

The Goddard Association of Europe

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GEOFFREY GODDARD

Internationally Renowned Motor Racing Photographer

Newsletters 19 and 57 both featured brief articles on motor racing photographer Geoffrey Goddard, though an appeal to members to identify his branch of the family failed to elicit any response. Sadly, the *Daily Telegraph* for 13 May announced that his death had occurred from CJD on 24 April, aged 76, and carried a lengthy tribute to which I am indebted for the following information on his interesting career.

Geoffrey was born at Heston near Hounslow on the western approaches to London on 24 July 1929. His father was a merchant seaman who subsequently became a decorator and then a travel agent. He went to school locally and had an early ambition to join the Royal Navy, but was regarded as "too thick to win a place at Dartmouth". Clearly something of a character, he and some of his school friends used to detonate live hand grenades 'borrowed' from the local LDV store by the canal under Hanwell railway bridge, or make biscuit tin bombs packed with cordite; this activity was curtailed when they inadvertently destroyed the men's lavatory in the park at Ealing.

Geoffrey's introduction to speed was on an FH Scott bicycle. He was also inspired by Earl Howe's book on Motor Racing. Combining the two, he cycled to Brighton to see the annual motor car speed trials and, for his eighteenth birthday in 1947, he took a day-trip flight to the British Empire Trophy race at Douglas, Isle of Man. One of his fellow passengers was the legendary motor racing photographer Louis



Goddard: a grumpy manner

Klemantaski, and this introduced another dimension to his growing love of motor sport. Shortly afterwards, when he went to the Luton Hoo Speed Trials, he took a borrowed Voigtlander 35mm camera with him and is said to have produced 'encouraging' results. Ideally he would have liked to have been driving racing cars rather than photographing others doing so but, although he had acquired an RAC competition licence and applied to the new Formula I BRM racing team to become one of their drivers, he had been turned down, so fell back on photography as being the next best method of getting close to the action. He did,

however, gain an apprenticeship with Frazer Nash sports cars, but this was interrupted by what he described as a "nightmarish" period of National Service.

When his father bought the travel agency at West Ealing, Geoffrey turned part of the premises into a camera shop. But he continued to visit motor racing circuits and to take pictures using a second-hand Leica camera, on one occasion being smuggled into Silverstone in a friend's Rolls-Royce. But the quality of his photographs were such as to persuade the press officer at Goodwood to provide his first track pass, and in July 1951 *Iota* magazine published his work for a fee of 25p. He had arrived! And when *Iota* shortly evolved into the monthly *Motor Racing*, he was appointed its chief photographer. For the next thirty years he built up his reputation as a celebrated photographer, his work appearing mostly in *Motor Racing*, the *Automobile Year* annual or the American monthly *Road & Track*. In 1954 he married his wife Betty and they spent their honeymoon on a trip to the Spanish Grand Prix at Barcelona.

He later worked with the journalist and author Doug Nye, who has also written an affectionate tribute to him under the title 'Irascible of Ascot' which appeared in the *Telegraph Motoring* section for 10 June, to produce two acclaimed books of his racing photography, *Track Pass* and *Ferrari in Camera*. His work was produced in countless periodicals worldwide, and Shell Oil used his pictures in its advertising. But he also pioneered an interest in historic racing photography from 1890 to 1950, saving many pictures which would otherwise have been lost for ever and building up a series of remarkable collections. His own photography is said to have

"captured uniquely the majesty of motor sport within natural scenery", and he particularly enjoyed classic settings such as the Nurburgring, Spa and especially the Sicilian Targa Florio. But he hated France. This is said to have stemmed from his experiences at the 1955 Le Mans race when the worst ever motor racing accident killed more than eighty spectators; one of the images he witnessed was a food stall still continuing to operate alongside a temporary mortuary. He would always try to avoid going there if he possibly could. His "forbidding, often grumpy manner" was said to have been notorious, and that when visited at home by French magazine editors after pictures he would wear a badge which read: "Death to the French". But when they laughed, "his carefully concealed innate warmth and generosity prevailed". Many other anecdotes have been told about him.

He was a keen golfer, and loved traditional jazz and classical music. Betty survives him after fifty-one years of marriage, but no mention was made in either article of any children.

GODDARD MAINTENANCE

The *Wanstead Woodford Guardian* of 13 April, kindly sent to me by Stephen of Buckhurst Hill, displayed an advert headed 'Goddard Maintenance'. "Peacock & Huddleston Ltd. has been supplying Heating and Plumbing materials.....for over 30 years. Building on this success we are pleased to now offer our new service. Goddard Maintenance. Covering the Greater London and Kent area." And it goes on to list the various services, adding that one of the attractions is that there is no call out charge.

SLIMMER HAMISH

Hamish Goddard, aged 42 of Bauntons Orchard, Milborne Port near Sherborne, hopes to raise £5,000 for the Q Trust Appeal, a charity founded in memory of late travel writer Quentin Crewe which raises money for sufferers of muscular dystrophy, when he takes part in the Ironman UK Triathlon at Sherborne Castle on 20 August. Hamish, whose father Canon Paul Goddard was vicar of Sherborne from 1968 to 1987, was an overweight spectator last year and suffering health problems, so decided to do something about it. A business development manager for events management firm Trailblazers, he has already shed over three stone. He is not too worried about the long swim and 112 mile bicycle ride, but is apprehensive about the marathon run. Starting at 6.00am, he hopes to finish in daylight by 8.30pm. Should you wish to sponsor him you can phone him on 07974 241882. Member Anne Hockaday kindly sent me these details from the *Yeovil Times* of 28 June.

ANOTHER GODDARD BUSINESS

Julie of Newbury has kindly given me a cutting from a recent Newbury paper which contained an advertisement for distributing 'fine quality teak garden furniture'. The company in question is Goddards of 16 Four Acres, Cirencester, GL7 6DA. Any connection to any Association member?

THE PLAYTEX MOONWALK

The Playtex Moonwalk was, I have to confess, not something which I had previously come across – until I read a *Daily Telegraph* special supplement for 25 May. It is a marathon walk through the streets of London in the dead of night, this year undertaken by 14,000 women and 1,000 men all of whom wear bras! They come from all over the country and their aim is to raise money for breast cancer research. Started ten years ago when thirteen women so attired walked in the New York Marathon, the idea has now spread all over the world and some £20m has been raised. Interesting as the article was, even more surprising was the fact that the supplement published fifteen closely typed pages of the names and places of origin of all the participants. Not surprisingly Goddards were well represented, by the following eleven: Anita of Huntingdon, Anne of Staines, Eileen of Alton, Elizabeth of Broxbourne, Karen of Spalding, Lara of Swindon, Linda of Milton Keynes, Lindsay of Caterham, Rebecca of Caterham, Sarah of Horsham and Sue of Ipswich. Well done ladies! This year's event was expected to raise some £6m.

ROBERT GODDARD

Just before the last Newsletter went to print I saw an advertisement for the next novel by Association member Robert Goddard called *Never Go Back*. But at that stage I had not got a copy and so could tell you no more. Not only have I now bought one, but I have read it – in the usual three days or less that it takes me, as I tend to find his stories so gripping that I cannot put them down. *Never Go Back* is a sequel to *Out of the Sun*, which was in its turn a sequel to *Into the Blue* with Harry Barnett featuring as the main character again. The theme is a National Service reunion fifty years on that goes horribly wrong, because.....well, I'll let you find out for yourselves! Coincidentally, just as I was finishing it I received an e-mail from Dr Jim Goddard of the American Association who tells me that Robert's books are now being better advertised in the USA than was the case ten years ago. I wrote to Robert to congratulate him on his latest success and he kindly replied, indicating that he had recently found a publisher in America, so hopefully his sales will increase.

ORAL CANCER

May's edition of *Reader's Digest* carried an article on how important it is to have regular dental check-ups. Amongst other case studies it mentions that of 37-year-old business analyst Mark Goddard from St Albans who, in November 2004, had begun to experience a very sore mouth. Referral by his dentist to the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton led to a biopsy which indicated oral cancer. After a difficult operation he has made a full recovery, but it has taken eighteen months and left him grateful that he went to the dentist when he did – leaving it any later might have allowed the cancer to spread and proved fatal.

THE GODDARD SCHOOL

I am grateful to Julie of Christchurch, New Zealand, for these two photographs, supplied in turn



by her American friend Don. The school in question is at Bel Air, which is some twenty miles west of



Havre de Grace in Maryland, USA. The nearest major city is Baltimore to the south west.

GOLFING GODDARD

As indicated in the last Newsletter, eighteen year old Luke Goddard of Hendon has been selected for a four man England team going to Japan to play in the World Boys Team Championship. This will take place on 20-23 June at the Chukyo Club in Toyota. Luke is the winner of the Darwin Trophy at Rye, the McEvoy Trophy at Copt Heath and the Faldo Series qualifying at Woburn this year.

US KIDS

Us Kids, subtitled *Growing Up in Teddington 1944-1960*, is a light-hearted, affectionate and highly amusing privately published account of just what its subtitle says. It comes across as an accurate and evocative memorandum of the period and its author, Peter West who is a member of our Association, is to be congratulated on achieving such an endearingly faithful portrayal of the social history of the period. But what is of particular interest for this Association is the fact that one of the author's forebears was a Goddard, and he acknowledges the help he has received in tracing 'his' Goddards from our former research co-ordinators, Julie and Brian of Newbury.

Pete had always had an affinity for the Kingston area, but it was not until relatively recently that he discovered that some of his ancestors on his maternal great grandmother's side had lived and worked there for fifty years or more, having migrated from Alton and Andover in Hampshire in the third quarter of the nineteenth century. From page 60 onwards we are introduced to a whole range of these distant relatives, many of whom were clearly great characters.

Copies of this delightful little book (204 pages and many photographs) are obtainable from the author, price £10 including packaging and posting, at 3 Strawberry Lane, Hayle, Cornwall, TR27 5HS.

PARALYSED CLIMBER

Readers of Newsletters 72 and 77 will recall Jimmy Goddard, the army officer who fell while climbing the cliffs at Rhossili in Wales in 2004. He broke his spine and is now paralysed from the chest down, and his girlfriend, Claire Stickler, was killed. I am grateful to Julie of Newbury for sending me an item from the BBC News of 16 June, which described his attempt to become the first paraplegic to 'climb' Mount Kilimanjaro unaided bar the use of a special arm-powered hand-bike and a support team of four, including his father Mike. When the article was produced he had taken eight days to reach 18,300 of the 19,335 feet and was hoping to make the final push for the summit the following day. His aim was to raise funds for the Back-up Trust, a spinal injuries charity that specialises in getting people back into outdoor pursuits after their accidents. Discharged from the army, Jimmy is currently studying for a sports science degree at Loughborough University.

STOBO CASTLE

An article in the Business section of the *Daily Telegraph* for 22 May mentioned that the liaison manager for Stobo Castle is one Fiona Goddard.

3 Does anyone claim her as a relative?

WALK ACROSS AMERICA

How about this for a Goddard with a goal? Phil Goddard, of Blackheath, south London, is currently walking 4,000 miles across America to raise at least £10,000 for cancer research in memory of his late wife.

Phil, 47, set off from Times Square in New York on June 25th and at the time of going to press he was nearing Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, having covered around 300 miles of his coast-to-coast route.

It's all in aid of the Association for International Cancer Research and inspired by the death of his wife, who went by her maiden name of Jayne Comins. She died of colon cancer in January, at the age of 49.

"I wanted to extract something positive from Jayne's death. She really wouldn't have wanted me to sit around and mope, so I reckoned I should pick myself up again and go and do something for a good cause," says Phil, whose parents are GAE members John and Shirley Goddard, of Croydon, Surrey.

Phil, a freelance translator, has entitled his venture Journey for Jayne and estimates that it will take him around eight months. Just three weeks in, he has already caused quite a stir in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, where at least ten newspapers, TV

and radio stations reported his story as he passed through.

"Complete strangers have stopped me at the side of the road to make a donation to the charity, bought me meals or even given me a room for a night after reading about me. I've been so impressed by people's kindness," he says.

By exciting coincidence, one of the newspaper reports in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, was spotted by local resident Dr Jim Goddard, an active member of both the GAE and its US equivalent, the Goddard Historical and Genealogical Society.

He immediately looked up Phil's website and dropped him an email to wish him well. "You probably passed within six miles of our home in Lititz, Pennsylvania," he wrote. "We wish you the best of luck on your arduous trek for an excellent cause. You may spot some Goddards on the way."

Phil says he'd be delighted to hear from more Goddards. You can sponsor him at www.justgiving.com/uswalk, follow his progress at www.uswalk.blogspot.com or drop him an email at philgoddard1@btinternet.com

Jacqui (Phil's sister) of Florida

CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

Long-standing Association member Francis of Brentwood has kindly written to tell me of "Goddard involvement in this year's Chelsea Flower Show". Malcolm and Elaine (his son and daughter-in-law



and also newly enrolled Association members) were part of a ten-strong team of amateurs from the Carniverous Plant Society. They had a large site to work with, including a pond and a small waterfall. They were "competing against many professional growers, and were delighted to earn a Silver medal to add to their hoard of many other Chelsea medals from the past 26 years which include four Golds." Many congratulations to them.

GODDARD VOYAGE

Association member Frank of Santiago has kindly written: "Reading the obituary of Lady Sachs in Newsletter 78 prompted me to search the family album for a cutting from the *News Chronicle and Daily Despatch* of 30 January 1959". This featured an article under the heading 'Goddard sails out into the sunshine', which indicated that the 81-year-old former Lord Chief Justice was one of 700 passengers on the luxury liner *Reina del Mar* cruising to South America. The article also went on to say: "But the happiest person aboard was a pretty girl whose name didn't appear on the passenger list. To 24-year-old Charmaine Cordingly, the liner's dark haired assistant purser, the four week's outward voyage is a trip to the altar. She leaves the ship – and her maritime career – at Valpariso to marry a 34 year old English bank accountant she met in the ship last May. They plan to settle in Santiago." Frank writes: "If their reporter had only done a little more 'investigative journalism' he might have learned that by coincidence the bank clerk Charmaine was going to marry was yours truly! In which case the headline could have read 'Goddards – present and future – sail into the sunshine'. The stated plans to settle in Santiago only finally materialised in 1983. In the meantime we spent the intervening 24 years being moved by my bank between Canada and Argentina."

NEW ZEALAND GROUND

Reading the last Newsletter as soon as he received it (as he always does), Malcolm of Brisbane's eye was caught by Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith's article which mentioned watching a match at the Basin Reserve Cricket Ground in Wellington just after the end of the Second World War. Malcolm writes: "As a child I have a number of times visited the Basin Reserve to watch events and sporting fixtures, never realising the connection that my family had with this particular piece of turf.

It was a number of years ago that.....I decided to start researching my mother's family, and this is where the link to the Basin Reserve comes in. My mother's maiden name was Bird and her great grandfather, William Bird, came out from England to New Zealand in February 1842 on the *Clifton*. Both he and his wife, Elizabeth Bland, apparently decided that life on the other side of the world was for them. They arrived in Wellington as assisted immigrants with six children and were allocated a plot of land to build a house, and they proceeded to start farming as it was the only life that William knew. That original plot of land.....was the land on which now sits the Basin Reserve Cricket Ground; the family mostly grew corn there!"

AFGHANISTAN DEATH

Captain Nichola Kathleen Sarah Goddard, serving with the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, was killed on May 17, 2006 when the light armoured vehicle she was commanding was hit by two rocket-propelled grenades in the Panjway district of Kandahar, Afghanistan. She was 26 and the first female member of the Canadian armed forces ever to be killed in a combat situation. After a funeral service in Calgary her ashes were interred with full military honours in the National Military Cemetery in Ottawa.

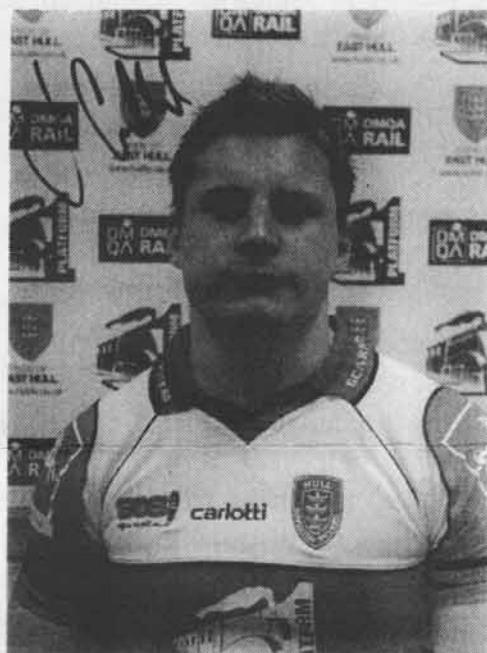
Born on May 2, 1980 in Madang, Papua New Guinea where her parents Tim and Sally were teaching at the time she was married to Jason Beam of Shilo, Manitoba. Besides her parents and two sisters who live in Calgary her far-flung family includes Goddard relatives living in North Wales, Surrey and Kent.

Nichola descended from Thomas Henry Goddard born in 1849 in Paddington, London. Although the 1851 Census suggests Thomas' father was a Joseph Goddard this is thought to be incorrect and should read Jonathan Goddard born in 1809 in Kintbury, Berkshire. (If any member has knowledge of this Jonathan's family please contact Peter in Toronto at the address shown on the back page of this Newsletter).

Peter of Toronto 5

HULL KINGSTON ROVERS

I am grateful to Margaret of Worsley for obtaining and then sending me this photograph of another Rugby League Goddard player – Jon Goddard, who



plays for Hull Kingston Rovers. Does anyone claim him as a relative?

HARTHAM PARK

Hartham Park is an estate which has been added to over the years and adapted to meet changing requirements, with rooms that retain all the elegance of the building's Georgian heritage. There have been impressive houses at Hartham for many centuries, with two families living beside one another for over three hundred years before the existing Hartham Park buildings even existed. Hartham House was home to the Duckett family, one of whom, Lionel Duckett, became Lord Mayor of London in 1572; while Hartham Park was the home of the Goddards, a family whose history is inextricably linked with North Wiltshire both as land-owners and politicians. The Goddard coat of arms can still be seen over the main gate. Anne Goddard inherited the property in the 1700s and was married to William James, whose enterprise and success in the East India Company led him to become Chairman of the Board of Directors, and also provided the funds for Anne to build the present Mansion House which was completed in 1795. Designed by the fashionable and highly sought after architect James Wyatt, the house was built on the site of a former Tudor farmstead. Sadly she did not live to enjoy the house that she had created and it was sold eventually to the Methuen family who had already acquired Hartham House but which, now surplus to requirements, was then itself sold.

THE GODDARD FAMILY AND DNA

There has been an increasing amount of information encouraging people to undergo DNA testing to find their 'first ancestor'. Unfortunately this information is somewhat misguided but DNA testing can help with several things, ie to confirm if:

- You are/are not related to another person of a similar name, ie another Goddard, who has undertaken the test, and approximately how long ago you shared a common ancestor.
- You are/are not related to another branch of the Goddards.
- Whether all the Goddards or those with similar names come from the same ancestor.

The Association is considering setting up a DNA project along similar lines to that of the American Association to help answer some of the above questions. At our next Committee meeting in October we will be discussing this together with the possibility of subsidising the cost of the test. If, as would seem sensible from cost and comparison points of view, we use the same testing company as the American Association, the initial cost is about £70 per person tested though this could be more if more detailed results are required.

Are you interested in taking part? Will it help your own family history where you have stalled? What is required of the person undertaking the test:

- You have to be male (as the test is done on the 'Y' chromosome – which women don't have)
- You have to have the name Goddard or similar
- You have to have at least three generations of a family tree so this will help the Association link up families/groups
- The test itself will require scraping some cells from the inside of your mouth with a special cotton bud and sending this off to the lab
- There may well be a substantial payment required depending on what the Association considers feasible to subsidise and the quality of tests available.

At present we are gauging interest to plan our next steps. This does not commit you to take part at any stage. If at this point you are interested please contact:

Denise Goddard at 28 Wherretts-Well Lane, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 2SD, England, or denise.goddard@hotmail.co.uk

We require:

- The name, date and place of birth of the person being tested
- Where your branch of the family originated

from, with at least three generations (including yourself) eg you, your father, your grandfather with their places of birth and approximate date

- Up to how much you would be prepared to spend on a test should that be required, eg less than £50, less than £100 etc
- Your contact address, and if possible e-mail.

It will not be possible to acknowledge receipt of your interest at this stage, but as soon as we have an idea of numbers, and potential geographical areas we will then be in a position to come back to you with more details.

Denise of Solihull

MOTOR SPORT CAPTAIN

Anne Hockaday has kindly sent me a cutting from a CSM Association magazine where officers are canvassing for re-election. Allan Goddard is hoping for a third year as Captain. He writes: "I have been a CSMA member since 1964 and have competed on, and organised events for, most Motor sport disciplines. I have much enjoyed the privilege of the past two years as the Association's Captain and would welcome the opportunity to serve a third term. As an enthusiastic Motorcyclist and Classic Car owner and motor sport Competitor, I do try to involve myself in every type of CSMA motoring activity. I served many years as a CSMA Motorsport Committee member, eight of them as its Chairman. From 1988 to 2001 I was proud to be part of the Management support for CSMA's very successful International Rally Team. Currently I'm the President of the North London Centre, and I've served more than thirty years on my local CSMA Group Committee, some twenty years of that time as its Chairman. If elected for a third year as Captain, I will continue to encourage and support all members to participate and enjoy every aspect of CSMA Motoring and Motor Sport. I will also endeavour to seek out new opportunities to benefit our Association and its members in both competitive and social motoring activities." Does any member claim Allan as a relative?

GODDARD SPORTSMAN?

The *Newbury and Thatcham Chronicle* of 23rd November 2005 reported "Goddard facing FA charge. John Goddard, Thatcham Town assistant manager, looks set to be reported to the Football Association following his comments in the aftermath of last Saturday's 3-2 defeat at Hythe Town." It appears that John Goddard made clear his opinion of the referee, saying that "it was one of the worst refereeing displays I've ever seen." He was still unrepentant when the newspaper went to press!

RESEARCH CO-ORDINATORS' REPORT

This is the nineteenth consecutive year of the Research Co-ordinators Reports to be written by us. It is also to be the last one produced by the present incumbents and hopefully by the time you read this there will be a new occupant, or occupants, in the position, willing to handle any research queries that you may have. It is with some regret that Julie and I have to acknowledge that if any attempt is to be made to complete our present backlog of work, then we must stop accepting new challenges in this field. We will be happy to continue with the work that we have presently in hand, which includes the completion of converting the manuscript 'Uncle Toby's Tree' into monographs, (possibly three more to complete the North Wiltshire Goddard series, the fifth chapter of which is just published).— This, together with the work Julie and her contacts are doing on a further two, possibly three, monographs, we have calculated on past experience, will probably occupy us both fully for the next five years. This assumes all goes well and that we are spared; at seventy we should now be looking over our shoulders for the man with the scythe – if only we could turn our heads that far! We now realise it would not help anyone if we continued to accept new projects without the possibility of being able to complete them. The areas we are still researching with a view to future monographs are related to the Pewsey Vale, the Ogbourne villages and the Goddards of "The Lawns" in Swindon in Wiltshire, together with the villages in Berkshire of Bucklebury, Brimpton and Thatcham. Any help with information on Goddards of these areas would be very welcome.

In addition to the day job of answering the Goddard queries, the organisation of the monographs and the GAE computer database and its maintenance, are also now 'mothballed' until they can be handed over to the next generation.

This year's major project has been to prepare the monograph for the fifth chapter of the 'Goddards of North Wilts' which is published for sale just in time for this year's AGM. This is the story of William Goddard from the Aldbourne branch who became a tradesman in London before emigrating with his young family to America in the 1660s. The story of this emigration is the result of over twenty-five years of research by Malcolm M. Goddard of Brisbane and has been condensed from his detailed history of some three hundred pages of stories, anecdotes and photographs. The full history is on Malcolm's website, <http://www.bee.qut.edu.au/people/goddard/> for those interested in an American, New Zealand or

Australian connection.

Additionally, the updated version of the CD of the Goddard publications is also now available with the full compliment of monographs; the collection by Rainald Goddard of Goddard wills, and several miscellaneous articles. The only changes from the previous edition are the addition of the North Wilts Chapter 5 monograph, and a short article about one of the famous Leicester Goddard families.

Over the past year some seventy letters have been written in answer to Goddard queries received by us. Most requests come to us via e-mail and the vast majority of answers go out the same way and we have not added these up, but there have been several in a week – not always answers, sometimes comments and additional family information. Of the queries sent directly to us, a significant number are from non-members and most can be answered quickly with no further contact, but one or two correspondents with more complicated requests have later been persuaded to become GAE members.

Julie & Brian of Newbury

NEW RESEARCH CO-ORDINATOR

Following the retirement at the AGM of Julie and Brian of Newbury as Research Co-ordinators, Peter of Toronto has kindly agreed to take on the role and his contact details can be found on the back page of this Newsletter. His aim is to build up a team of supporters, each one looking after a particular branch – or even twig – of the family tree, so if you feel you are able to assist please contact him; all offers of help will be very gratefully received.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Mr Mike Bolton, 117 Monks Dale, Yeovil, Somerset, BA21 3JE
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Mr Malcolm & Mrs Elaine Goddard, 66 Pine Crescent, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, CM13 1JB
Mr Matthew Goddard, Priest's House, Park Lane, West Grimstead, RH13 8LT

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:

Michael Bolton is descended from John Goddard who married in the Isles of Scilly in 1808 where his descendants lived until the First World War.

Matthew Goddard is descended from Henry Goddard, fisherman of Lowestoft, born about 1838, son of another Henry. He married Jane Hall at Lowestoft in 1860 and died at sea in about 1863 leaving two children, Henry Edgar born 1861 and Alwin John 1863.

AGM

The twentieth AGM was held on a very soggy day at Holland House, in the village of Crophorne, between Evesham and Pershore on Sunday 21 May.



The attendance – only twenty this year – was as dismal as the weather; a pity, since we were very well looked after by the management in most beautiful and peaceful surroundings. The Executive Committee met in the morning as usual, but there is nothing to report that did not come up in the AGM.

After a welcome by the President, a number of apologies were received. The Minutes of last year's meeting were approved and signed, but there were no matters arising that did not occur later. Treasurer John gave his report, which showed a satisfactory balance for the year so that members will be pleased to know I can confirm there will be no increase in dues for the immediate future! Should any member wish to see a copy of the annual accounts, please send a stamped addressed envelope to Treasurer John whose address is on this page.

There followed the Research Co-ordinator's Report, which can be found on page 7. This was a sad occasion in that it was the last report to be produced by that hard-working and highly successful husband and wife team of Julie and Brian of Newbury. To acclaim, the President thanked them for all their efforts on behalf of the Association almost since its inception. Details of their replacement can also be found on page 7.

Next came the Election of Officers, Richard of Malvern as President, Eileen of Accrington as Secretary, and John of Shrewsbury as Treasurer for another year. This time there needed to be three elections to the Executive Committee. Margaret McAlpin was re-elected for a further three year term, but Leslie of Stirchley had decided to retire; Joan Dibble was elected for a three year term in his stead. And Stephen of Buckhurst Hill was elected (subject

to his agreement which has since been forthcoming) to complete the one year remaining of Brian of Newbury's term.

The main topic of discussion under any other business had been raised by Denise of Solihull earlier in the day in the Executive Committee. This concerned the DNA testing project undertaken by the American Association a year or two ago, the idea being to establish how closely various branches of the family were (or were not) related to each other. A comparatively costly exercise, it was decided that Denise should write a brief explanatory article for this Newsletter (see page 6) before we proceeded to ask for volunteers – although five of the eight males present volunteered straight away! It was thought that, ideally, two members from each branch would constitute a sufficiently robust sample.

For once the place of the next AGM was not in doubt, as Stephen of Buckhurst Hill had already volunteered the Calleva Arms at Silchester just north of Basingstoke, formerly the Crown and run by his Silchester forebears. However, the pub cannot have us on a Sunday, so Saturday 19 May 2007 it will be.

Following the meeting, Leslie of Stirchley spoke amusingly about some of his ancestors who had actually come from Crophorne as well as other parts of the area. The raffle was then drawn – and may I offer a warm vote of thanks to all those who donated prizes. Finally one of our Patrons, Peter of Cobham, thanked the Executive Committee for its work in the furtherance of the Association over the past year.

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