



## The Goddard Association of Europe

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### GEOFFREY GODDARD

#### Lancaster Bomber Navigator

*In the 'Can You Help?' column of the last Newsletter Bob Holotnak of Calgary, Alberta, appealed for help in locating relatives of Geoffrey Goddard who was born on 25 October, 1921 in Redcar, Yorkshire. He was a crew member of a Lancaster bomber which crashed in France on 4 August 1944. Peter of Toronto took up the challenge and uncovered the following fascinating story:*

Shouldn't be difficult, I thought. After all, Geoffrey is not a terribly common name – but then I always start these search jobs with optimism, often to encounter difficulties where I don't expect them. First port of call would be the Commonwealth War Graves index of war deaths but no sign of him there so, presumably, he survived the crash. Next look-up was my own index of Goddard deaths and there I found a Geoffrey Goddard whose death was registered in Newcastle in 1984 with a birth date given as 22 October 1921. Not quite the date given but a quick check on 1921 births revealed only one Geoffrey registered in the December Quarter so I ordered a copy of the death certificate. Two weeks later I had the certificate that showed that the decedent was born in Redcar, so this was certainly the Geoffrey Goddard I was looking for. The informant was a son, Ian Kenneth Goddard with an address in Morpeth, Northumberland.

The next step would be to find Ian, but I could find no trace of him in the Northumberland area and the only Ian K. Goddard I could find in the whole of England, a resident of Liverpool, proved not to be our man. But at least I now knew that Geoffrey



had married and there was a reasonable chance that his wife might still be alive, so now the task was to identify her. Ian, I figured, was probably born shortly after the war ended and, indeed, there was a birth of an Ian K. Goddard registered in Northumberland in the June Quarter of 1947 with the mother's maiden name given as Scurfield. Within half an hour I had found the marriage registration in the December Quarter of 1944 of Geoffrey Goddard to Peggy Scurfield, and so not only had Geoffrey survived the crash but also he had made it back to England and got married before the war ended. A

search for more children of this marriage proved fruitless and so I was now faced with trying to find Peggy. No mean task considering that she might have died or she might have remarried, but if neither of these events had occurred I thought it was likely that she was still living in the Newcastle area and probably in the Gosforth area which was the address given for Geoffrey on his death certificate. There was just one P. Goddard listed for Gosforth and with some trepidation I tried the number. Bingo! Yes, she was Peggy Goddard and she was the widow of Geoffrey.

From conversations and correspondence with Peggy and her son Ian, together with my own research, I have pieced together the fascinating story of Geoffrey's life and the fateful flight on that Lancaster bomber.

Geoffrey was born on 25 October 1921. His father was Frederick Goddard and his mother was Ada Brown who were married in 1915 in Middlesbrough. Geoffrey had an older brother, Frederick Charles, who was born in 1916 and died in 1977.

He joined the RAF in 1941 and on 7 October 1943 he was granted a commission as Pilot Officer. He was trained as a navigator in Miami, Florida and on 7 April 1944 he was promoted to Flying Officer and shortly after to Flight Lieutenant. Geoffrey was in 635 Squadron based at Downham Market in Norfolk. This was an elite Pathfinder squadron whose job was to fly in ahead of the main attack force to pinpoint the target.

By Friday, 4 August 1944 Geoffrey had already flown 46 missions over enemy territory and on that day his crew were assigned a daylight raid on a V1 rocket site at Trossy St. Maximin near Paris. The crew was made up of Ian Bazalgette the pilot from Calgary, Alberta; Geoffrey Goddard the navigator; George Turner the flight engineer;

Douglas Cameron the rear gunner from Kenmore, Perthshire; Vernon Leeder the mid upper gunner from Victoria, Australia; Ivan Hibbert the bomb aimer from Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire; and Charles Godfrey from Buntingford, Hertfordshire. The aircraft was a Lancaster bomber No. ND811.

The rocket site had already been attacked on the two previous days and as they approached their target a sea of flak met them. The two leading aircraft didn't make it to the target, leaving Bazalgette and his crew with the prime responsibility of placing the target markers. Flak hit the starboard wing knocking out both engines, but Bazalgette pressed on successfully marking the target before going into a spin. He regained control, but by then the aircraft was well ablaze and one of the port engines then failed. Two of the crew, Hibbert and Leeder, had been badly injured, Hibbert losing an arm. With the Lancaster now at 1000ft and with no hope of regaining altitude on the one remaining engine, Bazalgette ordered Turner to strap him in tight and then ordered the four uninjured crew to bale out. Bazalgette must have known that there was very little chance of him being able to land his blazing aircraft but elected to stay with his injured crew mates. However, he managed to steer the aircraft away from the village of Senates and got it down in a field, but it exploded on impact and all three still on board were killed instantly.

Geoffrey Goddard, floating down on his parachute, witnessed the crash, but then his parachute became entangled in a tree and he had to be helped down by Chuck Godfrey. Within minutes the local villagers came to the rescue and provided civilian clothes and safe haven in a farmhouse. The next day forged French identity cards were provided and for the next four weeks the four RAF boys helped harvest apples and make cider. As the Allied armies advanced, Germans were returning from the front and calling regularly at the farmhouse, making it more and more unsafe. Geoffrey and his mates decided to retreat into the local woods and hid there for the next two weeks until the Allied troops arrived.

Ian Bazalgette was awarded the Victoria Cross for his courageous action on that day, the citation concluding: "his heroic sacrifice marked the climax of a long career of operations against the enemy".

Geoffrey was repatriated to England and very shortly afterwards on 18 October 1944 married his long-time sweetheart, Peggy Scurfield. When their son was born in 1947 they named him Ian after Geoff's courageous pilot.

Geoffrey Goddard resumed his career in the RAF teaching photographic reconnaissance and then in 1947 completed a Diploma course and became a school

teacher, teaching at several schools in Newcastle, his last being Benfield Comprehensive. He retired in 1979, but unfortunately did not live long to enjoy a well-earned and long retirement, dying of a heart attack on 24 January 1984. His loves were gardening and fishing and looking forward to the day when Newcastle F.C. won something!

*Ed. I am grateful to son Ian for providing the photograph of his father.*

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### CAN YOU HELP?

**Cliff Goddard** of 12 Sorrel Drive, Thetford, Norfolk, IP24 2YJ, to find out more about his father. He was Sidney George Goddard, who was born at Edmonton in London on 23 April 1893. His parents were William J. Goddard and Lillian M. Tinsley. Sidney was married twice, firstly to Ellen Blakely by whom he had two girls and a boy, and then to Doris Foulger by whom he had a girl and a boy (Cliff). Cliff knows very little about his father's first wife and children, as he married his mother late in life and died shortly afterwards. He does know that his stage name was Arthur Clifford and that he ran a band in the 1920s (see separate article). If anyone recognises this family, please write to Cliff.

**Peter Goddard** of 78 Heussler Terrace, Milton, Brisbane, Queensland 4064, Australia, to trace his grandfather's family. His grandfather, Walter Leslie Goddard, was born on 19 August 1877 in Maitland Street, Gunnedah, New South Wales, son of William Cumberland Goddard, a chemist aged 56 who had been born in Devonshire in England, and his wife Eliza Parker, whom he had married on 26 June 1858 in England and who was aged 41 and had been born in London. They had previously had four boys and two girls, of whom two boys and the two girls were still living in 1877. Peter never met his grandfather, as his grandfather and grandmother separated around 1913, but he knows he was buried in Forbes, New South Wales. Do any members claim kinship with this family, or know what happened to the other brothers and sisters?

**John of Accrington** to identify a Paul (?) Goddard, possibly in the Portsmouth area, who enlisted in the RAF in July 1969 and did basic training with 11 Flight at RAF Swinderby, Lincolnshire. His service number was H8077689 and he was billeted in room 7 of barrack block Manser. Any subsequent information or present whereabouts is sought by a comrade in the same flight. Please contact membership secretary John of Accrington - address on back page.

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### MAIL COMPANY

Our Librarian recently received a book parcel from a publisher. Eagle-eyed as ever, she spotted that they had been packaged by mail wrap company, C.H. Goddard & Co. Ltd. Does anyone know anything about this firm?

## FAVOURITE ANCESTOR

It is always nice to be able to report some research success by any of our members. Ian, formerly of Wellington, New Zealand, and now of Shaftesbury in Dorset, writes as follows: "The latest Association Newsletter came through our letterbox yesterday and as usual it was brimming with interesting tidbits.

I shall look forward to returning to Twynning again in May for the AGM and hope that I might be able to repeat the good luck I had last year in tracing 'lost' family members. Peter, our Canadian co-ordinator, who was at the AGM and gave the very interesting talk on tracking down relatives, was able to provide me with some information about my father's youngest brother, Colville Goddard, from the files that he had with him at the meeting. The good news was of course that Peter found him, the bad news was that he found him in the death records. However, armed with this detail I was able to obtain a copy of his death certificate from the registrar up in Durham and discovered that the informant had been Colville's son, Cedric. At last I felt I was getting somewhere. A wet afternoon spent in the local library checking through telephone directories for Durham and the Tyne areas produced a number of Goddards and a shortlist of likely contenders with the correct initials. My first telephone call proved a lucky guess and I spoke to Cedric for the first time. Since then we have met and are slowly piecing together bits and pieces of the family jigsaw in an endeavour to obtain a complete picture. Many families are very good at keeping in contact with each other, but our particular branch of the Goddards appear to be superbly successful in losing contact.

Several years ago [actually Newsletter 53 of March 2000!] you 'published' a short item *My Favourite Ancestor*, which Julie in New Zealand passed on to you and that I had written about my great grandfather, Charles Goddard. I wonder if I could request an SOS for information in the next newsletter to ask if any members have some knowledge about any of his children and their descendants who are probably living in North East England.

Although our family originated in the villages of Pewsey Vale in Wiltshire, my great grandfather, Charles Goddard, joined the army in 1848 and after 22 years of service around the outposts of Queen Victoria's empire, retired with his family to Barnard Castle in 1870. Just why he decided to live up in the North rather than return to Wiltshire will probably never be known. His Irish wife, Rebecca Jane McNeilance, died in Cockerton just outside Darlington nine years later. The census of 1881 listed Charles, then employed as a gardener, as living in Forcett Street, Cockerton together with his four sons, Charles Henry who had been born in Strabane, County Tyrone in 1861. George Alfred (who was my grandfa-

ther) born in India in 1869, William born at Barnard Castle in 1874, and Robert also born at Barnard Castle in 1876.

Cedric and I are currently progressing through the family that descended from our grandfather George Alfred, but we would appreciate information that any Association members may have relating to a possible second marriage for our great grandfather Charles, together with his three other sons and their descendants who may have lived in Co Durham or the surrounding area. The only clue we have at present is that Charles Henry Goddard, the eldest brother, may have been in the Durham Light Infantry during the 1880s. Our own grandfather joined the Hampshire Regiment in 1884 as a Boy Soldier, but transferred to the Durhams three years later to be with his elder brother. From about that time the Durham Light Infantry became the family regiment because George remained with them until his retirement in 1920. My own father exhibited abysmal timing by joining the Durhams in 1913 and retired after two World Wars in 1946 and one of his brothers, Redvers, was also in the regiment for many years.

Who knows, someone somewhere may be able to provide some clues or even claim to be a relation." If you wish to contact Ian, write to Mr I.D. Goddard, 8 Savoy Court, Bimport, Shaftesbury, Dorset, SP7 8BN; or e-mail him on <iangoddard@hotmail.com>.

## GODDARD LANDMARKS

I am grateful to Pat Bisset of New Zealand, via Julie of Newbury, for the following two pieces of information. Her brother, Keith Goddard, has a reef named after him. He joined the Navy straight from school aged fifteen, and whilst on the *HMNZS Lauchlan*, a survey ship, they were charting the northern Fiji area when they came across an unknown reef. As he was the youngest member of the crew they decided to name it after him, and it is shown on the relevant shipping charts. The other information has come from a friend of Keith's who spotted a place called Goddard on Baranof Island off the coast of Alaska not very far south of Juneau. Does any member know its origins?

## GUIDE DOG

A look at back numbers of the Swindon newspaper produced the following article from Monday 20 August 1976: "Blind Ron Goddard, aged 40, was walking to his local shops in Southwick Avenue, Penhill, with his guide dog when he sensed that something was wrong with the animal. Two passing girls stopped and told him that the dog was ill. One rushed to get a vet and the other stayed to help, but before anything could be done the unfortunate animal died, leaving a very shocked and helpless Ron.

*Julie of Newbury*

## ARTHUR CLIFFORD'S SALON BAND

Arthur Clifford was the stage name of Sidney Goddard, father of new member Cliff, born on 23 April 1893, and a former member of Jack Hylton's Band. Then he founded his own, calling it Arthur Clifford's Salon Band, and the picture below shows him in the



centre of the group. This photograph was published in the *Radio Times* for 2 September 1927, advertising his programme of dance music transmitted from the Cardiff studios of the BBC between 10.30 and 11.00pm. It is thought to have been the first time that a photograph of a band had been printed in the *Radio Times*.

## NEW YEAR HONOURS

Missed from the last Newsletter were congratulations due to Professor Peter Goddard, FRS and Master of St. John's College Cambridge, for being awarded the CBE for services to theoretical physics. I am grateful to John of Accrington for this information.

## NEW MEMBERS

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

Mrs M. Carr-Bowey, 60B Monkton Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 2BB  
Mr C.W. Goddard, 12 Sorrel Drive, Thetford, Norfolk, IP24 2YL  
Mr R.J. Goddard, P.O. Box 66, Nunawading, Victoria 3131, Australia  
Ms M. Kambanis, 49 Roslin Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M4N 1Z1  
Mrs S.E. Mann, 18 Waterlow Road, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 7EX  
Mrs J. Wilson, 40 O'Donnell Street, Wavell Heights, Queensland 4012, 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.

**Margaret Carr-Bowey** is descended from Simon Goddard of Walberswick, Suffolk, in 1770.

**Cliff Goddard** is descended from John Goddard born in Camberwell, London, in 1842.

**Maggie Kambanis** is descended from George and Rachel Goddard, who married in 1864 at Winterbourne Bassett in Wiltshire. Their children were baptised at Luckington and Mangotsfield in South Gloucestershire.

**Sylvia Mann** is descended from James and Jane Goddard, who married in Salisbury in 1827 and later lived in Shaftesbury, Dorset.

## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE GODDARDS

I am very pleased to have received the following from Association member Alan Wright of Cirencester:

"My paternal grandmother was born Mary Ann Goddard, the eighth child (out of nine) of Joseph and Elizabeth (née Kipling) Goddard. Most of the family members were born in Cromwell, near Newark, and most of the ancestors of their branch of the Goddards lived and died in that area. The occupation of the male members was agricultural, several became small landowners, and some moved further afield into neighbouring counties such as Lincolnshire and Leicestershire.

The earliest member of my branch was is William, who was born in South Carlton in 1759 and died at the age of 58. He was buried on 28 October 1817 in South Muskham, Newark. He married twice, first to Sarah Wilson on 11 April 1774 at Upton, Southwell. Sarah died on 20 April 1785 and was buried on 22nd in South Muskham. They had three (known) children, William baptised 20 December 1774, Henry baptised 22 August 1779, and Ann baptised 6 February 1781.

William's second wife was Mary Reynolds. They married on 31 December 1789 at South Muskham and had two known children, Samuel baptised 24 February 1788, and Joseph born 15 baptised 17 April 1791.

Joseph married Elizabeth Asher on 23 April 1817. He died and was buried on 20 February 1857. All events were in South Muskham. Elizabeth was born in 1785 and lived to the age of 89/90. Joseph and Elizabeth had nine children; eight survived infancy, and I have been able to track down the records of these children and their descendants. For space reasons I can not list all the details, but if any members believe that they may be connected to, or would like to know more about my researched branch, I am more than happy to share my findings. I look forward to hearing from any interested member." Alan can be contacted either by writing to Mr F.A. Wright at 10 North Home Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1DP; by telephoning 01285 654178; or by e-mailing <fawright@lineone.net>. But he is registered as blind and would much appreciate a large font typeface when replying.

## PEWSEY VALE GODDARDS

Wiltshire Record Office has a number of Vicar's Visiting Books – a list year by year of the inhabitants of his parish with remarks. The Wiltshire Family History Journal for April 2002 makes a feature of the ones kept by Rev. John B. Hodgson, vicar of Great Bedwyn from 1855 and rector of Collingbourne Ducis from 1875. There are maps for the villages together with numbered dwellings and the vicar's list. There are of course some Goddards. The Record Office reference number for these books is WSRO 1308/5. *Julie of Newbury*

## SUFFOLK GODDARD

While reviewing a new book *The House on the Hill: the Stamford House of Industry* by Sheila Hardy, the history of a Workhouse in Suffolk, my eye was caught by the Goddard name. In 1905 the unfortunate Receiving Officer and Collector of Dues for the Capel St Mary area, J.S. Gough, had a nervous breakdown through over work and was given unpaid leave. His wife and four children were left without money or support and had to apply to the Board of Guardians of the Workhouse for help. The children were taken into care and fostered out to Mrs Goddard of Capel and she was paid an allowance for them. Mrs Gough herself became ill through looking after her husband, who never fully recovered and died two years later. I wonder if Mrs Goddard kept the children? – Does anyone know? –

*Julie of Newbury*

## BERKSHIRE RECORD OFFICE

The following is information sent by Margaret Young of Reading from her searches in the Berkshire Record Office. For further details contact Julie of Newbury, or Margaret Young <margaret@breadmore.org>.

Inquest on James Goddard, a butcher of Silver Street, Reading, aged 77, who accidentally fell from a cart he was driving and died later in hospital, 24 December 1898. R/JQ/ 6/34/235.

Inquest on Frederick Goddard, a gardener aged 60 years who died when attempting to climb into a cart, falling and being run over by it, 21 April 1898. Mararet's great grandfather. R/JQ/ 6/34/193.

Inquest on Mary Ann Goddard who, the jury decided, died by natural causes. She was aged 68 and the widow of Thomas Goddard, a confectioner of the parish of St Giles, Reading. 9 January 1871. R/JQ/ 6/18/8.

Details about the policeman James William Goddard, who was 25 in 1902 when he joined the Berkshire Constabulary. Previous to this he had been in the army for seven years. He may have been the son of John and Harriet Goddard of Reading.

Details about the policeman Daniel Goddard recorded on his appointment in 1897 when he was 22. Previously he had been an attendant at Moulsoford County Lunatic Asylum. He was probably the son of George and Mary A. Goddard of Three Mile Cross, Shinfield, Reading.

## 1891 CENSUS OF LEICESTER

I am assisting with checking the transcriptions of the 1891 census of Leicester and have come across the following: Lucy H. (or A.) Goddard was living with her brother-in-law and sister Zillah in the Chawney Household at 2 Bartholomew Street. Lucy was aged 28 and worked as a Hosiery Machinist – a typical Leicester occupation.

*Julie of Newbury*

## MORE SUFFOLK GODDARDS

New member Margaret Carr-Bowey has very kindly and diligently copied out all the many references to Goddards of Suffolk so that we now have two large files on the county for members to consult on request. She also sent the following reminiscences about her father: "My father was the son of a fisherman from Lowestoft, Suffolk. He was born in 1910, the eldest of four children, and spent his holidays on the family farm at Walberswick. His grandparents were Edith Jane Goddard, who married George Burley in Walberswick in 1883. During Dad's early years the family farm of his great grandparents was full of adventures. One story he often recalled was of the day he went out in the trap with his granddad. The day had begun wet but improved and the wheels of the trap were very muddy on their return. – Granddad stopped in the lane near home and gave Dad a huge bucket as big as himself and told him to wash the wheels. Filling the bucket from the ditch was easier said than done and soon the bucket became heavier than the keen lad filling it, and into the smelly, stagnant water he went. Granddad pulled him out, washed down the wheels and returned to the farmyard. Grandma was not going to let the evil smelling grandson into the house before he was hosed down in the yard.

Dad spent his annual holiday on the farm, but farming was not for him. Neither was a fisherman's life for him either, and at thirteen he left home to work in the kitchen of a large hotel in Great Yarmouth and went on to be a chef. These stories of Dad's led me to my first encounter with the Goddard family of Walberswick. In the 1881 census I found John and Fanny and their children – including Edith Jane. The first Goddard in the parish records of the village was 'David Goddard, infant, drowned 13 July 1807'. John's father was Simon Goddard married to Rachel Sewell, and his father was Simon also; but there I am stuck as I do not know where Simon Senior was born or from whence he came.

I am a member of the Suffolk Family History Society who run a 'Help wanted' column in their quarterly magazine. A lady e-mailed me to say that she lived in a cottage once owned by the Goddard family. The owner let her brother live there, but he was a recluse and was found drowned in the water butt. Soon afterwards the cottage was sold. In June I plan to spend a week in Suffolk with my husband to find out more about the family. Watch this space."

*Julie of Newbury*

## BOWLS CHAMPION

The Western Australian bowls champion, featured in the last Newsletter, turns out to be the nephew of member Brian Goddard of Merredin, also in Western Australia. I am grateful to Ian of Balcatta, our Australian co-ordinator, for this information.

## VICTORIAN CLERGYMEN

Margaret Martin of Portslade has come across two references to clergymen in the East Sussex Record Office recently: Edward Henry Emilius Goddard 1850, and Felix Goddard of Rye 1861. Does any member recognise these fairly distinctive names as members of their own branch of the family? And what about this entry from the *Congregational Year Book* of 1895 under the heading 'Ministers Deceased'?

"Goddard, Henry, of Eastbourne, was born at Rotherhithe on 20 February 1852. Through the prayer and sweet spiritual influence of his mother, he gave himself to Christ at the age of sixteen, and devoted all his spare time to visiting the almshouses and taking part in cottage prayer-meetings. For some time he was a lay student at Regent's Park College, and at the early age of twenty he was ordained to the pastorate at Heathfield, where he remained four years and a half. He then accepted an invitation to Framlingham. His next charge was at Henfield. Thence, owing to the failure of his health, and by the kind assistance of Donald Currie Esq., he took a voyage to the Cape, and returned considerably restored. His restoration, however, was only for a time. On the recommendation of friends, he went to Cape de Verde, and preached there twelve months. On his return he was invited to Crawley, and remained about three years.

Then he removed to Nova Scotia, where he did a good work, and was much beloved, but unfortunately his health broke down again. His people pressed him to stay, but his physician insisted that another winter in so severe a climate was more than he ought to risk. So he returned again to England, and became the pastor of St Ives. Whilst labouring there his health utterly gave way. So he resigned, and from that date (1891) he became terribly afflicted to the day of his death. He occasionally preached, but generally he was so prostrate with bodily pain that he could do nothing. His affliction was 'Addison's disease'. No human hand could help him to recover, but kind and loving friends came forward and bore as much of the heavy financial burden as they could. The Rev. Carruthers Wilson (Presbyterian), of Eastbourne, was especially kind, who, with other friends, made his last days as bright as was possible in such a fearful illness. He longed for rest, the weariness seemed more than he could bear, and he fell asleep in Jesus at Eastbourne on 20 February 1894, his birthday, aged forty-two. His last words were, "Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly".

## ANOTHER ARTIST

I have recently been told of a Judith Goddard, who teaches at the Slade School of Art. Does any member claim her as a relative?

## YOUNG MUSCIANS

It is always good to have feedback from a Newsletter article. In the last one Margaret Martin of Portslade sent me a cutting of sisters Rosie and Lucy Goddard who had won the regional under-16 National Schools Chamber Music competition. Now Joan of Hove has written: "With some pride I claim them as my grand-daughters! In fact yesterday [22 February] Rosie and Lucy reached the semi-finals of this year's National Schools Chamber competition. They are two of three sisters, daughters of my son David and his wife Georgie. Susannah, the eldest and an oboeist, is now at Leeds University; Lucy is playing violin in the National Youth Orchestra this year.

I am still working on my database of Goddards in Sussex, and would be very pleased to hear from any member whose family comes from this part of the world." You can contact Joan by writing to Mrs J.R. Goddard, 54 Shirley Drive, Hove, Sussex, BN3 6UF. Or e-mail her at <[vicechairman@sfhg.org.uk](mailto:vicechairman@sfhg.org.uk)>.

## CANDLE TREATMENT

I don't suppose you have had a candle stuck in your ear and then lit? No, well it's not a treatment that normal doctors would prescribe. But Jo Goddard of Mayfield, East Sussex, swears by this 'alternative medicine' to the extent that, after receiving successful treatment herself, she opened her ear candling business about three years ago. Despite lack of scientific evidence, it does seem to work cures for things like ear infections, glue ear, sinus infections and sore throats. The article on this unusual practice came from *The Argus* of 23 January 2001 and was kindly sent by Margaret Martin of Portslade. Jo says it was practised by the ancient Egyptians and by American Indians.

## PUBLIC FOOTPATH

Mr John Goddard of West Lodge, Midgham Park near Thatcham, has lost his ten year battle to divert a public footpath which ran through his grounds. Claiming that it presented a loss of privacy and a security risk and supported by some of his neighbours, he initially succeeded in persuading Berkshire County Council to support a revised route. However, following a public enquiry last September, a government inspector, while agreeing that the proposed diversion would bring increased privacy and security to Mr Goddard and his neighbours, has ruled that the alternative route was "substantially less convenient" for the public and would also "adversely affect public enjoyment of the park as a whole". There was considerable local celebration that the footpath, which is thought to have been in use since at least the beginning of the nineteenth century, would now be saved for future generations. I am grateful to Margaret Young of Reading for this information from the *Newbury Weekly News* of 6 Decembr 2001.

## FRED GODDARD RACING

Fred's daughter Denise of Solihull has kindly sent me an update on the team: Earlier this year Fred Goddard was presented with the Nigel Moores trophy by Martin Brundle (ITV commentator and ex-Formula 1 driver) at an international event. This annual award is given by the British Racing Drivers Club in recognition of services to British motor sport. The team has contributed to a wide range of motor racing Formulas over the past ten years from Formula Ford through to Formula 1. More



recently Fred has been working in America trying to establish a new Formula of motor racing.

Earl Goddard, Fred's son, came runner-up in the Boss Car series last year, after just four events. He will be racing an ex-Michael Schumacher car in the Euro Boss series this year. For further information about the team there is a website <[www.fredgoddardracing.co.uk](http://www.fredgoddardracing.co.uk)>.

## TRADE TOKEN

In the last Newsletter Rachel of Leicester asked for information on a 1658 trade token struck by John Goddard of Tiverton, Devon. I have just received a fascinating letter from James of Honiton, the gist of which is as follows: The John in question was the eldest son of John Goddard and Prudence Cornish, who were married in St. Peter's Church, Tiverton, on 23 April 1594. He was baptised at the same time as his sister Margaret on 11 January 1596, and had younger siblings Bernard born in 1596, George 1598, Jane 1599, Emyn 1601 and Prudence 1602. John became a clothier, mill owner and churchwarden of St. Peter's as well as Mayor of Tiverton, and married Joanne Blagdon on 21 September 1626. The Goddards were well connected in the area to other clothier families and to shipping families on the coast.

## PLAYING CHRIST

Ray Harrowing, husband of Association member Penny of Kidderminster, has kindly provided me with a Goddard from *The Methodist Recorder* of 28 March. In an article on the Good Friday ecumenical procession at Westminster, it mentions Ben Goddard, deputy head prefect of the Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School, as playing the part of Christ and carrying a large cross. Does any member claim him as a relation?

## SNIPPETS

Thanks to Jean Cole, who has spoken at the Association's meetings in Swindon before now, the following Goddard snippets have been passed on to Julie of Newbury from whom more details can be obtained:

On Tuesday 31 December 1878 at Devizes, Wiltshire, George Goddard was bailed on three counts of having assaulted three men at North Tidworth.

Edward Goddard and Henry Hiscock were accused at Marlborough Court on 29 December 1866 with stealing two hats and eight shillings in money at Grantham Hill, Savernake.

Joseph Goddard and Martha his wife, both aged 78 of Winterbourne Bassett, were listed as paupers and given relief [date not given].

Elizabeth Goddard and Thomas Stretton of Burbage, Wiltshire, were charged on 11 August 1866 with having allowed their horses to stray.

In the case of James Goddard versus David Prickett of Shalbourne in 1895 James stated that he lived at Malmere, Shalbourne, and was a carter in Squire Kingston's employ. The defendant was groom to Mr Kingston. Prickett knocked Goddard down, damaged his ear and a bit was cut off. Prickett was fined twelve shillings with eight shillings costs. Ref. WSRO B16/100/21.

On 30 November 1853 John Goddard of Wootton Rivers, horse dealer, was charged with being drunk on 26 November at St Peters, Marlborough. He was summoned to appear at the Town Hall on Monday 5 December at 10 o'clock by John Dann. Ref. WSRO B4/290/5.

And from more modern times:

The *Swindon Evening Advertiser* of 19 January 2002 carried a story of Michael Goddard, aged 35, who pleaded guilty to assault occasioning actual bodily harm on 6 December 2001. Following a late-night argument with his wife, Sharron, whom he had only married in August, he had punched her in the face, breaking her nose. The argument was mainly about the amount of money she was spending after he had been laid off work. The court ordered him to pay £300 compensation to his wife and costs of £55. He has since been living with his parents. This article was also spotted by Jennifer Walker.

And the *Western Daily Press* of 2 February 2002 told an even worse story of Mark Goddard, aged 42, who was convicted at Wolverhampton Crown Court of murdering his 36 year old wife, a primary school music teacher and mother of three. His plea of inadvertently strangling her during a kinky bondage session was not believed by the jury and he faces a life sentence.

And a letter in the *Swindon Evening Advertiser* of 7 February 2002 from Mrs J. Goddard of Ferndale Road, Swindon, complained of the lack of sympathy at Christ Church, which would not allow artificial flowers on graves through the winter nor toys on those of children.

## PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLER

Reg "Natty" Goddard is not the name of a professional footballer that comes readily to mind. Thanks to Jennifer Walker I am in possession of his obituary, as he died on 29 June last year. Reg was born in Calne, Wiltshire, in 1921 and first played for the town's premier team when he was just thirteen; he played for them until 1938 when he joined Chippenham Town which, at that time, was an amateur team. He had left school at 14 and worked for the firm of Harris in the town until he was called up in 1941. He was discharged from the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1946 and went to work for Westinghouse Brakes with whom he remained until he retired in 1987. He played football for Swindon Reserves and then Calne again; but in 1948 he turned professional at Chippenham Town before joining Chippenham United for the 1949-50 season. He was also known as 'the goal-a-week man' as he scored in each of 23 consecutive matches, an achievement that is thought still to be a record. He also won trophies for darts, skittles, table tennis and cricket. In the latter he once won the President's bowling and batting cups for the Harris Cricket Club in the same season and held the ground's highest innings score of 123. A keen gardener in his retirement, he leaves a widow Joan, whom he married in 1954, but no children.

## SUFFERINGS OF EARLY QUAKERS

### London and Middieesex 1655 to 1690

This is an edition of the monumental work by Joseph Besse recording the persecution of the Quakers towards the end of the Republic, through the Restoration and on into the reign of William and Mary. Whatever religious persuasion the reigning House preferred the Quakers, with their stalwart passive resistance to conforming, were harried. For convenience the massive original has been divided into geographical sections and edited by Michael Gandy. On 9 December 1684 Benjamin and Richard Goddard were among a group of Quakers gathered at the Peel Meeting, who were detained and confined without charge in the New Prison for five days. And on the last day of May in 1685 Benjamin Goddard was one of sixteen persons detained at a meeting at Devonshire House meeting place. He was one of the men who was fined thirteen shillings and four pence. Any Goddard who has researched their tree back to these two men should be proud to have them as ancestors, standing up for the right to freedom of speech and freedom of worship as they did.

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*Julie of Newbury*

## AGM

This year's AGM will again be held at The Fleet Inn, Twynning, just north of Tewkesbury, contrary to the original intention. The date is Saturday 18 May 2002. The Executive Committee will meet at 11.30am, followed by a buffet lunch from 12.30pm at a cost of £8.50. The AGM proper will start at about 2.00pm, or as soon after as we have managed to get the room ready once we have finished eating lunch in it. The agenda follows the usual pattern:

1. Welcome by the President.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the last AGM.
4. Matters arising.
5. Treasurer's report.
6. Co-ordinator's report.
7. Election of Officers:
  - a). President.
  - b). Treasurer.
  - c). Secretary.
  - d). Two Committee members.

John of Accrington and Denise of Solihull retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election.

8. Any other business.
9. Date and Place of the next AGM.

This will be followed by the presentation of the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial. Tea and biscuits will be available around 3.30pm, but on this occasion there will be no talk: every now and again members ask for time to chat to one another or exchange research. But there will be the usual raffle again, so if any of you can spare prizes we shall be grateful.

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