



## The Goddard Association of Europe

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### MARY JANE GODDARD (1853-1934)

#### A Tribute to my Great Grandmother

A thoroughly researched and well produced monograph under the above heading has recently come my way from Western Australia. I am grateful to our Australian co-ordinator, Ian of Balcatta, for sending it to me; and greatly indebted to its author, Russell Hudson of Wembley Downs, for permission to use a shortened version of it in this Newsletter. It is, indeed, a fine tribute.

“Mary Jane Goddard’s parents, James Goddard [from Hampshire] and Mary Askew [from Derbyshire], were assisted immigrants who undertook the three-month or so passage from England to the Port Philip district of Victoria in the mid 1800s. They arrived at Point Henry on separate ships during the early years of town settlement at Geelong and farm development along the Barwon River. Neither left an autobiography, but government records and other publications contain sufficient information to enable an outline of their lives to be reconstructed. The evidence indicates that both were employed on properties on the north side of the Barwon River in the Murgheboluc district. Here they met in late 1852, married in Geelong in early 1853 [6 January, James being described as a ‘widower’] and had their first child, Mary Jane Goddard, at Murgheboluc in September 1853.”

“Mary Jane Goddard was born at Murgheboluc on 4 September 1853, and her baptism is recorded on 3 October 1853 at Christ Church, Geelong. Some time following her birth, the family moved to Geelong, and were resident there at the time of the birth of their next child, Elizabeth (1855-1935). Two further children were born in Geelong: Anne (Annie) (1857-1860), and James Thomas (1859- ?); the latter was born when the family were living at Strawberry Hills. Elizabeth Goddard married John Weatherson (1852-1931), a farmer of Middle Creek, near Campbelltown on the Smeaton Plains. She and her husband died childless and are buried in the Campbelltown Cemetery.

James Goddard died on 11 February 1860 at Austin Street, Chilwell,



Geelong, and he was buried on 12 February 1860 at Geelong Cemetery. He was aged only 37 at the time of his death.....[which] left his wife to support four young children. Mary Jane was six years old, Elizabeth was about four, Anne was two and

James Thomas was not yet one year old. Later, in June of the same year, her daughter Anne died. Still later in 1860, or in early 1861, when Mary Askew/Goddard was 40 years old, she married Richard Sinclair in Geelong. Two children were born to this marriage, Robert (1862- ?) and Catherine or Kate (1867-1895).

Little is known about Mary Jane Goddard’s childhood and young adulthood during her life in Geelong, nor of her relationship with her stepfather Richard Sinclair. Family records indicate that in her late teens she was employed as a milliner in Geelong, and was highly regarded for her work.

Mary Jane Goddard moved to the Smeaton district in the late 1860s or early 1870s, and it is here that she met her future husband, William Hudson (1827-1908). He was born in the valley of Longsleddale, Westmoreland, in the eastern Lake District, where the Hudson family had been small landholders since the 1700s. He migrated as an unassisted immigrant on the *Star of India*, arriving in Melbourne on 31 March 1862, at the age of 34. After working for several years in the Clunes district as a farm labourer he was able to purchase his own small holding, a 100 acre farm on the flank of a small scoria cone on the Smeaton Plains. His Lake District origins are reflected in the descriptive title ‘Sunny Brow’ that he chose for his farm, capturing both the climate and the topography of his new home.

Mary Jane Goddard’s marriage to William Hudson took place at Skellgill Farm, Campbelltown (Ullina), Talbotshire on 4 September 1873. He was listed as a farmer aged 45 of Smeaton, and she was described as a domestic aged 20 of Campbelltown [it was actually her twentieth birthday].

William and Mary Jane Hudson had seventeen children in the period between 1873 and 1896 – a considerable achievement even for those

days! It was made even more remarkable by the fact that all were single births, and that William Hudson was 46 years old when their first child, Isabella (named after his mother Isabella Green/Hudson) was born on 25 May 1874.

Isabella (1874-1895) was followed, in rapid succession, by William (1875), Mary (1876-1961), Thomas (1877-1956), James (1878-1962), Agnes (1879-1962), George (1881-1965), Lizzie (1882-1969), William (1883-1929), John (1884-1907), Gertrude (1886-1972), Rachel Victoria (1887-1944), Ruby Jane (1888-1980), Joseph Edmund (1890- ? ), Robert Stanley (1891-1893), Margaret Doris (1894-1971), and Charles (1896). The last child, Charles, was born when Mary Jane was 42 and William was 68, and a rough calculation, assuming Mary Jane lost no other children, indicates that she was pregnant for more than 50 percent of her marriage in the 22 years between September 1873 and January 1896. In addition, William and Mary Jane raised their grandson Charles Henry Hudson (1901-1967), son of Agnes Hudson, as their own child.

The Hudson family became well known and respected in the Clunes-Smeaton district, where William was recognised for the quality of his livestock (pigs and cattle) and for his prize-winning farmhouse hams. He played an important community role as a judge of pigs at the local Clunes Show and made his property available for competitions held by the Clunes Coursing Club, in which his son Thomas was appointed as a steward and his son John acted as a 'slipper'.

The older children attended the Lord Clyde School, located on a Government Reserve on the north bank of the Bullarook Creek. The road north from the school passed to the east of 'Sunny Brow', giving the Hudson children a walk of about two miles along a dirt road to reach the school. After the school closed in 1898 the remaining younger children were educated in Clunes.

Several of the children and their descendants remained within the Clunes district, continuing as farmers, whilst others chose new professions and/or new locations in Victoria.

From the late 1890s, the older boys departed for the Western Australian goldfields, where Thomas, James, George and William all established families and working careers.

William and Mary Jane Hudson must have taken considerable pleasure and pride in the knowledge that their children were highly regarded in the community, and that their friends and acquaintances attributed much of the children's success to the upbringing they received from their parents."

"When their son Thomas (my grandfather) departed in 1899 for the Western Australian goldfields, his

mother presented him with a small volume of 'Common Prayer and Church Hymns', in which she recorded her blessing: 'To my Dear Son Thomas Hudson On his leaving home for West Australia 1899 From his Mother M.J. Hudson. Commit thy way unto the Lord. In the Lord have I Put my trust.'"

"Mary Jane's mother, Mary Sinclair, moved to the district and occupied a small house on a water reserve, close to the Weatherson farm where her daughter Elizabeth and husband were living. Mary Sinclair died aged 69 years on 12 May 1890 at Middle Creek, Creswickshire, County of Talbot, from senile decay and influenza, and she was buried on 14 May 1890 at Campbelltown Cemetery. Her daughter, Kate Sinclair, died on 30 June 1895 aged 28 years and was buried alongside her mother.

William Hudson died in 1908 at Lord Clyde.....Following her husband's death, Mary Jane continued to manage the farm with support from the children who had remained in the Clunes district. However, ill health and failing eyesight eventually caused her to move to Ballarat where she lived with the family of her daughter Margaret Doris Hudson/Smyth in their house, also named 'Sunny Brow', at 22 Bond Street, Ballarat East. Mary Jane died at the age of 80 on 26 May 1934, the cause being described as senile decay and heart failure. She was buried on 28 May 1934 at Smeaton Cemetery alongside her husband William, and together with three of their seventeen children.

The farm 'Sunny Brow' is now incorporated into a larger property, but the original 100 acres is clearly recognisable in aerial photographs and from the ground. The large pine trees, tree-lined drive and front gardens can also be seen, together with metal and wire from various enclosures, and the remains of an old well. The location of the house can also be discerned, but a small section of 'bluestone' wall, believed to have been part of the dairy, is the only part of a building still standing.

In 1990, I made an attempt to compile a list of descendants of William Hudson and Mary Jane Goddard/Hudson. The coverage was incomplete, but even so, the list numbered nearly 500, comprising 17 children, 80 grandchildren, 133 great grandchildren, 225 great-great grandchildren and 26 great-great-great grandchildren. By now, the total number must vastly exceed 500 and could be well on the way to one thousand.

The descendants are distributed throughout the Australian states and contribute to almost all facets of Australian society – indeed a proud legacy from 'a native of Westmoreland' (as proclaimed on William Hudson's gravestone at Smeaton Cemetery) and 'a daughter of Murgheboluc', a baby girl born by the Barwon to assisted-immigrant parents from Hampshire and Derbyshire!"

## CAN YOU HELP?

Denise Goddard of 28 Wherretts Well Lane, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 2SD to trace a Mrs Grace Goddard who had links with Teesdale Close, Avon. Recently Denise's mother received a letter from Georgeson Shareholder in London, but unfortunately it does not relate to her; perhaps a member knows this Grace Goddard. There is a freephone number (within the UK) on 0800 096 4004. And Denise will pass the letter on if anyone would like to contact her direct.

## NAVY NEWS

I am grateful to Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith for spotting the following in the January issue of *Navy News*. "HMS Northumberland: Seeking O.M.(AW)1 Ricky Goddard last known on Northumberland – a mate of Owain 'Taff' Humphries. Taff gets married in the summer and wants Ricky and others still serving to attend. Contact Taff at 2 Holm Oak, Rhosddu Road, Wrexham, LL11 2LP. Tel. 01878 262293. email <stephen.humphries 11@btinternet.com>.

## MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

At one time or another several members of the Swindon branch of the Goddard family were Members of Parliament for either the county or a borough. Richard represented Wootton Bassett from 1710 to 1726, and Thomas Wiltshire from 1767 until his death in 1770. Ambrose won the famous county election contest in 1772, and his son Thomas was the first of three successive generations to represent Cricklade for half of the nineteenth century: Thomas 1806-12, Ambrose 1837-41, and Ambrose Lethbridge 1847-68 and 1874-80.

The election contest of 1772 came about as a result of the death of Mr Popham who had represented the County since 1741. His opponent was Henry Herbert, the youthful grandson of the Earl of Pembroke, who had been elected in 1768 for the pocket borough of Wilton and now resigned his seat with a view to being elected for the County. "A strong feeling was at once aroused", and Mr Ambrose Goddard of Swindon was chosen as "the champion of constitutional independence. The Goddard family had branched out very widely in North Wilts, and there were landed representatives in fourteen or more parishes. It was hoped to throw the weight of this extended influence into the scale against that of the house of Pembroke which had tried to dominate the County." Polling continued for four days, and it is said that £20,000 was spent in one week. "Large favours were worn by Mr Goddard's supporters, printed with the words 'Goddard's the man, Freedom's his plan'." The contest was said to have been "most severe", but the result was a victory for Ambrose with 1,870 votes to Henry Herbert's 1,055, who then took up his pocket borough of Wilton again.

## MORE FROM THE GEORGIAN UNDERWORLD

Henry Goddard died on 15 July 1725 from wounds received following an argument with a business associate, Henry Norris.

On the night of 14 July the two men were in an alehouse kept by Joseph Smith in Hammersmith, London. Smith heard Goddard tell Norris that he wouldn't have been treated so by Norris' father and wouldn't be by Norris. They continued arguing in whispers and went outside. Norris returned a few minutes later with his hand covering a wound and asked Smith to get a surgeon for himself and Goddard saying, "I think I have done for him".

The surgeon gave evidence to the Coroner that Goddard had received a sword wound twelve inches deep on the left side of the lower belly that had cut the guts in two places. Goddard was put to bed and an Edward Miller asked him how he was. Goddard replied, "He has killed me but if I was well again I would do the same again and soon be revenged". He died the following day.

Norris was charged with murder and a second charge of manslaughter and appeared at the Old Bailey on 27 August. In his defence Norris said that Goddard had neglected to do some business for him and was spoken to about it. Goddard answered with abusive language and was further enraged when Norris only smiled rather than answer back in the same manner. Goddard went outside, came to the back window and called Norris out. When Norris went to him Goddard drew his sword and challenged Norris to fight or else he would kill him. During the fight both men were wounded, Goddard mortally. The jury found Norris guilty of manslaughter and he was sentenced to be branded on the hand.

*John of Accrington*

## ANTI-SLAVERY CAUSE

Denise of Solihull recently received her December newsletter from the Norfolk Family History Society. One member, Robin Everett, had written an article on Slavery and Norfolk Residents. He told the story of a ten year old Nigerian boy, Olaudah Equiano (c.1745-97), who was captured and sold to English slave traders. He was subsequently sold in Virginia, London and the West Indies, during which time he was renamed Gustavus Vassa. He eventually bought his freedom and returned to London. He published various accounts of his life, and a later edition (the 8th) carried a list of subscribers in Norwich, who we may assume were sympathetic to the anti-slavery cause. One of these was a Mrs Goddard. Unfortunately there is no full name nor further details, but perhaps someone may have other papers or letters which may identify this kind woman.

## STAPLE FITZPAINE

I am grateful to Richard of Barbados for sending me a copy of his forebear Henry Goddard's innkeeper's licence at Staple Fitzpaine in Somerset dated 1619: "James by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc. All to whom these presents shall come, Greeting. Know ye that we, for and in consideration of the sum of five pounds of lawful money of England well and truly paid to our use into the office of the Receiver of our rent, fines and profit for Licences of Innkeepers, by Henry Goddard of Staple Fitzpayne in the County of Somerset, Gentleman, are contented and pleased, and by these presents through our especial grace certain knowledge and mere motion do give and grant full and free liberty, licence, power and authority unto the said Henry Goddard and his assigns during the lives of him the said Henry Goddard, William Goddard and Gabriel Goddard his sons, and the life of the longest liver of them, to keep an inn or common hostelry in Staple Fitzpayne aforesaid, and to continue for a sign there the figure of the King's Arms. Providing and paying therefor yearly during the said term to our heirs and successors the yearly rent of ten shillings of lawful English money, and the same to be paid to the Receiver of us, our heirs and successors constituted and appointed to receive the same on the feasts of St Michael the Archange and the Annunciation of the blessed lady St Mary the [illegible] by exact and equal portions; Provided always that if the said rent be behind and unpaid in part or in all by the space of forty days next after either of the said feasts wherein the same ought to be paid as aforesaid, then this present licence to be void; Provided also that the said Henry Goddard and his assigns do keep the assizes of bread, beer and ale, and measures according to the laws and statutes of this realm, and further do observe and keep the prices of horsemeat by our Justices of Assize set down or from time to time to be set down at the general assizes to be holden for the said County of Somerset. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness our self at Westminster the two and twentieth day of June in the sixteenth year of our reign of England, France and Ireland, and of Scotland the one and fiftieth.

per Warrant Commissioners Yonge and Pye"

The original is held at the Somerset Record Office in Taunton. Richard writes: "I am the descendant of Captain Nicholas Goddard who came to Barbados in the 1630s sailing for the Providence Company out of Bristol. I am the eleventh generation born on the Island. Captain Nicholas Goddard was listed as a mariner / bondsman and was the son of Henry Goddard from Goddard's Farmhouse in Staple Fitzpaine. He died in

1658. Henry Goddard had a licence from King James to operate an inn at Staple Fitzpaine and I suspect it is the Greyhound Inn next door. Captain Nicholas Goddard in his will of 1650 leaves money to the poor of Staple Fitzpaine, hence we were able to trace his roots. He died in the 1680s and owned a 78 acre plantation in the parish of St Thomas, Barbados." Richard's family's coat of arms and motto is exactly the same as that of the Goddards of North Wiltshire, which suggests that his branch in Somerset originally came from Wiltshire. Records show that a Johanne Godard was fined 60 shillings in 1499 for supporting Perkin Warbeck in the rebellion on 1494 and he was listed as living in Staple Fitzpaine.

## GODDARD WAREHOUSING

Association member Ian of Shaftesbury and his wife were sitting in an M6 motorway service area minding their own business when a Goddard lorry pulled over in the adjacent parking bay. On the side was a large red 'G' followed by 'Goddard Warehousing Ltd' and underneath 'Storage and Distribution'. On the back is much the same again, except that it adds 'Kettering Northants (01536 726060)' and a few other things which are not



sufficiently distinct in the photograph that Ian has sent me. Does any other member know of this company? And would anyone in the Kettering area like to contact them to find out more?

## BOWLS CHAMPION

I am grateful to our Australian co-ordinator, Ian of Balcatta, who has sent me another cutting from *The West Australian* of 1 November 2003 relating to former Western Australia's singles bowls champion and bowler of the year in 2001, 44 year-old John Goddard. John has just made a come-back to bowls after a serious injury. As an electrical sub-contractor he was working on cables at a new development in early September when a surge of power left him with third degree burns to his left arm and left leg, resulting in two weeks in the burns unit at the Royal Perth Hospital. He plays for Osborne Park and is regarded as a key member of their team.

## ROGUES AND VILLAINS

One of my wife's Christmas presents was a copy of *Brewer's Rogues, Villains, Eccentrics: An A-Z of Roguish Britons Through the Ages* by William Donaldson. There is one Goddard deemed 'worthy' of entry! I quote: "Goddard, George (1875-1940), policeman. In 1928 Goddard, a uniformed sergeant stationed at Vine Street police station, was detailed to clean up vice in the West End of London. Within two years, and on pay of just £6 15s [£6.75] a week, he had saved enough to acquire a £4,000 house. It was also discovered that he had £12,000 in a bank account in Pall Mall and £500 in a safety deposit box at Selfridges.

The money represented payoffs from Kate Meyrick, known in the upper echelons of London society as 'Ma'. Mrs Meyrick was the celebrated proprietor of, among other establishments, the Silver Slipper Club and the Bunch of Keys, and was later immortalised as Ma Maybrick in Evelyn Waugh's *Brideshead Revisited* (1945). She had paid Sergeant Goddard a regular wage in return for tip-offs about police raids – though he denied this when he and Meyrick were charged at the Old Bailey in 1929. Goddard claimed that the size of his nest egg could be accounted for by the fact that he was a successful gambler – £7,000 had come from winnings on the turf – and an investor in the music-publishing business, which had brought him another £5,000. He had also invested in a scheme to sell confectionery at the Wembley Exhibition in 1924, he said, and had dabbled on the foreign-exchange market. The jury chose to doubt his story, and he was sentenced to eighteen months hard labour.

There was a curious postscript to the case. After Goddard's conviction the commissioner of the Metropolitan Police had confiscated all his money, claiming that it was the crown's property. In fact Goddard had been convicted of taking only £900 in bribes from Mrs Meyrick. On his release from prison he returned to court, this time as a plaintiff, and an order was made that a substantial part of the money be returned to him. Goddard was able to retire to the country and live comfortably off his investments."

Does any member know anything more about this bent copper?

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## WAR GRAVE

One of my colleagues, who knows of my interest in anything to do with my surname, recently came across a Goddard gravestone in a war cemetery on the outskirts of Calais near Bleriot-Plage. The grave was for Fl. Lt. Wilfred Goddard (RAFVR) who was shot down on 26 September 1944. The adjacent gravestones indicated that he was one of a crew of five, one other RAF and three Canadians. Does anyone know of this airman?

## STRANGE COINCIDENCE

Last June Gwen and I decided to visit a local beauty spot, Errwood Hall, in the Goyt Valley about five miles from home. We parked by the Errwood Reservoir and walked up the field path and the carriage drive to the ruins of Errwood Hall. The objective was to see the rhododendrons which flower on both hillsides either side of the drive. (It is said that 24,000 were originally planted.) On our way back to the car park we caught up with two ladies and an old man, probably over eighty years of age. I walked with him down the last hundred yards to the car park, chatting about the weather etc., and then for some reason he mentioned about being in Shanghai in 1947. I told him that that was a bit of a coincidence because I was also in Shanghai in early 1947.

I explained that a group of people, mostly Australians who had been in a Japanese PoW camp were unfit to be repatriated at the end of the War and had remained in China to recuperate. The liner *Empress of Australia* was sent to take them home, but she had to anchor at the mouth of the Yangtze river. I was a stores assistant on a Royal Navy sloop, *HMS Alacrity*, and we were sent to Shanghai to ferry the party and their luggage from Shanghai down to the liner.

The man stopped and stared at me and said, "I took passage on the *Empress of Australia* from the Yangtze to Hong Kong. Thanks for ferrying us safely!" I only spoke to him for about five minutes, but it transpired that he was a retired Methodist minister who had never been in the Goyt Valley before. What a coincidence!

He said that during his stay in Shanghai he attended a Baptist church, but wasn't keen so he had attended a German Lutheran church. I told him that we had not been there long enough to attend church, but that I had gone to a small Methodist chapel in Wanchai, Hong Kong. He also had attended the same chapel in Wanchai and even remembered the names of the three ministers he had known there, and said that it was there that he decided to become a Methodist local preacher.

*Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith*

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## INDEXES

Ever active on the research front, Canadian co-ordinator Peter of Toronto tells me that he has been hard at work producing some more Goddard indexes. He has completed all the England & Wales Goddard marriages from 1912 to 2001; that's over 28,000 entries all showing the spouse's surname. Now he is working on a birth index from 1837 to 2001 which will, when completed early this coming summer he hopes, have close to 60,000 entries. For those who wish to contact him, Peter's details are, as always, on the back page of this Newsletter.

## SNIPPETS

Association member Jennifer Walker has very kindly over the last few months sent a number of newspaper cuttings all featuring Goddards. Unfortunately I do not have room for all of them:

The *Sunday Express* of 13 April 2003 featured a long travel article on a town in Pennsylvania written by a Jacqui Goddard.

From a Wiltshire paper of 5 June 2003 comes an announcement of the marriage of Jane Patricia Marie Goddard to Christopher Anthony Marren on 10 May 2003 at the Church of the Holy Cross, Ramsbury. She is the elder daughter of Jonathon Sutherland and Gillian Mary Goddard of New Milton, Hampshire and is a nurse at the Ridgeway Hospital. Susan Helen Louise Goddard was a bridesmaid. They met through a mutual interest in gliding, in which they are both instructors.

Another Wiltshire paper featured a 1951 picture of the Yatesbury Women's Institute's Christmas goose dinner. Two Goddards were shown, Amy and Win.

A double page spread in the *Swindon Evening Advertiser* for 14 June 2003 described the village of Clyffe Pypard, home of one branch of the Goddard family from 1540 to 1900, as carrying a sense of the past. It started by saying that a pub that can claim to be three hundred years old is doing pretty well; but the Goddard Arms at Clyffe Pypard could already make that claim at the time Geoffrey Chaucer wrote the Canterbury Tales in the fourteenth century since it is mentioned in Domesday Book as the Cleeve Inn.

Jim and Allan Goddard's Fair Mile Farm at Forston near Dorchester has appeared in the 1 August 2003 issue of *Farmers Weekly* again, having been featured in a January issue as reported in the July 2003 Newsletter. The crop yield seems to have gone well for them, but Jim's wife Sarah had had a recent night out cancelled because of the need to catch a good spell of weather and get the wheat in!

The *Gloucestershire Standard* of 13 August 2003 showed a picture of a Bryan Goddard, a member of the Quenington parish council making a presentation to a retiring fellow councillor.

Other cuttings mention two Wiltshire Goddard businesses: Morris Goddard & Ward, solicitors of 28 St Johns Street, Devizes; and Pink & Goddard, boarding kennels for cats and dogs at The Kennels, Knockdown Road, Sherston. Would any member like to investigate these two concerns further?

And Association member Margaret Young has sent almost as many, though once again I only have room to print some:

The *Newbury Weekly News* for 22 May 2003 announced the marriage of Frederick Pearce and Beryl

Goddard, daughter of the late Mr & Mrs John Goddard of Lambourne. The bride was given away by her brother Gerald.

One from the *Daily Telegraph* of 26 July 2003 gave the Trinity Term's list of those called to the bar; among them in the Middle Temple was Lisa Kate Goddard.

Jason Goddard was a member of the Theale Green School team who won the Newbury Angling Association's inter-schools' fishing competition, as reported in the *Newbury Weekly News* for 21 August 2003.

And in the same edition of the same paper a description of a local cricket match indicated how "accurate bowling" had "exploited some uneven bounce especially from veteran Basingstoke skipper Ken Goddard".

The 28 August 2003 edition of the Reading Chronicle pictured Liam, Bradley and Jason Goddard, sons of Kevin and Sarah Goddard of South Reading, holding their new sister Alisia, who was born on Monday 25 August.

One of the editors on the *Metro*, a free paper distributed daily on London Transport systems, is a Jonathan Goddard, as the edition for 10 September 2003 indicated.

My grateful thanks to both Jennifer and Margaret, and if any member recognises any Goddards mentioned here, please let's hear more about them.

## WINCANTON COUNCILLOR

I am grateful to Anne Hockaday of Ilminster for sending me, via Julie of Newbury, an article from the *Yeovil Times* of 5 November 2003 recalling the tragic day on 25 June 1944 when a B17 Flying Fortress, returning from a raid over Toulouse where it had been badly damaged, crashed in flames at Snag Farm, Wincanton, killing all nine members of the American crew. Shortly before it hit the ground the crew was seen desperately trying to steer it away from the town centre. Councillor Tony Goddard said the tragic events of the day were still clearly remembered by many of the older residents of the town, and they planned a special commemoration on the sixtieth anniversary, helped by the US War Graves Commission and the 8th Air Force Historic Society. The pilot and three members of the crew are buried at the US military cemetery at Maddingley, Cambridge, which Tony Goddard had just visited to pay Wincanton's respects, and the others in the United States.

## MARGARET OF WORSLEY

Margaret of Worsley has specifically asked me to thank all those who have kindly sent her goodwill messages following her recent stroke. She is having speech therapy on a weekly basis and Alan says she is making good progress.

## NEW YEAR'S HONOUR

Warmest congratulations to Colin John Goddard, who has been awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours for services to the nuclear industry. Does any member know him?

## DEPUTY HEAD

I am grateful to Angela Winteridge of Eastleigh for sending me a cutting from the *Eastleigh Newsextra* of 16 October 2003 relating to a taster day in construction at Eastleigh College for local children. The deputy head of provision at the College is Graham Goddard. Does anyone know any more about him?

## GODARD VINTAGE

Ian of Shaftesbury and his wife recently came across some bottles of Chateau Les Charmes-Godard 1999 in a French supermarket and wondered about the vinyard. I referred him to Newsletters Nos 31, 32 & 34. It is good to know that the brothers Thienpont are still in production. This reminds me to say that if anyone wishes to obtain back numbers of any of the Newsletters, they have only to write to me and we can agree terms!

## W.I. PRESIDENT

Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith spotted in the June *W.I. Home & Country* monthly magazine that the current Cottenham W.I. President is June Goddard.

## GODDARD GADD

Working in the field of personnel recruitment, my elder daughter Diana came across an article in the *Recruiter* for 13 November 2002 which told of the establishment in April 2001 of Goddard Gadd, a recruitment consultancy in the Bristol area. It is said to be a small company and doing well. But does anyone know where the Goddard part of the title comes from?

## NEW MEMBER

A warm welcome to the one new member who has joined the Association since the last Newsletter:

Mr Ian Arthur Goddard, P.O. Box 382, Woy Woy, New South Wales 2256, Australia.

## MALTA

Margaret Young found the following five records on the internet of Goddards in Malta and kindly sent them:

Thomas Goddard, a ropemaker on *HMS Lucifer* working in HM Dockyard, died there in 1809.

Thomas Goddard aged 33, a sergeant in the 14th Regiment, married Sarah Hewitt aged 21 on 13 March 1811.

Ambrose Ayshford Goddard, Lt.-Col. Grenadier Guards, died there on 25 May 1885 on his homeward voyage from service at Suakin. He was the penultimate Goddard of the Swindon branch to live at The Lawn.

Arthur George Goddard, a private in the Royal Marines Light Infantry on *HMS Diana*, died there on 22 April 1910 aged 35.

Dorothy Janet Goddard, daughter of George Arthur Goddard, Chief Writer RN, and his wife Dorothy Emma Goddard, was born there on 25 October 1925.

## LAWYER

Julie of Newbury has spotted the following entry from the Law Section of *Who's Who 2004*:

Goddard, Andrew Stephen. QC 2003; born 5 October 1959; son of Lt.-Col. C.E. Goddard and Kathleen Goddard; one son two daughters. Educated: University of Sussex (BA 1st Class Honours Law); Inns of Court Sc. of Law. Called to the Bar, Inner Temple, 1985 (QE II Major Schol. 1984; Poland Prize 1985); barrister, specialising in internat. construction disputes, 1987-. Recreations: child rearing, peace and quiet.

Does anyone claim him as a relative?

## CREATURE COMFORT

### The "Goddard" DOG BED

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HAPPY and  
CONTENTED  
PETS  
SIZES TO SUIT  
ALL DOGS  
STOCKED BY ALL  
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Margaret of Worsley kindly sent me this advertisement from *Dog World Annual* of 1962, sent her by a friend!

## AGM

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, this year's AGM will be held in The John Veysey Suite at The Pear Tree, Church End, Purton near Swindon on Sunday 16 May at 2.00pm. An attractive venue with tenuous Goddard connections – there is a portrait of a Victorian Goddard lady in one of the bars – The Pear Tree is somewhat pricey, and for that reason and for the fact that in recent years it has become increasingly difficult to judge numbers for lunch, your Executive Committee has decided to let members make their own arrangements on this occasion. A formal Sunday lunch at the venue would cost £18.50 and takes quite a while to serve; if you wish to book please phone The Pear Tree on 01793 772100.

## GODARD DE BEAUCHAMPS

Pierre-François Godard de Beauchamps was a French dramatist and literary historian, who was born in Paris in 1689 and also died there on 22 March 1761. A prolific writer of ballets, comedies, harlequinades, novels and translations of Hellenistic romances, few of them successful and even those now virtually forgotten, he is best remembered for his conscientiously researched history of the French theatre from the troubadours to his own day (*Recherches sur les théâtres de France, depuis l'année 1161 jusques à présent* – Paris 1735), and for his catalogue of works for the theatre, with and without music (*Bibliothèque des théâtres, contenant le catalogue alphabétique des pièces dramatiques, opéras, parodies et opéras comiques, le temps de leur représentation, avec des anecdotes sur les pièces, les auteurs, les musiciens et les acteurs* – Paris 1746). These are still valuable sources of information about authors and composers, titles, performance and publication dates, musicians, actors and dancers, and are often fuller and more trustworthy than the better-known histories of theatre music and of ballet by his predecessor in this task, the Jesuit Ménestrier.

## JIMMY NEUTRON

I don't suppose many of you are fans of Jimmy Neutron, 'boy genius' and star of 'the latest intergalactic film extravaganza'! I can't say I had even heard of him, but my younger daughter Julia produced him from the back of a Kellogg's Rice Krispies packet. As with all such promotions you have to collect the six character toys 'that cleverly convert into a spoon to help you to enjoy your favourite cereal'. These six toys are called Jimmy Neutron, Rocket, Carl, King Goobot, Yokan Warrior and – yes, you've guessed it – Goddard. And, as luck had it, Julia turned one up in the second packet she and her husband ate, so I'm now the proud possessor of a blue-grey plastic personalised cereal spoon!

## SALISBURY CATHEDRAL

I am indebted to Jane Falloon for sending me a cutting from *The Times* of 5 December 2003 following a recent examination of the roof timbers of Salisbury Cathedral. Using dendrochronology it was possible to date the year some of the timbers were cut, the spring of 1222. Many of the timbers are said to have come from Ireland, from the area around Dublin. The article says: "Local English oak seems to have been unavailable because of a dispute between Godardus, the chief carpenter on the cathedral project, and the warden of Clarendon Forest, the nearest source." It would be interesting to know more about this skilled man. In his best-selling 1350 page historical novel *Sarum* of 1987, which traces the development of the Salisbury area over some 10,000 years including the building of the cathedral, Edward Rutherford mentioned the Goddards of North Wiltshire but did not, as far as I can now recall, refer to this Goddard craftsman.

## GODDARD CONSULTING

My younger daughter Julia, who is Company Secretary for a firm of consulting engineers, was recently sent a letter and attractive brochure from Goddard Consulting, a firm of planning supervisors established in 1995 by Andrew Goddard and based in Princes Risborough. Andrew, who has had many years experience in the construction industry dealing with projects valued between £20k and £9m, is the principal partner and the tenth founding member of the Association of Planning Supervisors. Does anyone claim him as a relative?

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