moved to Wolverhampton during the war to work at the Boulton Pauls aircraft factory. Doris, aged 83, worked as a nanny before her marriage. They moved to Coventry in 1951 and to Whittington in 1987. Both became involved with the scout movement.

## SUFFOLK GODDARDS

Mr John Stone of Twickenham has kindly sent details of his family tree which is based on Heveningham in Suffolk and the villages around, Walpole, Cratfield and Halesworth. Barry Goddard's family were in the same villages but do not appear to be of the same family. If anyone else recognises these villages as being on their tree would they like to contact me. *Julie of Newbury*

## OBITUARIES

The Association offers its sympathy to member Mrs Joan Dibble whose father, member Mr Horace Goddard of Romney Marsh, died suddenly on 17 March. It also regrets to record the death of Mr Wilfred Hemmings on 18 April, husband of the late Mrs Dorothy Hemmings, née Goddard. Also, of member Mrs Mary Goddard of Combe Raleigh near Honiton on 8 May. Her award of the BEM was mentioned in Newsletters 23 and 24.

## BANNED

Earlier in the year Stewart Goddard, aged 54, of Manor Farm Cottages, Rowde pleaded guilty at Kennet Magistrates Court in Devizes to driving while disqualified. The case was adjourned for a pre-sentence report to determine whether he should be sent to prison or not. He had been banned for eighteen months last July for driving with excess alcohol. Julie of Newbury sent me this cutting from the *Gazette & Herald* of 8 February.

## THE LAWN

Members of some years' standing will recall that the Association was responsible for donating one of the trees in the replanted avenue to The Lawn in Swindon Old Town, and a plaque on a nearby wall commemorates this gift. Now the gates to the avenue have been restored – or, more correctly, new gates at a cost of £20,000 and rebuilt pillars have been put there to replace the ones removed in 1908 on Government orders for melting down to be made into armaments.

## TELETEXT

As usual, Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith has kindly sent an item which he has spotted on Teletext, this one from the Service Pals section in June: "Junior Leaders. RASC Taunton. Buller Platoon. Sept. 1963 intake. Have found Berry and Vincent but where are West, Woods, Holt, Waddington, Jackson, Swift, Carter, Goddard, Milner, Rolfe and many others. Contact Bob Wright on 01536 373776."

## AUSTRALIAN SOCIAL RESEARCH

I am grateful to Rex of Chichester for sending me a copy of an article which appeared in *Army* – the newspaper for Australian soldiers – on 29 March this year and relates to his son. Reckoned to be the first undertaking of its kind, certainly in Australia, the Defence Community Organisation is about to embark on a tri-service research project regarding the experiences of serving personnel and their families during deployment to East Timor. The study is to be conducted by the DCO social worker in collaboration with an advisory committee consisting of DCO senior management and Associate Professor Christopher Rex Goddard, Head of the Department of Social Work at Monash University.

The Director General at DCO Headquarters said that the organisation had played a significant support role in the recent peace-keeping operations; much good work had been done, but there were more lessons to be learned to enable such support to be as effective as possible. Only by talking to the people that really mattered – the personnel and their families – could an accurate picture of their needs be formed. This was especially important as a recent Australian government Defence White Paper had indicated that Australian forces would be likely to play an increasing peace-keeping role in the future.

## BOYS' BRIGADE

Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith has kindly sent me an article from the *Buxton Advertiser* of 25 April on the 75th anniversary of Chapel Boys' Brigade. Captain Peter Goddard, who has been involved with the group for 23 years, compiled a special souvenir programme; and the Rev. John Goddard, an old boy of the Brigade, took the commemorative service. Peter is Albert's brother Bill's youngest son, who works in the pathology laboratory at Manchester Royal; and John is Bill's oldest son and has a Baptist church in Woodstock. Albert says that the middle son is an engine driver and never wanted to do anything else!

## PREMATURE BABY

My elder daughter Diana has recently spotted another Goddard family in a May edition of the *Portsmouth News*, Spencer aged 33, his wife aged 30, and children Noah aged four and India one. Mrs Goddard, expecting another child but not due for five weeks, suddenly realised early one morning that it was coming sooner than expected. She contacted the nearby Gosport War Memorial Hospital, to be told that the maternity unit there did not have facilities for premature babies and that she would have to go to St Mary's Hospital in Portsmouth. Husband Spencer got the car out, dropped the children off at their grandmother's house on the way, and made a dash for Portsmouth. Unfortunately it was rush hour and the traffic was so solid that he had to drive along the hard shoulder on the M27 to avoid the worst of it. Even so the journey took forty minutes and by the time they reached the hospital car park the baby was on its way, his wife giving birth on the grass verge as three midwives rushed out of the hospital to help. The little girl, called Hope, weighed 5lb 7oz and, along with her mother, is now back home and doing fine.

## BARRISTER

Margaret of Worsley has sent me a cutting which mentions a barrister, Richard Goddard, practising in Manchester. Does anyone claim him as a relative?

## CUTLERY SET

I am pleased to hear, via Ian of Balcatta, from Alan of Ormond again. He writes: "I thought you may be interested to hear what I regard as an intriguing incident. I have a cousin, Rob Goddard, living at Port Macquarie, and when he married, I think last year, a Mr Fisher (I believe his mother was a Goddard) gave Rob and his wife a cutlery set, adorned with army insignia, so that the cutlery set would remain in a Goddard family. From what I understand, his great grandfather was a private, John Goddard; he must have arrived in Australia early days as I have a copy of the baptism certificate of his John Alfred, born 7 June 1850, baptised 14 July 1850, Parish of St James in the County of Cumberland."

## GODDARD-FENWICK

Julie of Newbury has kindly sent me the obituary from the *Newbury Weekly News* of 26 April of Colonel Willoughby Major Goddard-Fenwick, OBE, who died on 11 March and was buried at Newtown Common where he moved some 25 years ago soon after the death of his wife Vera. Known locally as 'The Colonel' or 'Will', he was born in 1916 in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, the son of a clergyman who did missionary work in the fishing villages. Educated at Hereford Cathedral School, he later graduated in engineering. During the Second World War he became a founder member of the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, serving mainly in Africa and Italy, being appointed an MBE for his role in organising and supervising the refurbishment of vehicle engines essential to the war effort.

During his limited free time he and his colleagues constructed a speedway track around the crater of Mount Versuvius. He had been a keen motorcyclist prior to joining the army and held an unbroken lap record of 96.5mph on the famous Brooklands race track in Surrey.

After the war he was seconded to the Royal Pakistan Army where his work was rewarded with an OBE. His final position in the army was at the Fighting Vehicle Research and Development Establishment where, among other things he worked on the development of the 'Moke', a light-weight jeep.

Following his retirement from the army, Colonel Goddard-Fenwick's extensive engineering and management qualifications led him to becoming senior engineer for a mining development corporation in Sierra Leone, and later its London-based consultant. While living in Newbury he became a churchwarden, and in no time was adapting his engineering skills to more mundane tasks such as revitalising the decrepit church heating system or repairing the village hall clock. Unfortunately his latter years were affected by Parkinson's disease. (Newsletter N<sup>o</sup> 38 has an article on his father.)

## ESTATE AGENT

I am grateful to Gerald of Bude for sending in an article from the *North Cornwall Advertiser* of April relating to the success of the Wadebridge office of Miller Countrywide Estate Agents in regional competitions. One of the office staff is Adam Goddard. Does anyone claim him as a relative?

## NURSERYMAN

Julie of Newbury has sent me a cutting from *Amateur Gardening* of 6 January, which highlights the success of Fibrex Nurseries, Stratford-on-Avon, in demonstrating how many different varieties of ivy can brighten up a garden even in winter. The director of the nursery is Richard Goddard-Key and he holds the National Collection of ivy with over 400 varieties.

## VARIETY CLUB

Ian of Balcatta, our Australian co-ordinator, is very proud to be an active member of the Variety Club of Western Australia. He writes: "Each year we raise money for the sick and disadvantaged children of WA and we have our annual 'Bush Bash' in our 1965 and older bash cars. I have participated in eleven of these bashes and our car 19 has been consistently in the top ten fund raisers in each bash, having raised \$30,000 per year on average. Overall there is about 60 cars competing and we raise in excess of \$1,000,000 collectively each year over the past five years. In fact, our efforts are so good that Western Australia has recently been recognised as being in the top ten fund raisers for all Variety associations throughout the world. You will appreciate what a tremendous achievement this is given the small population of our State compared to other areas world wide. This year I am still assisting with fund raising, but I have opted not to participate in the Bash, and Keith Bedell and I have handed over to his son and two new crew members to give the bash a bit of new blood. As you can imagine the week is full of frivolity and good fun. The kids in the towns we pass through love our Thomas the Tank train on the car and the train music we play on the loudspeakers. The wheels on the engine go around and on some occasions we put a flare in the chimney which is quite a sight. It is an association of which I am proud to be a member."

## NEW MEMBERS

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

Mr Allan & Mrs Deirdre Goddard, 32 Babington Crescent, Bayswater, Western Australia 6053.  
Miss Anthea M.C. Goddard, 25 Cantor Drive, Allerton, Bradford, BD15 7AR.  
Mr Barry Goddard, 7 Canterbury Drive, Wellingborough, Lincolnshire, LN4 1SL.  
Ms Donna Louise Goddard, 1 Marian Street, Leederville, Western Australia 6007.  
Mr Ernest H. Goddard, Plum Tree Cottage, 4 Sims Terrace, Gunnislake, Cornwall, PL18 9DQ.  
Ms Georgina Goddard, 22 Zania Place, Greenwood, Western Australia 6024.  
Mrs Janet G. Goddard, 2 far Sandfield, Churchdown, Gloucestershire, GL3 2JS.  
Mr Julian Goddard, 53 Tuckfield Street, Fremantle, Western Australia 6160.  
Mr Kenneth Goddard, 2 Coventry Close, Aldwick Park, Bognor Regis, PO21 3RT.  
Ms Patricia Goddard, 147 Dahl Road, Campbell River, British Columbia, V9W 1T4, Canada.  
Mr P.N. & Mrs B.J. Goddard, 78 Heussler Terrace, Milton, Brisbane, Queensland 4064, Australia.  
Sir Philippe Goddard, 4 Luncheon Court, Darlington, Western Australia 6070.  
Mr Ilah J. Hockin, 1-6400 Spencer Road, Kelowna, British Columbia, V1X 7T6, Canada.  
Mrs Sylvia North, 54 Sunnyside Road, Droylsden, Manchester, M43 7WW.  
Mrs Maureen R. Ward, 153 Kibbhouse Lane, Lytham St. Annes, Lancashire, FY8 3BN.  
Ms Katherine G.M. White, 4 Wonderley Street, Toowoomba, Queensland 4350, Australia.

## NEW MEMBERS FAMILIES

The information below is given to enable existing members to get in touch with new members who appear to belong to the same branch.

**Mr Ernest H. Goddard** is descended from a branch in the Finchampstead, Yateley, Farnborough area of Berkshire from 1675 on.

**Mrs Ilah J. Hockin** is descended from the Stoney Middleton, Derbyshire Goddards. Her great grandfather was James Goddard, who was born in Stoney Middleton in 1856.

**Mrs Sylvia North** is descended from James Goddard of Glossop, Derbyshire, whose grandson John Thomas moved to Manchester as a railwayman in 1880.

## HENRY GODDARD, BOW STREET RUNNER, AGAIN

Our invaluable member and expert of Sussex Goddards, Joan Goddard of Hove, has passed on to the Research Department an extract from *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your English Ancestors; How to Find and Record Your Unique Heritage* by Paul Milner and Linda Jonas. The extract emphasises the importance of checking your information. Regular readers of the Newsletter will recall that in issue 56 I commented on the fact that the story of Henry Goddard, the Bow Street Runner, could partly be verified as I had found him on the 1881 census and yes, after retirement from the police, he was the doorkeeper at the House of Lords. However, it appears that I was so excited about Henry Goddard that I did not look further and notice that his next door neighbour was "Karl Wass". The transcriber of the census must have been having a really bad day for not only did he make a mistake over Henry's wife's name, but "Karl Wass" was in reality Karl Marx, the famous founder of modern communism. Doesn't this make Henry even more interesting than he was before?

NB I have a copy of *Memoirs of a Bow Street Runner* by Henry Goddard for a short loan to any interested member.

Julie of Newbury

## 1891 CENSUS

The Research Department has ordered a copy of the 1891 census of London on CD, expected to be available in August. Any members with enquiries concerning London ancestors can write to Brian and Julie at Newbury from the beginning of September onwards.

## SNIPPETS

Thanks to Jean Cole, who has spoken to us at two AGMs, for the news that there is an inscription on a monument in Sydney, Australia, to George Alexander Goddard who died 7 January 1828 aged one year and eleven months. Also, for the information that Clement Goddard of Froxfield, Wiltshire, was arrested at Charnham Street, Hungerford, for vagrancy on 1 July 1884, cautioned and released. From Pat Bisset in New Zealand comes an answer to a reader's letter on organic waste in the *New Zealand Herald* of 7 May written by Rachael Goddard of Birkdale, New Zealand. From Anne Hockaday an 'Ask the Expert' report from the *Daily Express* of 25 June; the expert in question is Dr Jayney Goddard, President of the Complimentary Medicine Association. And from Mrs Margaret Dyson come the names on the Kettlethulme Village Hall Memorial in Derbyshire: "In Honour of those who served from within the Kettlethulme Postal Area (1939-1945) Goddard, Arthur N. and Goddard, Ellis J." My thanks to the various contributors, and the usual question to the members - do you recognise any of these?

## RESEARCH CO-ORDINATORS REPORT FOR 2000-01

The publication for this year is the fourth chapter in the series of family trees for the North Wiltshire Goddards. This monograph is of the Goddards whose branches lived at Clyffe Pypard, Purton, Standen Hussey and Wembley in the period between 1600 and 1900. The original research was done by Annica Baynton Goddard between 1802 and her death in 1855. Her son, Canon Francis Goddard, added to the detail, as have subsequent generations to the present day. I would like to thank the current members of the family who have provided advice on the script and lent copies of family photographs. As with other publications in this series the history has been terminated at 1900 to preserve the niceties of the Data Protection Act. Copies of this exciting new chapter of Goddard history are available from Richard of Malvern, costing £3 including postage.

The web and the internet have played a significant part this year for both research and in answering queries via the e-mail system. Our e-mail is checked every evening and it is now unusual for there not to be at least one message or request for help. We aim to send back an answer within 24 hours – even if it is only that we are looking into the problem.

Since the Association bought the 1881 census on CDs two years ago, which we use constantly, several other similar databases on CD have been purchased, including the Mormon Emigration Index and the privately produced Wiltshire Burial Index. All these indexes help, but they are only indexes and just because the name being researched does not appear it does not mean that they did not die – only that they are not recorded here.

On the research co-ordination front the year has been fairly active. Several new members are anxious to trace their family trees. We must say thank you to Peter of Toronto for his help via the internet, Joan Goddard for sharing her Sussex records with us, to Christopher Richards for sharing his illustrious Goddard ancestry records with us, and to Jennifer Walker for doggedly continuing to comb through Wiltshire Record Office's dusty archives and sending on snippets of information.

We bought an Indenture agreement for lease of land at Castle Eaton during the last AGM in Swindon, but have not had the time to transcribe it yet. Volunteers to read and record its information are needed. At the end of last year, with the Committee's approval, we bought unseen what was described as a scrapbook of bits and pieces about Goddards which had been cut from various books. I think that here we perhaps bought a pig in a poke, but it was worth taking the chance that it was something valuable. Another sampler done by a Goddard child was drawn to our attention. It was listed on an

internet auction site, but before we could make any decision on it the auction appears to have taken place.

Output of course depends on input. If we have not been given information on your family tree we cannot put you in touch with your long lost cousins. Perhaps you would rather they did not find you. If so, let us know and we will keep quiet! *Brian & Julie of Newbury*

### ITEMS FOR SALE

As always there are several Association items for sale, and in particular the newest monograph on the Clyffe Pypard and related branches of the North Wiltshire family. The full list of these is:

Derbyshire High Peak I, Chinley & Buxworth  
Derbys. High Peak II, New Mills, Kettlethume, Whaley Bridge  
North Gloucestershire I, Chipping Campden & Quinton  
North Gloucestershire II, Stanway & Vale of Evesham  
North Gloucestershire III, Snowhill & Eckington  
North Wiltshire I, Aldbourne, Enfield & Mere  
North Wiltshire II, Berwick Bassett, Catford & Hidden  
North Wiltshire III, East Woodhay & Castle Eaton  
North Wiltshire IV, Clyffe Pypard, Standen Hussey & Purton

All are available at £3.

Then there is the reprint of Richard Jefferies A *Memoir of the Goddards of North Wilts* at £5.

Association ties (currently maroon) are £5, brooches £2.50, and ten postcards of two Wiltshire Goddard brass rubbings £1. Finally there are two sizes of plate (side and dinner) with coloured shields of various Goddard branches, priced at £15 and £18 respectively.

All prices include packing and postage.

### LIKE A LEMON

Under the title "*We squeeze them like a lemon*" Isobel Goddard, wife of Executive Committee member David of Kew, has written a fascinating account of her childhood memories of Malta before and during World War Two. A slim book of 64 pages and several photographs, it is obtainable from David or Isobel at 33 Atwood Avenue, Kew, Surrey, TW9 4HF, price £3.99.

### 103 NOT OUT

Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith has just sent me the following press cutting: "Betty and Frank Pearson would like to thank everyone for their cards, good wishes and presents received by Rev. Dr. William Simpson on the occasion of his 103rd birthday". Albert writes: "You may remember an article in 1995 Newsletter N° 37 about 'Uncle Willie's' grandmother being a Goddard. Several years ago he left Buxworth and moved into an old peoples' home in New Mills and is still on the 'active list'. The Pearsons are his relatives and live in Chinley." Many congratulations to 'Uncle Willie' on achieving this milestone.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Association met before the AGM on Saturday 19 May. Only Philip of Swindon was missing – earning his daily bread!

The previous Minutes were approved and signed. The Appeal to support Christ Church, Swindon had attracted some support, and it was agreed to continue to publicise the appeal and decide at the next meeting how much the Association as a whole should contribute. It was also decided to grant £300 to the Wiltshire Record Office for funds to help with their programme of cataloguing a large collection of Wiltshire wills, since our Association derives considerable assistance from them. It was agreed that such grants were an important part of the Association's raison d'être, and that if any Goddard monuments in other parts of the country needed preserving we should be glad to hear from members.

The efforts made to bring the membership list up to date had proved largely successful and would be continued. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at the Goddard Arms, Clyffe Pypard, on Sunday 4 November, as a trial run for holding the AGM there next May.

## AGM

This year's AGM was held at The Fleet Inn, Twynning, just north of Tewkesbury. The President welcomed all present, including Patron Peter and his wife Sheila, eleven members of our sister Association from the USA whom we were delighted to have with us, Canadian co-ordinator Peter and his wife Sheila from Toronto, and Ian and his wife Helen from New Zealand via the west country. Several apologies were recorded. The Minutes of the last AGM were approved and signed; there were no matters arising that did not feature later.

Treasurer John of Shrewsbury then gave his report for the year ending 31 March 2001, and a copy of the Accounts is available from him on request. It had been a successful year with a surplus of income over expenditure of just over £1,000. The President indicated that the surplus was earmarked for research and the preservation of Goddard heritage, and gave a summary of the discussion in the morning's Committee relating to the appeal for Christ Church, Swindon and for the Wiltshire Record Office. The Accounts were adopted together with a warm vote of thanks to the Treasurer for his efforts since the foundation of the Association.

Brian gave the Research co-ordinators' report in the absence of Julie who had stayed behind to crack the whip over their builders. A copy of the Report can be found on page 7.

The Election of Officers – or, more accurately, re-election – then took place with Richard as President, John of Shrewsbury as Treasurer, Eileen as Secretary, and Brian and Philip to the Committee.

The various items for sale were mentioned (see page 7), and Saturday or Sunday 18 or 19 May 2002 was given as the date for next year's AGM with the Goddard Arms, Clyffe Pypard near Swindon as the likely venue; both will be confirmed in a subsequent Newsletter.

Before presenting the Howard Goddard-Jones Me-



memorial for 2000 to Leslie of Storchley for his work on the North Gloucestershire Goddards, the President asked for applause for the previous year's winner, Margaret of Worsley, who had been unable to attend the AGM and had received the Memorial privately at a later date. He then requested Peter of Toronto to give his talk; this was warmly applauded and will be featured in a subsequent Newsletter. Before tea and biscuits were served, the raffle was drawn; there were more prizes than ever before and grateful thanks are expressed to the many kind donors. Some 45 members were present.

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