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THE SOUTHALL TRAGEDY

A Sad Murder Story

Maxine Cadzow of Mount Eliza, Victoria, Australia suspected that there might be some secrets in her Goddard family history when she appealed for help in the August 2004 edition of the Newsletter. She knew that her father, Arthur Charles Goddard, born in 1893 in Bayswater, London, the son of George Goddard and Lucy Alice Busby, had several siblings, Florence Louise, Maud Alice, Beatrice, Harold George, Jeanette, William, Olive Constance, George, Horace and Theresa whom he had left behind in England when he emigrated to Australia in 1913.

Peter of Toronto felt fairly confident that with the aid of his databases, which now contain over 100,000 post-1837 Goddard entries, he would be able to tell Maxine what happened to at least some of her aunts and uncles, but never expected to uncover a story that her father had never revealed or, possibly, was not even aware of. Arthur Charles seems to have deliberately severed his connections with his family, even refusing to allow his wife to respond to an advertisement that appeared in an Adelaide newspaper in the 1920s enquiring as to his whereabouts.

Towards the end of 1925 George and Lucy Alice, who by that time were in their mid-60s, were living at 3 Johnson Street, Southall, Middlesex with their unmarried daughters, Olive Constance who was 31 and Theresa who was aged 22. Also living in the three bedroomed house was Olive's daughter, Joan Satin Goddard, who was born on 23 April 1920. Olive at that time was a machine operator at a gramophone company. One of the bedrooms was occupied by George and Lucy, another by Theresa and the third by Olive and Joan who also shared the same bed.

In the weeks preceding Christ-

mas 1925 Olive seemed preoccupied, sometimes not responding when she was spoken to. On Saturday evening, 19 December 1925, young Joan had already been in bed a while when Olive said goodnight very quietly to the rest of her family.

Lucy was the first to rise at about 9.30 on Sunday morning and was in the kitchen when she heard groans coming from upstairs. Tracing the sound to Olive's bedroom and finding the door locked she threw her weight against it, bursting it open. Lying motionless on the bed was 5-year-old Joan while Olive was on the floor by the gas tap, both in their nightclothes. The gas was full on and the room full of gas. In response to Lucy's frantic calls, George and Theresa came running. George turned off the gas and opened the window, while Theresa took the lifeless body of Joan to her own bedroom. Paper had been stuck all

around the window and the door, the keyhole had been plugged and the fireplace register closed. A rubber tube was attached to the gas tap.

Theresa then ran off to fetch a Dr Seccombe whose practice was only a few hundred yards away on Western Road. When he arrived at the house he examined Joan first but, realising that she had been dead for several hours, turned his attention to Olive. She was barely alive, her temperature down to 95 and her heart beating very feebly but, following an injection of strychnine, she began to revive. At about 10.45am Dr Seccombe phoned the Police Station at Norwood Green, the call being taken by a Sergeant Burfield who hurried to the house and, on the instructions of Dr Seccombe, removed the body of Joan from Theresa's room and put it back in Olive's room. Olive was then taken to Theresa's room and, after some hours, she was deemed by Dr Seccombe to be well enough to be taken to the King Edward Hospital at Ealing.

The following day Olive was very distressed and told a nurse that she had killed her daughter Joan and that she did not want to live. She said that she had intended to wait until after Christmas, but was in a lot of trouble and could not go on any longer. When the nurse asked what trouble she was in, Olive said she was five months pregnant.

On 7 January 1926 at King Edward Hospital, Divisional Detective Inspector John Prothero arrested Olive and told her she would be charged with willful murder to which she responded, "I didn't do it". On 11 January 1926 she appeared at Brentford Police Court on a charge "that she did on December 20, 1926 [sic] feloniously and with malice aforethought kill and slay Joan Goddard and did unlawfully attempt to commit suicide". She was sent for trial at the Central Criminal Court (the Old Bailey).

Pending her trial she was confined at His Majesty's Prison, Holloway, and on 8 February 1926 the Governor & Medical Officer, Dr J.H. Morton, wrote a report on her mental state. One can detect some sympathy for Olive's condition in his report in which he describes her as being very depressed, answering questions only in monosyllables and being obsessed with the idea that she was pregnant while agreeing that there were no signs or symptoms of this. He concluded that she was insane at the time of her reception into the prison, was still insane with suicidal impulses and that she was unfit to plead or instruct Counsel.

At the Old Bailey on 12 February 1926 she was found guilty but insane and ordered to be detained for the duration of His Majesty's pleasure. She was sent to the Broadmoor Asylum for the Criminally Insane, but at the time of going to press with this article details of her stay there are still being researched. However, by November 1930 she was working as a waitress in Richmond, Surrey, when her sad life came to an end on 21 November 1930 when she was found dead at 2 Shaftesbury Road, Richmond, having committed suicide by drinking Lysol.

Peter adds:

One might well ask how I managed to find the details of this event. I would describe it as pure luck; my Mormon friends at the Family History Centre would describe it as Divine Intervention. On seeing Maxine's appeal in the Newsletter I had taken a preliminary look in the databases and had come up with some details of her family, and was intending to write to her but was involved with another investigation. In this case I suspected a divorce might have occurred and meant to hit the *National Archivist* website button in my *Favourites* menu, but hit the *National Archives* button in error. While there I noticed that there were three Goddards in the Central Criminal Court section, one of whom was Olive Constance Goddard. Checking with my databases I concluded that she must have been Maxine's aunt, and so I obtained the file of her case (closed for 75 years until 2002). The details given above are all taken from the depositions of the witnesses. On a happier note I was able to trace descendants of Olive's brother Horace, one of whom was still living in Southall who recalled that the family doctor was the Dr Seccombe who attended upon Olive that terrible Sunday morning. Maxine and this branch of the family are now in touch, busily exchanging details of their families which have had no contact for over 90 years.

And Maxine writes:

I must say I had almost given up on my father's family. My Goddards seemed to have melted away over the years. I even resigned my membership of the

Goddard Association of Europe. But thanks to Ian of Balcatta, who encouraged me to re-join and write a small article for the Newsletter, my luck changed.

In the August Newsletter I put in my plea under "Can You Help?". In a short time I had an e-mail from Peter of Toronto with his discovery of my poor Aunt Olive and her tragedy. Next I heard from Peter that he had written to another of his magic Goddard connections in London, suspecting that they were part of my lost family. Yes! He had found the family of my Uncle Horace Goddard. Since then e-mails have been flying between England and Australia with photos and family news.

So I encourage members to "write it down and send it" to the Newsletter. Just imagine! If I hadn't rejoined, I would still be sitting here wondering what to do next. My sincerest thanks go to Ian of Balcatta and Peter of Toronto for their encouragement and help.

CAN YOU HELP?

Gordon Rogers of 16 Mandeville Road, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB11 4AQ, to trace his forebears further back. His great great grandfather was William Goddard, born in Yateley in 1848, and he thinks that William's parents were James Goddard and Emily Thrift; also that this James was brother to John, George and Henry and son of Holland and Ellen. William worked at Broadmoor for many years and that was where he met Gordon's great great grandmother, and his children William Charles, Emily Melita and Elizabeth Emily (Gordon's great grandmother) were born in nearby Crowthorne.

BOBSTICKS

If you search the internet under www.bobsticks.co.uk you will come across an interesting series of pages on the hand crafting of walking sticks and a whole host of other sorts of sticks. The craftsman concerned is Bob Goddard and he operates in Bedfordshire. Does anyone know any more about him?

NEW MEMBERS

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

Dr Chris G. Faulks, 47A Park Avenue, Wood Green, London, N22 7EY.

Mrs Carolyn Smithson, Great Gable, Sheephouse Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 8HB.

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.

Dr Chris Faulks is descended from a Goddard family who arrived in Colne, Lancashire, about 1822 or 1823, possibly from Wensleydale, Yorkshire.

Mrs Carolyn Smithson is descended from Anthony Goddard 1676-1735 of Purton, Wiltshire, via the Dewell family of Malmesbury.

ROGUES AND VILLAINS

Newsletter 70 carried a follow-up article on bent Vine Street police sergeant George Goddard, in which a 1986 book, *Crime in London* by Gilbert Kelland, stated that on his release from prison George retired to Surrey and founded Chessington Zoo with his ill-gotten gains. Not long after, I received an e-mail which categorically refuted this assertion. The e-mail was from Lorna C. Goddard Manny from Clermont, Florida, and she should know since her grandfather was the real founder of the zoo! She writes:

"This is in response to the article *Rogues and Villains* that was in the GAE Newsletter dated April 2004. During my research of my Goddard family I came across the folklore about George Goddard and I was very curious to find out if there was any connection of truth to it. As of yet I have found no truth in this folklore.

The founder of Chessington Zoo was my grandfather, Reginald Stuart Goddard (1890-1946). 'RS', as he was known, went to school at Ongar, Essex, and was a flight lieutenant in the Great War. He was the managing director of the family's Battersea based slate and slab firm, specializing in producing slate billiard tables. RS opened up a chain of billiard halls around London. The knowledge that there could be a good living to be made by exhibiting animals stemmed from a business deal he had with a pet store. RS thought about starting up a zoo and on a drive from Kingston to Leatherhead he spotted land for sale in Chessington. Surrey Zoological Gardens was opened in July 1931; the name change came during World War II. Documentation of this is in many publications: C.H. Keeling *The Chessington Story*, Mark Davison *Chessington Remembered*.

Reginald Goddard was a descendant of the Goddard family from Great Waldingfield, Suffolk. The marriage of John Goddard to Susan Ware (d. 1814) in 1744 produced seven children: Thomas Godward Goddard (1744-1814), John (b.1747), Susannah (b. 1748), Rose (1750-1768), Elizabeth (b.1752), Robert (1756-1823), Sarah (b. 1760).

Robert Goddard (1756-1823) married Frances Sergeant (1758-1825), daughter of John Sergeant and Anne Parker on 22 June 1779 in Great Waldingfield. They had the following children: Robert (1781-1822), Rose (1783-1786), John (b. 1786), Thomas (1789-1790), Thomas (b. 1791), James (1793-1793), James (b. 1794), Mary Ann (b. 1799).

Robert Goddard (1781-1822) married Ann Rowland (1780-1822) on 25 October 1802 in Great Waldingfield, Suffolk. In 1814 he was a shopkeeper and in 1820 he was a shoemaker. They had the following children: Robert (b. 1803), Hannah (b. 1805), George (b. 1808), Lodlo (b. 1811), James (b. 1814), Eliza (b. 1820).

Robert Goddard (b.1803) married Susan Cousens on

22 July 1828 in Great Waldingfield. They had the following children: Elia (b. 1829), Robert (1831-1879), George (b. 1833), Mary Ann (1838-1838).

Robert Goddard (1831-1879) married Sarah Curtis. He was employed as a slate maker. They had the following children: Arthur (1864-1903), Sydney (1867-1873), Alice (b.1869), Agnes (b. 1871), Frank (b. 1878).

Arthur Goddard was born in Lambeth, Surrey, on 15 December 1864 and died in September 1903. He was a billiard slate maker and owned a business in Battersea. Arthur married Dorothea Sarah Ellen Allen (1867-1944) daughter of Hugh Edward Blakeney Allen (1843-1909) and Ellen Martin (1842-1888) and was the father of Reginald Stuart Goddard.

Reginald married Doris Ena Layborn (1894-1969), daughter of William Edwin Layborn and Mary Ellen Stevens and they had three children: Joan (b. 1915), Moira (b. 1917), and James Stuart Layborn (1919-1978). James is my father. James emigrated in 1949 to Waltham, Massachusetts.

I hope this information will be published in the newsletter to clear up any misconceptions that George Goddard was the founder of Chessington Zoo."

I would be interested to know if there are any other members of the Association who recognise and claim descent from this family tree that Lorna has kindly supplied - so, no doubt, would she. Her address is 876 Wolf Creek Street, Clermont, Florida 34711, USA.

OLYMPIC SWIMMER

James Goddard, who featured prominently in Newsletter 64 when he unexpectedly won Commonwealth gold in the 200m swimming backstroke in his home area of Manchester in 2002, has missed getting a bronze medal in the same discipline by two tenths of a second at the Athens Olympics. Swimming really well, it appeared for a time that he might have been awarded third place on a disqualification, but the decision was subsequently reversed. Many congratulations to James.

MORE SWIMMING MEDALS

John of Accrington has sent me news of his second son, Chris aged 42, a fireman for thirteen years, who has featured several times before when swimming for the Fire Service in the National and European Championships. At this year's World Firefighters' Games in Sheffield, representing Lancashire, he won two gold medals, three silver and one bronze in a range of strokes and distances. This haul of six medals drew him to the attention of the England Veteran team, whom he then helped to win two more gold medals in relay races. Married to Katherine and with three children, Karen aged 22, Emma 19 and Nicholas 13, this was his first time in the World Games. Our congratulations to Chris.

LETTERS TO AMERICA

In the last Newsletter I transcribed most of the letters from Joan Dibble's great great grandmother to her son Bertram Charles Goddard, who had emigrated to America before the First World War; and then the one from his sister, Louisa, telling of their mother's death. The final letter in the series came from Bert's other sister, Nell, and is an interesting social commentary on the times. It is dated

"Aug 14th 1921

My Dear Bert

Your letter of the 28th July arrived on Friday & I was glad to know the sad message reached you safely. I could not bear the idea of you not knowing till a letter could reach you, so I took it on myself to send to you and the others were pleased I had done so & now Fred insists that the money for it should come out of the funeral expenses. I think Fred will arrange for next Saturday (Aug 20th) to be settling day. We have the Dr's bill so there is nothing more to wait for, except we have to notify the bank a few days before withdrawal. I will send you things off tomorrow, I have got a good strong box & I do hope they will not get broken & please let me know when you get them & if they are all right. The box will contain the needlework picture, one pair of blue stone china ornaments, 1 small china ornament (dog) & 1 pair brass candlesticks, it was Lou's suggestion that you would like the candlesticks & we thought they would pack easy, the other small dog got broken long ago, they used to be on the mantle shelf in mother's room, I expect you remember them & the blue ornaments came out of grandmother Sam's old home & the picture from the other grandmother's, it used to hang in the back bedroom, the candlesticks were a wedding present from aunt Polly to mother. It has not been definitely settled about the marble stone yet, but I will let you know what is done about it. At least it has been settled that we will put a marble stone, but the last time I saw Fred he was waiting for another estimate of cost. I think I told you dear Bert in my other letter about the last few days mother was alive, if there is anything else you want to know please ask me. Dr Liederdale [Liddendale on the death certificate] attended her and it was her wish for Mr Camburn? to arrange the funeral. Old Mr C does not personally attend to much business now as he is not in good health & he has given up altogether attending funerals, one of the sons take his place, everything was carried out very nicely & just as mother would have wished. Now I must close with fondest love to you all & kisses to the children. From your loving sister Nell.

This is a list of flowers sent for mother.

Wreath from Kate and Jack

Cross from Mabel Evelyn and Jack (Kates children)
 Wreath from Steve and Family
 Wreath from Fam and Family [Joan Dibble's great grandfather]
 Cushion from Fred and Family
 Cushion from Lou and Kathleen
 Cushion from Nellie and Bert
 Wreath from Aunt Lizzie Uncle Jim
 Wreath from Aunt Polly (Uncle Jack's widow)
 Wreath from Ernie Robus (Emmies husband)
 Wreath from Mr & Mrs Lawrence
 Wreath from Mrs Butler Brooke (My Mistress)
 There were lovely flowers bouquets of flowers from Mrs Kingsmill
 Mrs Powell (London)
 Mrs Owen
 Four niece's Aunt Polly Pages daughters

I forgot to put in the wreaths from Charlie Page & wife who lived in Dover & wreath from cousin Polly Thorne & her brothers the Phillpotts.

I am putting a photo of the flowers in the box & there are some other photos to come later."

Joan Dibble writes:

"That is the last of the letters that I have relating to my great great grandmother. They gave me lots of names to research and add to my family tree. In the last letter Nell lists what she is putting in the box and mentions a blue ornament that came out of grandmother Sam's old home. This must be my g.g.g.grandmother Jane Goddard, née Rayner, wife of Samuel Goddard, mother of Frederick Steed Goddard and mother-in-law of Charlotte. The picture belonged to the other grandmother which must be g.g.g.grandmother Page; I don't know her christian name.

The marble headstone was erected, and in June 2003 my husband and I travelled from Wales to my home town of Folkestone and with my brother and a map from Shepway Council we found the grave, with the headstone still in good condition. It is in the town cemetery at Cheriton. It reads:

IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

FREDERICK STEED GODDARD

WHO PASSED AWAY DECEMBER 20TH 1908

AGED 62 YEARS

ALSO OF

CHARLOTTE ANN GODDARD

BELOVED WIFE OF THE ABOVE

WHO DIED JULY 27TH 1921

AGED 79 YEARS

SAVIOUR IN THY GRACIOUS KEEPING

LEAVE WE NOW THY SERVANTS SLEEPING

GODDARD'S EMBROCATION

Brian of Buxton has kindly sent me an up-to-date advertisement for Goddard's Embrocation which he got from the magazine *Climber & Rambler*; and he has also seen it in athletics magazines. No one has yet told me who invented this concoction, or which branch of the family they came from. But see Newsletter 44 for earlier information on the manufacturer.



Ease away aches and strains

Rheumatism-Lumbago-
Fibrositis-Muscular
Aches and Pains?
Rub in a little Goddards
and a lot of pain will go.



Goddards

White oil
EMBROCATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met on the 24 October at Leigh Sinton near Malvern. Sadly Philip of Swindon sent apologies; he is currently recovering from treatment for lung cancer – no, he has never been a smoker – and we wish him a speedy and full recovery.

The main topic of conversation was the future of the research side of the Association's work, given that Brian and Julie are talking of moving to a smaller house next year and need to find a repository for all the accumulated Association material. After much discussion it was agreed that the material would remain in the hands of the Committee – probably housed by Richard of Malvern – and not be deposited in a Record Office where it might prove difficult to retrieve when wanted. Who would take over the research role from Brian and Julie when they finally decided to retire has yet to be determined.

It was also agreed that the next AGM would be held at the Portland Hotel in Buxton again, on Sunday 22 May 2005; more details will become available in subsequent Newsletters. A further monograph is likely to be ready for that meeting.

JOHN WINCHCOMBE CLOTHIER OF NEWBURY

Members who are interested in the Goddards of Berkshire, and Bucklebury in particular, might like to note that Dr David Peacock of Newbury has recently published his thesis on the Winchcombe family, woollen manufacturers who supplied much if not most of the woollen material exports during the reign of Henry VIII. It is entitled *Jack of Newbury or The Winchcombe Family and the Woollen Industry in Sixteenth Century Newbury*.

John Winchcombe the second bought Bucklebury Manor, on whose lands Goddards already lived. His will, made in 1557, gives £4 to 'John Goddarde's children unmarried at Eaton'. This is Castle or Water Eaton where Mary Winchcombe, John's daughter, lived with her husband John Goddard. Their children were an only son, Edward, born around 1541, who married Mary Kingsmill; and daughters Margaret, Helen, Prudence and Alice. Unhappily Alice had died in 1555 and Prudence would die the next year, 1556. The eldest daughter, Margaret, was fourteen in 1557, so she and Helen probably benefitted from the legacy. They received more money under their father's will when he died in 1560, bequeathing them £240 each, a small fortune. (See Goddard monograph for further details.)

I do not think that Dr Peacock's massive and impressive book is on general sale, but a copy has been given to Newbury Library and if any members have queries I am willing to look them up for them.

Julie of Newbury

VETERINARY PRACTICE

Several members have kindly told me, following the brief note in Newsletter 70, that the Goddard Veterinary Group is one of the largest privately owned groups of veterinary practices in the country, operating in the London and Essex area. Their website gives their own history:

"The Goddard Veterinary Group (GVG) began in 1952 when Mr Arthur Goddard and Mr Peter Allen set up in partnership. The first two surgery sites were at Wanstead, in the High Street, and at Chingford. Peter Allen left the partnership and Arthur Goddard continued to expand the business by buying or opening branches and moving the Wanstead surgery to its new site at No.84 New Wanstead eventually achieving hospital status. Chingford Kennels (boarding and quarantine) were also expanding behind the surgery at Chingford. Philip Goddard qualified from the Royal Veterinary College (London) in 1986 and joined GVG fully in 1990 after gaining a Masters in Business Administration (MBA). Philip was then Head Vet for the practice, a full-time clinical job with a management role working with Arthur Goddard.

By 1997 the group had grown to have a network of twenty branches around the Wanstead Veterinary Hospital. Most branches are run by a single vet, who has responsibility for the growth of the branch, along with two to three nursing / reception staff as part of his/her team. Philip took over full responsibility for GVG and Chingford Kennels in 1998. By June 2000 the Group extended out of the home base of south west Essex and east London, to include a further two hospital based groups, bringing the size of the total Group to three hospitals and twenty-seven branches throughout various parts of London, all within the M25. 2002 was the fiftieth anniversary of the Group."

GOTTARDI AGAIN

Having read the article on the back page of Newsletter 70, Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith has sent me the following paragraph which he wrote in October 1991 for Newsletter 21, but never actually got round to sending at the time.

"In June [1991] Gwen and I spent a lovely holiday round the lakes in Northern Italy, staying two or three days beside each. Whilst at Stressa on Lake Maggiore we visited the fishermen's island of Pescatori. It was a Saturday and the little church was being beautifully decorated. The cemetery behind the church was nearly full of flowers, obviously following a recent burial. Do you think we could possibly have relatives in Italy? When I turned round there were four gravestones with the name of Gottardi, and even one which commemorated a Margherita Albertella Gottardi!

NOTEBOOK OF MR PARSONS

Our indefatigable researcher of odd Wiltshire documents and facts, Jennifer Walker, writes that the notebook of Mr Parsons of Wootton Bassett has recently been donated to the Wiltshire Record Office as Deed G62/990/29. The notebook is illustrated with silhouettes of notable people in Wiltshire, with descriptions.

Mr Francis Goddard is described thus: "This gentleman was a son of the Rev. E. Goddard of Clyffe Pypard and first commenced business as a surgeon at Melksham. At Michaelmas 1795 he came to Wootton Bassett and first resided at the Old Mansion of the house now the Capital and Counties Bank, previously occupied by Mr Thomas English, surgeon and apothecary. After residing there for four years, he then removed to the old home of the Cripps, the house next below the Angel Inn. He remained there until probably about 1811 or 12 when he moved to the house belonging to the Yorke family where he died about 1840. It is however just possible that he may have resided for a few years at the Old Doctor's House..... He was one of the Aldermen for the Borough from 1807-1812. He was a most amiable gentleman. In the card printed in his first commercial practice at Melksham it was stated that for the first six months he would give the poor the benefit of his skill gratuitously. His usual dress was in knee breeches and worsted stockings with short gaiters reaching about half way up the leg."

The page of the document was photographed for us by Peter Yardley, but unfortunately the silhouettes are on the previous pages. *Julie of Newbury*

ACQUAINTED THROUGH FAMILY HISTORY

Michael Andrews-Reading is seemingly spending all his spare time working on his family tree, which is based on Brimpton outside Newbury. He has made links to the Thatcham, Newbury, Welford, Boxford, Chieveley, Kingsclere and indirectly, to the East Woodhay and Castle Eaton Goddards. Noticing that he worked for an eminent insurance firm, I mentioned it in passing to another of our keen researchers, Jean Goddard of Essex. She said her niece worked for the same company. The next morning Michael was at the coffee machine at work when a colleague, Sam Dunkling (a lady), asked if he was involved in tracing Goddard family history. Surprised by the question, he said he was. It appears that Jean's niece and Michael work in the same department on the same floor of the same office! Now if Michael can discover the origins of Jean's husband Keith's ancestor, James Goddard born around 1805 "at Tottenham" he always laughingly said (Tottenham House being a large house in Savernake Forest outside Marlborough), he will confirm my opinion that he is a marvel at unraveling family histories. *Julie of Newbury*

WANTAGE, BERKSHIRE

A friend of the Goddard Association, Noel Drewe of Hemel Hempstead, has very kindly given me a copy of *Wantage, Looking Back* by Irene Hancock in the *Images of England* series. On page 29 is the reproduction of a trade card of 'Goddard & Sons, Fish, Fruit and Potato Merchants and Commission Agents. Fruit of all kinds in Season'. A note underneath says that it belongs to A. Goddard & Sons, 1914. Mr & Mrs A. Goddard obviously thought their sons would be involved in the family business, but after the Great War the advertisement read 'Goddard & Son'. Two sons, Oliver and Reuben, were killed during the conflict, leaving a "devastated and bereft family".

A photograph below the trade card shows members of the Berkshire Yeomanry relaxing at Patcham Camp in 1913; Oliver Goddard is shown easing his sore feet in a bowl of water. A search through the records shows that Oliver George Goddard, a Lance Corporal in the Berkshire Yeomanry and son of Albert and Robina Goddard of 28 Mill Street, Wantage, was killed in action in Gallipoli on 21 August 1915 aged 21. And his brother, Private Reuben Goddard, 6th Battalion Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, formerly Queens Own Hussars, born in Wantage, was killed in action on the Somme in France on 7 October 1916. The book may be borrowed from Julie at Newbury. *Julie of Newbury*

CHILTON CHURCH RECORDS

Miss Kate Crennell is making a study of the parish records and monumental inscriptions of Chilton, north of Newbury, and has sent me the names of Goddards from the records. She says that a former Rector burnt most of the parish records, including a Burial Register, and records are having to be reconstructed from the Bishop's transcripts (copies sent annually to the Bishop of parish records and kept in the diocesan archives if they have survived). There is a house called "The Goddards" in Church Street, Chilton and a strong Goddard presence in the churchyard. Miss Crennell is preparing a CD of the memorials and wants to add a little family history where she can. Further details from Julie of Newbury.

GABRIELLA GODDARD

No, I had not heard of this Goddard either, until my elder daughter mentioned her to me. Originally from New Zealand, she lived and worked for fifteen years in France, Japan, Mexico, Brazil and the United States, before settling in London. She is clearly a leading authority on personal and company branding – making the ordinary stand out from the crowd. She has appeared on the media, often writes in various magazines and speaks regularly at major gatherings. Perhaps other members may know more about her?

AEROBICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Proud parents Malcolm and Lesley of Brisbane have been supporting eldest daughter Lucy at the Queensland State Aerobics Championship in Brisbane in June. Lucy is in her school team, which came first in two divisions thus winning two gold medals, and so are now State Champions. She is now going on to the Nationals in Adelaide on 21 and 22 August. And sisters Ellen and Bridget have not been idle either. Ellen has taken her Grade 2 Ballet Exam, and Bridget is performing well on the netball court.

WINCHCOMBE MEMORIAL

Brian and I were looking round the little museum at Winchcombe, Gloucestershire, recently and found the following in the list of burials in St Peter's churchyard which they have compiled. "In memory of Ann Phillips and Joice Goddard, grandmothers to the present John Phillips of Greet. Likewise Susanna Phillips, his mother, was buried ye 11 day of March 1721 aged 56 years." A graceful tribute to the women in his family!

Julie of Newbury

HUNCOAT UNCOATED

Membership Secretary John of Accrington actually lives in Huncoat (the 'H' is silent), now more or less a suburb of Accrington, and he has just written a short history of the village under the above title. Produced by Landy Publishing, its price is £7 and it is obtainable from them at 3 Staining Rise, Staining, Blackpool, FY3 0BU. The book includes chapters on farming life, transport, industry and religion, and is copiously illustrated.

ISABELLA GODDARD

Ray Mears "Survival" programme on BBC2 on 23rd September 2004 featured a trek through the Amazonian jungle of Venezuela by Isabella, who was trying to find her long lost husband. Unfortunately my daughter phoned to tell me of the programme when it was half way through, her husband wanting her and me to watch as it showed his native Venezuela; in consequence I missed the first half of the programme. Can any member tell me about Isabella and how she came to be parted from her husband? And is anyone related to her?

Julie of Newbury

EMIGRATION

Newsletter 67 featured the Goddards from Coventry, Paul and Julie with children Zöe and Sam now aged 11 and 4, who in May 2003 were subject of a TV documentary tracing their emigration to New Zealand. A year later they were back in Coventry promoting a book of their experiences *A New Life in New Zealand* published by HowtoBooks at £9.99. Julie said that it was lovely to be back, but that they were looking forward to returning to New Zealand where they had settled in really well.

TWO CENTENARIANS

In May Gertie Goddard, who lives in a residential home in Evesham, celebrated her one hundredth birthday. Originally from Thorncombe, Somerset, she married her husband Douglas in 1926, and lived with him at Ringwood in Hampshire where he was head gardener for the Wilson family at Burley. They then moved to the Manor, Aston Somerville, when Mrs Wilson's son Jackie moved there. Following the death of her husband in 1968, Mrs Goddard lived with her daughter Jean and son-in-law Fred Williams for eighteen years. She has two grand-daughters and one great grand-daughter.

And on 28 August Mildred Jeanie, another Mrs Goddard, also reached this magnificent milestone. She was born at Ratby, Leicestershire, and married Lt-Col Gerald Goddard DSO of Worcester in 1936; he died in 1948. She left Worcester in 1960 and lived in Ramsbury, Wiltshire, for forty-two years, failing eyesight forcing her to leave in September 2002 and come to live with her son Richard and daughter-in-law Helena at Malvern. She has two grand-daughters and one grandson.

GODDARD WYBOR PRACTICE

Marjorie of York has kindly sent me a cutting from a recent copy of the *Yorkshire Post*, which featured an article on the expanding architectural practice of John Goddard and John Wybor. The company was founded in 1980 and expanded into Eastern Europe in 1991, so that it now has offices in Leeds and Prague and has undertaken projects in Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Russia, and has also ventured into the Middle East and Far East. It has won awards in every sector in which it works – offices, industrial and residential schemes, hotels, retail centres, universities, hospitals, racecourses and churches – and prides itself on completing projects on time and to budget.

Schemes local to Yorkshire that the company has worked on include the Bradford Leisure Exchange, buildings for the Leeds Community Mental Health Programme, and the Millennium Grandstand at Wetherby Racecourse and the Ebor stand at York Racecourse, which won RIBA awards. They have just been appointed architects and lead consultants for Doncaster Racecourse.

FATAL CLIFF FALL

I am grateful to Margaret Young for spotting the following news item on 4 August. A woman, who fell to her death while climbing cliffs on Rhossili beach in the Gower, was accompanied by her friend, James Goddard aged 27, from the Bracknell area of Berkshire. He also fell and, seriously injured, was airlifted to Morriston Hospital in Swansea. James's parents were travelling from Berkshire to see their son in hospital.

QUERIES FROM FRANCE

Julie of Newbury writes:

"Two interesting enquiries have come from Mrs Vanessa Holland who lives in France. Her husband is researching the life history of Thomas Lawes Rogers, physician, who was born in Alvediston, Wiltshire, in 1828. Thomas had an elder brother, Walter Goddard Rogers, born in 1826. They were both the sons of Walter Goddard Rogers, gentleman, born in Surrey in 1790. There was some connection with William Gilbert Goddard of Berwick St John, Wiltshire. Can anyone help sort the relationships between the Rogers and Goddards in this corner of Wiltshire?"

Secondly, Mrs Holland is intrigued by her great grandmother, Cordelia Crossingham, naming 'my friend William George Goddard, ale and spirit merchant of Caterham' as an executor of her will in 1930. Are any of our members related to him?" Answers to Julie at Newbury please (address below).

HENRY GODDARD, FARM LABOURER

Mrs Jean Kington has kindly made available details from her great grandfather's farm account book. James Yalden farmed at Powell's Farm, Bentworth, near Alton in Hampshire. On 20 October 1840 Henry Goddard was employed as Head Carter with the second team of horses. He had lodgings in the house. His wages at Old Michaelmas 1841 were to be £6. Henry terminated his service on the farm on 7 April 1841 and was paid £1 in part towards his wages. Anyone wishing to see further details – not of Henry but of the farm – apply to Julie of Newbury (address below).

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