



The Goddard Association of Europe

NEWSLETTER

No. 76 – OCTOBER 2005

THE BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR

21 October 1805 – Bicentenary

As a family who owe some of their origins to France or, at least, the Normandy of William the Conqueror, we should perhaps not be celebrating the bicentenary of the Battle of Trafalgar with as much enthusiasm as some of our compatriots. However, seven and a half centuries elapsed between the Conquest and the Battle and should have allowed the family plenty of time to become accustomed to fighting the 'national enemy' as had happened off and on for many of the decades, if not centuries, in between.

Julie of Newbury has kindly abstracted from the National Archive list of sailors who fought at the Battle, the following Goddards:

Joseph Goddard, aged 25, of London; Able Seaman serving on *HMS Achille* from 16 May 1805 to 22 April 1809.

Philip Goddard; private marine on *HMS Mars*.

William Goddard, aged 21, of Highgate, Middlesex; Able Seaman on *HMS Africa*. Died 14 April 1811.

William Goddard, aged 29, of Brighton, Sussex; ordinary seaman on *HMS Ajax* from 1 March 1805.

William Goddard, aged 22, from Blumtree (?) "from Utrecht"; Midshipman on *HMS Revenge*.

She informs me that there are further details if you consult the National Archive website, either direct or through BBC History. It would be interesting to know how many, if any, Godards fought on the French side; perhaps someone will take up this research challenge if they have the time.

In addition to the list above, Captain Henry Bayntun, later Admiral Sir Henry, commanded *HMS Leviathan*, the fourth ship



in Nelson's column. His sister, Annica Susan 1772-1855, married my great grandfather Edward on 10 June 1802; their third son, born in 1806, was christened Horatio Nelson and was the last Goddard to live at Clyffe Pypard Manor! This also makes the admiral a relative by marriage of Treasurer John of Shrewsbury, his brother David also of Shrewsbury, and their sister, former Association Secretary, Annica Leach. Some of us possess items associated with him, such as his sword, dirk, epaulettes and ensign. I am further indebted to Annica's husband David for

additional information and for a copy of the portrait below.

Henry William Bayntun was the son of the British Consul General at Algiers and was born in 1766. He joined the Royal Navy as a boy Midshipman and was promoted Lieutenant on 15 April 1783 when only sixteen. He saw considerable service against France after the new war started in 1793, almost entirely in the West Indies, being placed in command of the sloop *Avenger* by Admiral Sir John Jervis before being promoted Captain on 4 May 1794 and posted to the frigate *Undaunted*. On his return to England in 1804 he was given command of the 74 gun battleship *HMS Leviathan* and sent to join Nelson in the Mediterranean at the blockade of Toulon. He was thus involved in the pursuit of the French fleet to the West Indies and back and then in the defining battle of the whole war, receiving the Trafalgar gold medal, the thanks of Parliament and a sword of honour from the Patriotic Fund. At Nelson's funeral in January 1806 he carried the Guidon (pennant) in the procession from Greenwich.

He saw further active service, transferring to the command of another 74 gun battleship *HMS Milford* in 1809 and then to the yacht *Royal Sovereign* in 1811. He was promoted Rear-Admiral on 12 August 1812, Vice-Admiral on 19 July 1821 and full Admiral on 10 January 1837. He had been knighted as KCB on 2 January 1815 and advanced to GCB on 25 October 1839. He died at Bath on 17 December 1840 and is buried at All Saints Church, Weston, Bath. *HMS Leviathan*, which had originally been launched at Chatham in 1790, lasted little longer; after service as a prison ship at Portsmouth in 1816, she was later used for target practice and finally broken up in 1846.

GODDARD ANCESTOR HUNTING

Sooner or later any family history researcher hits that brick wall where either you do not know the name of your next ancestor or cannot find his or her baptism event. It is especially difficult when this is before 1837, the date when central registration began and you have to rely on parish records to find the christening record. There are normally any number of christening entries in the same area for the right name in the right year. Without additional information how can you decide which is the right one?

For over four years in tracing my husband's family tree I was at the brick wall stage looking for the christening event of James Goddard who indicated in census that he was born at Tottenham Park, Wiltshire. Tottenham Park is a splendid country estate that is ~~so large that it is surrounded~~ by quite a few villages. The obvious one was the 1805 entry at Burbage for a James Goddard, but there were several other ones in the area and any of these could have been the 'right' one.

Being members of the Goddard Association, Keith and I were able to use the expertise of Julie and Brian of Newbury, the Research Co-ordinators. Julie and Brian have been very supportive over the years and suggested various strategies to find James's baptism. One of these strategies was to seek out other living descendants of James. Keith sent a letter to the Newbury Weekly News and was immediately contacted by a distant relative who put us in touch with her uncle, John Goddard, my father-in-law's cousin, although neither had been aware of each other. Through this contact several years later we were sent a photocopy of a Book of Common Prayer (BCP) which was in the possession of one of James Goddard's great grandchildren called Leslie, who is in his nineties and remembered attending the wedding of Keith's grandparents, Harry and Gladys Goddard.

The entries in the BCP were mainly 'deaths', but with the National Burial Index and other more detailed indices from the Hampshire Family History Society and Berkshire Family History Society I was able to confirm the 1805 entry was the 'right' one. It also provided the names of the James's parents (Charles and Elizabeth Goddard) and grandparents (John and Lydia Goddard). So I had hit a new brick wall. The last known and documented ancestor is now John Goddard who married Lydia Batchelor at Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hampshire, in 1760.

During these four years of hunting James's christening record I also employed researchers in Berkshire, Hampshire and Wiltshire. My Wiltshire

researcher was unable to help me, but did mention that there was a Recipe Book written by a member of the Goddard family lodged at Wiltshire Record Office with the Tottenham Park Estate papers. Another member of the GAE, Jennifer Walker, kindly helped us by obtaining a copy of this document. The WRO felt it was not suitable to be photocopied, but did allow digital copies from a camera to be taken. When I received a copy of this on CD I immediately extracted all mention of places and people. The writer of the Book was Edward Goddard and he commenced it on 28 July 1711.

As you will know from the August Newsletter, GAE have issued a new CD which includes this Recipe / Receipt Book, Monographs published by Brian of Newbury, together with extracts of Goddard Wills. It was whilst I was reading through the Will of Edward Goddard of Hungerford, who died in 1729, that I recognised several names also mentioned in the Recipe Book. So I am now convinced that I can say there is circumstantial evidence that the Edward Goddard who wrote this gem of a book is Edward of Hungerford, one of the Standen Hussey Goddards.

How did the Recipe Book turn up at Tottenham Park? It could be that a relative of Edward Goddard left it there. As James was born at Tottenham Park, I am now looking to see if there is any connection between John Goddard who was married at Hurstbourne Tarrant and Edward Goddard of Hungerford. Should I find a connection, then Brian's Monographs really come into their own as Edward can be found on one of these, but with no drop down descendants. His line goes back via the Clyffe Pypard, Standen Hussey, and Purton branch to John Goddard, one of the North Wiltshire Goddards, born about 1230.

I may never be able successfully to show a documentary link between John and Edward, but you never know. There may be another BCP or Recipe / Receipt Book out there just waiting to be discovered.

Jean & Keith of Essex

Email: jean.Goddard@btinternet.com

ALDBOURNE GODDARD

"There are still Goddards in Aldbourne," writes Margaret Young who kindly sent me a page of the Newbury Weekly News of 8 September. It was all about the Aldbourne annual carnival and mentioned Lauren Goddard of Hillwood Road, Aldbourne as the Carnival Princess. For those who don't know, Aldbourne is near Swindon and is one of the main villages of the Wiltshire Goddards.

BRODIE PLANT GODDARD

On the last page of the latest edition of *Working in Affordable Housing* – not, I hasten to say, my usual bedside reading – I came across an article on Brodie Plant Goddard, which describes itself as “a multi-disciplinary practice of architects and surveyors. We advise in fields of architectural design, building and quantity surveying, project management, planning supervision and dispute resolution. We cover design and contract administration, the preparation of drawings and specifications, site supervision and cost control through to the agreement of contractors’ final accounts, project management and fulfilling the Employer’s Agent role. Founded in 1988 we focussed on housing associations, local authorities and similar organisations. Within three years the company was awarded a major renewal project for the Greenwich Ferrier estate.....This project put the practice on the map and more environmental projects followed at Woolwich Dockyard and the Pepys estate as well as work to overclad tower blocks for the London borough of Croydon. Brodie Plant Goddard employs 28 staff, and is currently in the process of recruiting seven more. With a small administrative team, more than 75% can be involved in housing projects. We are just in the process of wrapping up two major projects in social housing, one for a housing association and one for a local authority: Brunswick Road and York Road estates in Hove, West Sussex with Southern Housing Group.....[and] Moon court in Fetcham, Surrey with Mole Valley District Council.”

TRISHA GODDARD

I am grateful to Margaret of Worsley for sending me a long article from *Hello Magazine* based on a recent interview with TV presenter Trisha Goddard, now aged 47, given at her new apartment in Cannes, which she and third husband Peter Gianfrancesco have recently bought in lieu of a pension fund. Her daughters, Billie 15 and Madi 10, from her second marriage love spending time there.

Much of the article retraced old history, mentioned in previous Newsletters, but added some more recent details, particularly the death of her Dominican mother, Agnes aged 75. Diagnosed with brain cancer around Easter in 2004, she died the same July, Trisha’s father Peter devotedly nursing her to the end, and is buried at Narsborough near King’s Lynn where the family had once lived when Trisha was small. It has left a big gap in Trisha’s life. She has compensated by throwing herself into making 150 TV shows a year for Channel 5 to which she moved from ITV last year.

PEWSEY

Two newspaper cuttings from the *Wiltshire Gazette & Herald* of 13 October, kindly sent me by Jennifer Walker, have featured Pewsey. The first is a century old and comes from a story of 12 October 1905 concerning the formal opening of the Goddard Pewsey Vale Rifle Club. Described as a model of ingenuity and probably the only one of the kind, it was thirty yards long and erected on an entirely new principle with the firing base situated in the loft and the three targets fixed on a trolley which is run to the end of the range and brought back again by a mechanical arrangement. Does it still exist?

The second cutting features a letter from a Darren Goddard now living in Northam, North Devon. Under the heading ‘Listen for a change’ he writes: “It caused great amusement when I stumbled across an article regarding the public lavatories in Pewsey. These poor old councillors resorting to ‘toilet humour’ in an attempt to score points off each other merely proves one thing: Pewsey hasn’t and never will change. The place of my birth and upbringing is furthermore a laughing stock purely because no one wants to take responsibility financially or otherwise for something that is basically a congregating point for underage kids to drink and smoke dope. I say close it down and reinvest the money on something that the youth of Pewsey really want. Instead of talking to these kids, try listening for once and you might be pleasantly surprised. They aren’t all hoodlums. Some of them are actually jolly decent. Let’s stop fighting over nonsense issues and start getting our house in order. Carnival proves year in year out what can be achieved by a united community, but it needs to be inclusive and not exclusive. Sadly Pewsey and its people seem unable to grasp this concept.”

CHIPPING NORTON

This picture of the Blue Boar inn at Chipping Norton shows Goddards Lane. The sign is just visible below the bottom right hand window. Does anyone know which Goddard this commemorates?



THE GODDARDS OF HALE, FARNHAM

The first of my Goddard ancestors of whom I have some knowledge beyond dates of birth, marriage and death is my great grandfather, John. Many years ago I was told that he was the village baker, but research has proved that he was more than that.

He was the fifth child of Daniel and Mary née Budd. Of his brothers, William described himself as a builder and George as a bricklayer – so it is probable their father Daniel was also in the trade. William had premises in East Street, Farnham.

In *Kelly's Directory* of 1855 there is mention of John and his brother George as builders of East Street, Farnham. But in 1851 John was described as a master baker.

John married Harriet, daughter of John Scot of Froyle which, although in Hampshire, is not all that far from Farnham. Not unusual for that day they had eleven children.

Subsequent census returns, birth, marriage and death certificates give John several different occupations. I can only believe he had a great deal of assistance from his wife and family. He has been variously described as a victualler, grocer, master baker, postmaster and insurance agent for the Liverpool London & Globe. In his will he called himself Gentleman. His widow's death certificate refers to him as a master builder.

By 1881 all his children had left home – of his son, Daniel, more later. George became a builder's clerk; William, also a builder, moved to Dorking; John went to live in Kentish Town, London, as a grocer; the two youngest sons, Walter and Alfred, also moved to a London suburb; whilst my grandfather finally settled at Enfield.

Now living alone with his wife, John decided in 1882 to sell his business. He and Harriet went to live with their son George who lived nearby. Here John died two years later. George was the informant of his death, but the executors were his three eldest sons, Daniel, John and William. His personal estate, which amounted to £2,019 2s. 9d., was divided between his children equally, taking into account any loan he had made to any of them in his lifetime.

James (my grandfather) was aged twenty at the time of the 1871 census return. He was then living at Stanford Dingley, a village half way between Reading and Newbury, as an agricultural pupil. The next information I have about him comes from the 1878 *Farnham Directory* from which it would appear he had returned home and was working as a corn dealer.

He did not stay long in Farnham, however. In

1879 he married Elizabeth Chessell, whose family lived in the Isle of Wight. Her uncle owned a laundry business in Hale, washing army blankets. Their married life began in Southampton in an area which is now part of Southampton University campus. The following year they moved to Elmsfield in the Isle of Wight, from there to Lingfield and finally to Enfield, Middlesex, where he spent the rest of his life.

He now had a large family. In addition, his widowed mother and his father-in-law came to live with him. His mother, Harriet, died in 1889 and was taken back to Farnham for burial alongside her husband, John.

Of James' family several children emigrated to South Africa or Rhodesia (as it was then known). Whether or not James also went and returned may possibly be revealed by the 1911 census return when it is published. My father returned to England in 1917, was called up and went to Ireland. Two other sons had returned by 1921, the year my parents married. James, however, died later the same year so I never knew him.

Returning to John's son, Daniel. He was born in 1841. The elder generation of builders having passed on, he established himself as a builder in East Street, Farnham. I do not know what part his father, John, played in this.

Daniel had other ambitions outside of building, however. In 1878 he was an unsuccessful candidate in the Farnham Local Board election, but was successful at his second attempt in 1881. According to the 1881 census return he employed 200 men.

In 1891 he was elected Chairman of the local Board of Governors of Farnham Boys Grammar School. When the Farnham Local Board became the Farnham Urban District Council, Daniel was one of the elected members. By 1894 he was on the Joint Burial Committee.

His appointments did not stop there, however. In 1897 he was Chairman of the Fire Brigade Joint Committee.

Perhaps he was over active. Whilst on holiday in Worthing in 1900 he was taken ill and died. His funeral was attended by local dignitaries and relatives. His sons took over his building business, but it has now ceased to exist.

Audrey of Plymouth

Ed. – If any member recognises this family, I am sure Audrey would be delighted to hear from you; Miss A.M. Goddard, 33 Heles Terrace, Plymouth, PL4 9LH.

HAMPSHIRE COUSINS MEET AFTER NEARLY TWO HUNDRED YERARS

In the year of our Lord 1808 Stephen Goddard and Hannah née Allen gave birth to their first son, William. Four years later, in 1812, they gave birth to another son, Thomas. Both were born in Silchester, on the northern boundary of Hampshire some eight miles north of Basingstoke. In the year of our Lord 2004, thanks to the internet, Stephen (of Buckhurst Hill in Essex) and Gerry (of Corsica in France) got to know of each other. Stephen is directly descended from William and Gerry directly descended from Thomas – and therefore very much cousins!

Brian (b.1946) from near Southampton, Stephen (b.1939) from Essex and his brother, James (b.1946) from Egham in Surrey. Thomas' descendants were Gerry (b.1931), his wife Wendy, and two of his very direct cousins, one of whom was accompanied by her husband. These cousins were Pauline (b.1931 née Benhams, whose mother was Louisa Benhams née Goddard), and Neville Coleman from Pamber Heath (next door to Silchester) and Beryl Sandford (daughter of Albert George Goddard) from Baughurst – not much further away!



On Friday 5 August 2005 the two cousins met for the first time. And where better for them to meet than in the pub that was run by Stephen and Hannah in the first quarter of the nineteenth century! The hostelry was known from its foundation until a few years ago as The Crown; now it is called The Calleva Arms. The present landlady, Sharon Bumpstead, was happy to welcome ten of Stephen and Hannah's descendants for lunch on that day. Four of the Goddards were descended from William and five from Thomas. William's descendants were Nora (née Oram) the wife of Arthur Thomas (b.1910) who is 98 years of age and lives in Basingstoke, her son Thomas

SILENCE

Séan of Exeter tells me that his one-man exhibition, mentioned in the last Newsletter, was a great success and that he "sold three pieces which is exactly three times more than I'd expected"!

Now that these cousins have been reunited after two centuries it is hoped that the link will continue to grow. Silchester is on the estate of the Duke of Wellington, and what would be more appropriate than holding our next reunion at the birthplace of Napoleon in Corsica! The accompanying photograph, taken to commemorate the visit, shows in the front row: Gerry (who, very sadly, died shortly after his return to Corsica), landlady Sharon Bumpstead holding Stephen's sign dated 1825, Nora; middle row: Wendy, Beryl, Pauline, Stephen, James; back row: cousin's husband, Brian, cousin's husband.

Stephen of Buckhurst Hill

TARIQ GODDARD

After *Homage to a Firing Squad* and *Dynamo*, Tariq Goddard has written a third novel called *The Morning Rides Behind Us*, which is set in the New Forest just after the Second World War.

CHILDSWICKHAM

Whilst researching some of my Andrews ancestors at Worcester Record Office I came across a family of Goddards in Childswickham; Childswickham is near Broadway and borders Gloucestershire and Worcestershire. On searching through baptisms between 1783 and 1860, I came across few of my ancestors, but found the family of William and Elizabeth Goddard /Godard/ Goderd who were baptised as follows: Sarah on 7 February 1786, John 25 December 1788, Ann 17 October 1790, William 10 February 1793, Richard 21 June 1795 and Elizabeth 8 April 1798. On having even less success with my own research, I decided to look for more information about this family. I didn't have time to look through early marriages, but there were none for these children; I searched 1813 to May 1838. However, I did find several burials between 1783 and 1875: Elizabeth on 23 May 1798 aged 41; Elizabeth on 9 August 1798 (no age given), Isabella on 28 March 1799 aged 89, Sophia on 24 April 1800 aged 64, (John Godward on 25 July 1815 aged 26), John on 5 October 1816 aged 20, and Jane on 12 May 1826 aged 60. This may be of interest to someone who has 'lost' this branch of their family.

Denise of Solihull

REVD DORIS GODDARD

The Revd Doris Goddard, wife of James of Addlestone, has just moved from Surrey to Somerset to serve in the Blackdown Hills on the south-western most tip of Somerset. She was licensed to work in this area on Saturday 28 May, by the Archdeacon of Taunton, the Venerable John Reed. The Blackdown Benefice that has now welcomed Doris into its midst consists of the united parishes of Buckland St Mary, Churchstanton, Corfe, Otterford and Pitminster and forms part of the diocese of Bath and Wells. The licensing ceremony took place in the church of St Peter and St Paul, Churchstanton. This delightful parish church, with a facing of local flint, and the today relatively rare box pew interior, is interesting in that until 1970 it lay in the diocese of Exeter. And then, thirty-five years ago, it was transferred to Bath and Wells. For a number of years Doris has taught in Molesy, Surrey, and she will still be working there for part of each week and then 'commuting' to the Blackdown Hills for a 'long week-end' every week! During school holidays the Blackdown Hills will, however, have the benefit of her presence for the whole time. During the part of each week Doris and Jim are in Surrey they will now live in Egham.

Stephen (Doris' brother-in-law) of Buckfast Hill

GENERAL THOMAS GODDARD

A friend of mine, living in Wales, has sent me a copy of an article in the February issue of *Pembrokeshire Life* entitled "A Forgotten Hero". It is a life of William James, born 1721, the son of a miller of Steynton and Johnston. William, it seems, was a bright and lively lad who looked for adventure and was attracted to the ships in Milford Haven and Haverford West. Despite being apprenticed to a Bristol trader, William joined a West Indies bound merchant ship. He quickly learnt the art of navigation and seamanship and was the mate of a merchant ship by the time he was twenty. He later joined the East India Company and had many adventures on the seas and in India. His second wife, whom he married on his return to England after fifteen years in India, was Miss Annie Goddard of Hartham, Wiltshire, a relation (unspecified in this article) of General Thomas Goddard. He was made a Baronet in 1778. He died in December 1783 at his daughter's wedding, and his widow had a memorial tower erected at the top of Shooter's Hill. His friend General Goddard died in 1783 also and the two friends were buried near to each other in a place which, unfortunately, is unspecified in this article. For further details of both men see the *DNB*.

Julie of Newbury

PHILIP GODDARD

Newsletter 74 of April of this year carried the obituary of founding Executive Committee member Philip Goddard, who had sadly died of cancer on New Year's Day aged only 57. Thanks to an article from the *Wiltshire Gazette & Herald* of 6 October, kindly sent me by Jennifer Walker, I am able to report that he has been posthumously awarded the Calumet Trophy, a prestigious photographic award. Philip was a member of the Air Training Corps during the 1960s before serving with the RAF for twelve years, later becoming a civilian instructor. When he left the RAF he set up as a professional photographer in Victoria Road, Swindon, not very far from the Goddard Arms. Latterly he had been working for Babcocks, the company in charge of RAF Lyneham's photography, and it was there that he had taken the winning photograph while undergoing chemotherapy. Entitled 'Falcon Blaze', it depicted an impressive skydiving display. RAF Lyneham's station commander, Group Captain Paul Oborn, said the award was a fitting tribute to Philip's professionalism and enthusiasm; while Mr Steve Brooking, his Babcock boss, said he was delighted that his work had been recognised and that the trophy would bring much joy to his son, Nicholas, and family.

HENDECASYLLABICS

The following poem, subtitled *On Some Architects of Victorian Leicester*, appeared in *A Leicester Calendar*, poems by J.R. Watson published in Leicester in 1976; I am grateful to Brian and Julie of Newbury for sending it to me:

“Stockdale Harrison, Barradale and Goddard,
First class architects of suburban Leicester,
Shenton and Baker, Harding and Wakerley,
I celebrate you in an antique metre,
Suited, I dare say, to your own Revival,
Houses and churches, all done in the Gothic,
Styles in a mixture, one above the other,
Doors Italian, windows perpendicular,
Tudor downstairs, Queen Anne on the first floor,
Arches and pillars nicely unexpected,
Tall casements leaded, with their coloured
windows,
String courses lively all in patterned brickwork,
Gargoyles and crockets, stirring up the skyline,
Sometimes even a bit of crenellation,
Steep gable ends with carved and painted
bargeboard;
So you built your villas, all over Leicester,
Coffee shops and chapels, and the clock tower,
Banks and offices, and the Turkey Café;
Now though we drive past, frequently not seeing,
Just accepting, and shrugging off their beauty,
In hendeca-syllabics I salute you,
Shenton and Baker, Harding and Wakerley,
Splendid architects of provincial Leicester,
Stockdale Harrison, Barradale and Goddard.”

THE DISPOSSESSED

My wife and I have recently been visiting our son-in-law, daughter and two gorgeous granddaughters at Chaguanas in Trinidad – the Revd Michael Chatfield, Helen (née Goddard), Hannah and Naomi. While there Michael kindly lent me *The Dispossessed* by Clem Maharaj (published by Heinemann in 1992) to read. It is a novel involving life on a sugar plantation in Chaguanas forty years ago during the trauma of the collapse of the town's cane sugar industry (a victim of the Common Agricultural Policy among other things!). The plantation is in the hands of the Receivers whose agent there is one Mr Goddard. He leads a colourful life, to say the least! My son-in-law informed me that Goddard is quite a common name in Trinidad and Tobago. I expect to be visiting this beautiful tropical island – and its smaller neighbour Tobago ('Crusoe's Island') – quite a bit in the next years and if any member has relatives there I would love to hear from them. *Stephen of Buckhurst Hill*

TRANSPORTATION

New member Meg Hammond from Ulladulla, New South Wales, is a descendant of the sister of Thomas Goddard of Ramsbury, Wiltshire, who was sent to Tasmania after having his sentence of execution changed to one of transportation for seven years for having taken part in the agricultural riots of 1830-1. Thomas eventually returned home. His wife had died while he had been away and he married again, twice.

Meg is descended from Hester Goddard, sister to Thomas, who married John Langfield. John died in 1844 and Hester then married John Greenaway in 1848, only to have him die in 1855. Hester's grandson, Edwin Langfield, moved to Australia in 1884.

Meg Hammond only moved to Australia comparatively recently. She has been very industrious and copied out for us the entries mentioning Bishop's Transcripts of the parish registers of Ramsbury. These transcripts of the parish records, which were supposed to be sent to the bishop every year, often differ from the entries in the parish register and are invaluable for checking the accuracy of the parish clerk's memory – or the notes he has had to write up from the scraps of paper the vicar has salvaged from his pockets sometime after a service or ceremony!

Meg has also found, in the *Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette*, the newspaper record of the sale of Thomas Goddard's father's cottage after his death in 1831. Even in far away Australia one can find these records if one knows where to look on the internet!

Julie of Newbury

WORKHOUSE RECORDS

The Research Department has recently purchased two booklets. The first covers the Bradfield, Berkshire, Workhouse births / baptisms and deaths / burials for 1835-1900. There appear to be no Goddards in this booklet, but members with ancestors in this area might like to check the names of related persons.

The second booklet covers the Hungerford Union Workhouse births and deaths from 1866 to 1914 and the Pauper's Service Book from 1877 to 1917, which covers the names of child paupers and their employers. There are three Goddards mentioned. Robert Goddard aged 80 of Hungerford, who died on 11 April 1870. Thomas Goddard aged 73 of Hungerford, who died on 3 February 1902. And Jane Goddard aged 72 of Inkpen (a village near Hungerford), who died on 24 December 1905.

Julie of Newbury

SNIPPETS

I am grateful to Margaret Young for spotting several Goddards in her local papers:

From the *Reading Chronicle* of 23 June nineteen year-old Nick Goddard from Woodcote, who finished seventh in the expert category in last year's British Bike Trials Championships, is hoping to compete in the 2005 world bike trials competition.

And from the *Newbury Weekly News* of the same date there was an article taken from the same paper one hundred years ago, when it reported that a swarm of bees had taken possession of the letter box at the post office in Hamstead Marshall, in consequence of which "the outgoing mails were delayed. Postman Goddard endeavoured to obtain the letters but the bees refused to budge, and the box was not cleared until the next day. There were only a few letters inside, those desirous of posting being afraid to approach near enough to drop their missives inside!"

One of the organisers of the 3Bs Motorcycle Club's eleventh Only Fools and Bikers Custom and Classic Bike Show, mentioned in another copy of the *Newbury Weekly News*, was a Chris Goddard.

Newbury Business News of 7 July carried an article on BCMS Tradeplan Ltd, a private company established in 1989 at the Kingsclere Business Park specialising in business mergers and acquisitions. The General Manager is Rob Goddard.

And the *Newbury Weekly News* of 1 September has an article about the prospects of Thatcham football team, whose assistant manager is John Goddard.

And Jennifer Walker has kindly sent in a batch:

At end of year school parties two Goddards have featured in the *Wiltshire Gazette & Herald*, Sean as provider of the Pewsey Junior School disco, and Paul as a Year 11 pupil at Wootton Bassett School. And several others have been recorded in the *Swindon Advertiser* of 1 October with their GCSE results: Paul Goddard at Wootton Bassett School. Tina Goddard at Hreod Parkway School, and Rebekka Goddard at Commonweal School.

And another two have featured in the *Standard*. That of 2 June sadly recorded the death in Salisbury Hospital of a Marjorie Iris Goddard aged 86. And on 11 August ten year old Harry Goddard was pictured at Kemble Steam and Vintage Extravaganza near Cirencester sitting on his grandfather's 1914 Garrett Showman steam engine.

The *Daily Mirror* of 10 March mentioned a Mark Goddard, aged 21, as a trooper in the Household Cavalry; and the *Sunday Express* of 19 June referred to a Fay Goddard as deputy director general of the Association of Independent Financial Advisers.

OBITUARY

The Association is particularly sad to record the death on 29 August, aged 81, of Stewart Geddes, who was our Australian co-ordinator from 1991-99 and a keen promoter of the Association. He was awarded the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial for 1998 in recognition of his services. He is survived by his wife, June, and their three children, Pam, Ann and Ian and their families and we offer them all our deepest sympathy.

NEW MEMBER

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

Mr David H. Goddard, 6 Staplehurst Avenue, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 1SH.

QUEENSLAND WRECK

I am grateful to Ian of England and New Zealand for alerting me to an Australian Goddard wreck. He writes: "During a visit to Brisbane last month I came across a fascinating little book listing the various shipwrecks on the Queensland coast since Captain Cook first came a cropper on the Barrier Reef. Many, particularly the more recent ones, were well documented but most of the earlier ones had scant information. Amongst the latter I found a small entry: 'On 14th July 1864, the brigantine *Warren Goddard* of 203 tons was wrecked on Moreton Island off the coast of Queensland.' Owing to lack of time I was not able to go and check if there was any further information available in the Brisbane Records Office."

USEFUL ADDRESSES

Association web page: www.goddard-association.co.uk
Australian Co-ordinator: Ian Goddard, P.O. Box 618, Balcatta, Western Australia 6914. Tel: (08) 9245 4510
Email: franian@tpg.com.au Fax: (08) 9245 4540
Canadian Co-ordinator: Peter E. Goddard, 716 Hillsdale Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M4S 1V3. Tel: (416) 481 7132
Email: pgoddard@interlog.com
Membership Secretary: John Goddard, 2 Lowergate Road, Huncoat, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 6LN. Tel: 01254-235135
Email: johnc.goddard@virgin.net
New Zealand Co-ordinator: Julie Goddard, 2/36 Young Street, Christchurch, New Zealand. Tel: 03-9815175
President & Newsletter Ed.: Richard G.H. Goddard, Sinton Meadow, Stocks Lane, Leigh Sinton, Malvern, WR13 5DY. Tel: 01886-832404
Email: rghg@malcol.org Fax: 01684-581617
Research Co-ordinators: Brian & Julie Goddard, 11 Chandos Road, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 7EP. Tel: 01635-32851
Email: bpgoddard@freeuk.com
Secretary: Mrs Eileen Goddard, 2 Lowergate Road, Huncoat, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 6LN. Tel: 01254-235135
Email: johnc.goddard@virgin.net
Treasurer: John W. Goddard, 7 Radbrook Road, Radbrook, Shrewsbury, SY3 9BB. Tel: 01743-357866
Email: Goddard@augmail.com
USA Co-ordinator: Mrs Alice Godard Allen, 172 Oldefield Farms, Endfield, Connecticut 06082, USA. Tel: 860-749-7878
Email: allengodard@sbcglobal.net