



## The Goddard Association of Europe

### NEWSLETTER

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## DNA PROJECT

### Dr Denise Syndercombe-Court

Following on from our American cousins, whose project has been on the stocks for three or four years now, the Goddard Association of Europe took the decision earlier this year to follow suit and also launch into a 'family' project based on DNA. The aim of this venture is to try to determine how closely related — or not related at all, as the case may be — the various known branches of the wider Goddard family are. This will include relationships of American Goddards and Goddards of other continents to those in England as well as between the various English branches; information with our American cousins will definitely be shared.

You will recall that the last Newsletter carried an article indicating the sort of cost that might be involved, and that the Executive Committee would make a decision at its half yearly meeting in October as to whether the Association would be prepared to subsidise the individual tests so as to ensure the widest possible take-up of this exciting project.

There was considerable interest expressed to Denise of Solihull, the author of the article, some members wanting to get tested right away! But one response eclipsed all others. This came from Dr Denise Syndercombe-Court of Barts and the London, Queen Mary's School of Medicine and Dentistry. Not only is she quite a long-standing member of the Association, but she is a specialist in DNA at the Centre for Haematology at the Institute of Cell and Molecular Sciences. She immediately offered her services to the Association, suggesting she could run a research project which

would involve little or no cost to members. Almost too good to be true!

The Committee, therefore, did not have too difficult a task in agreeing to go ahead! It is to be hoped that the main bulk of the testing will take place at the next AGM, which will be held at the Calvea Arms, Silchester, near Basingstoke, on Saturday 19 May 2007 (not Sunday 20 May as originally envisaged as the pub cannot take us that day). Those male Goddards — remember that DNA testing can only be done on a direct male line — that turn up to the AGM will be tested free of charge, as Denise Syndercombe-Court has agreed to appear in person, both to outline the project and to take the necessary swabs.

But do not despair if you cannot get to the AGM. You can still be tested but, as the swabs must be taken professionally, you may have to pay your doctor to do so and you will have to bear the cost of sending the samples back to Denise

by special courier. However, none of this will compare to the original price envisaged, probably costing a few £.'s instead of the £.100+ that is the charge of private testers. There is one other necessary requirement — a legal one — and that is for each person wishing to be tested to sign a consent form before the test can take place. I am assured by Denise that, although the results of this research project be made public in some learned journal in the normal course of medical research, it will be impossible to identify individuals. As far as the Association is concerned, of course, the whole object of the exercise is to be able to show which groups of Goddards are more closely related to each other, so that anonymity there would be self-defeating.

So, those males interested in becoming a part of this project have two options: either to turn up at Silchester next May and be tested for the cost of your Journey there and back (full details of the day will as usual be given in a Newsletter nearer the time); or to indicate your wish to take part to the other Denise — Denise Goddard of Solihull — so that she can pass on your details to the research leader who will arrange 'postal' testing so to speak. May I remind you that Denise's postal address is 28 Wherretts-Well lane, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 2SD or, should you prefer, her e-mail one is: [denise.goddard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:denise.goddard@hotmail.co.uk) Oh, and one other thing; if lady members are disappointed, do not despair. If you can produce a Goddard brother or uncle, they can still be tested even if they are not members of the Association — although we would naturally very much like to welcome them as such. Watch this space for further information.

## Dr CHARLES KEITH GODDARD

The Association is very sorry to record the death of Association member Dr Charles Keith Goddard, B.Sc. (Hons.) (Ellin.), Ph.D. St Andrew's University, late of Caringbah, Sydney; New South Wales, Australia. He died on 6 June aged 84. He was the husband of Liliias, nee Alexander; father of Lynn, Scott and Mark, and father-in-law of Geoff; proud grandfather of Erin and Adam. He was son of the late Aubrey and Winifred Goddard, brother of Denis, Gray (deceased), Joyce (deceased), Jean, Yvonne, Arthur (deceased) and Audrey.

Dr Goddard was born in Barbados on 10 February 1922 and raised at Swans Plantation, St Andrew; Society Plantation, St John; and Dukes Plantation, St Thomas, which his father managed. He attended Combermere School and worked in Trinidad. In 1943 he joined the RAF in Canada where he did his pilot training. He served in the UK in 1944 and 1945 where he recorded 500 flying hours. Taking his discharge, he attended McGill University, Quebec, Canada, later transferring to the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

In 1953 he married Liliias Alexander at Cellardyke Church in Fife, Scotland. In 1957 he completed his studies at St Andrew's University, attaining his Ph.D. in Zoology. In the same year he accepted an appointment at the University of New South Wales, Australia, as a senior lecturer in the School of Zoology and remained there for the rest of his teaching life. He was in charge of the University Field Station at Smith's Lake, one of the Myaff Lakes, near Forester on the mid-north coast of New South Wales. He was responsible for the operation of the field station..

Dr Goddard was a world leader in sea squirts. He also did academic studies at the University of Washington (Seattle) where he researched the octopus. He retired from the University of New South Wales in 198?, but continued to be active in academia- He read in many fields including astronomy, geology and genealogy.

The Association offers its deepest sympathy to his family.

*Richard of Barbados*

*Ed.* In sending me this obituary, Richard of Barbados writes that he and Keith had worked on their extensive family tree from 1990 until his recent death. They shared a common Barbadian ancestry, originating from Staple Fitzpaine in Somerset, until the period when two Goddard brothers married two Tally sisters in 1834 and 1836 respectively, after which their lines diverged. Richard was in Australia at the time of Keith's death and attended his memorial service there.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Member **Anne Offor** who is trying to write a book about a member of her husband's family called Beatrice Offor, who was an artist. There are 40 of her paintings in the Bruce Castle Museum, and many illustrations in the Windsor Magazine and the London Illustrated News. Anne thinks she will have to return to the UK (she now lives in Australia) sometime to research the Slade School of Art, the Esoteric Order of the Golden Dawn, the Horniman Museum and the history of Lewisham. But she wonders if there are any members who could help with any of these subjects, including a knowledge of the art world during the period 1882 to 1920 when Beatrice died. Anne writes: "I know this lady is not a Goddard, but a Goddard is attempting to tell the story!" Her e-mail address is [anneoffor@hotmail.com](mailto:anneoffor@hotmail.com)

Membership Secretary **John of Accrington** (contact details on back page) to find out further information about the family of Samuel Goddard, who was born in Ilkeston in 1825 and moved to Goodrick Street, Aston in Birmingham in c.1854 where he lived for many years while working on the railway. He had twelve children: Emma, Sam, James, William, Isaac, Louis, John, Elizabeth, Edward, Rebecca, Albert and Martha- Albert married Elizabeth M. Smith in 1895 and was working as an analytical chemist in 1901.

**Rosemary (Utber) Bowen** who is currently researching the Utber family through its roots in the UK to Australia- Her great grandfather was Arthur Goddard Utber, as was her father. The Utber family had their roots firmly embedded in Norfolk and then, closer to their emigration to Australia, in London. She has recently noted a family of Goddards from Clench-tvarton in Norfolk where Utber is a given name. That had her looking at Goddard sites and she noted that Dr Jonathan Goddard was mentioned as having been at a supper for Samuel Pepys after his election to the Royal Society. A seafaring member of the Utber family (Captain Richard) is mentioned in the Pepys diaries in an entry on 24 June 1663. Her interest is how the names became linked, so if you can shed any light on this please get in touch with her, e-mail address: [bowennr@iinet.net.au](mailto:bowennr@iinet.net.au)

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## DINING HALL BAN

The *Daily Telegraph* for 14 October carried an article about a ten-year-old pupil of Lunsford Primary School at Larkfield in Kent, whose headmaster made him eat his packed lunch in the latter's office because, under the new healthy eating policy introduced at the school, it contained more than it should have done. The headmaster is Malcolm Goddard.

## WALK ACROSS AMERICA UPDATE

Phil Goddard of London, who is walking up to 4,000 miles across America in aid of cancer research, has reached two exciting milestones: he is now well past the first 1,000-mile mark and he's already broken his fundraising target! Since we brought you news of Phil in the last Newsletter, he has walked through eight US states, covering a distance of nearly 1,200 miles to reach Memphis, Tennessee. At the time of going to press, he had taken a detour to New Orleans, Louisiana, to do some voluntary work with a local charity rebuilding homes wrecked by hurricane Katrina, after which he will head back to Memphis to resume walking where he left off.

Phil, 47, began his solo foot-slog in New York began foot-slog in June, five months after losing his wife Jayne, 49, to colon cancer. He initially aimed to raise £10,000 for the Association for International Cancer Research, but burst through that target just seven weeks into his walk and is now nearing £12,000, thanks to hundreds of sponsors including a number of Goddards.

He has had several unusual encounters along the way, including finding himself sharing his bedroom with a pet deer called Leroy while staying at a couple's home in Beaver Dam, Kentucky, and nearly ending up as a murder suspect while minding his own business in the suburbs of Memphis! "A policeman drove up alongside me and said in a rather accusing tone that they'd received a report of a woman lying at the side of the road and a man walking away." Phil explained. "Then it dawned on me what had happened. Earlier that day, I'd given an interview to a television reporter who at one point ended up in a prone position, hunched on the ground over her camera, so she could film my feet pounding the pavement. If you'd been severely shortsighted, cerebrally challenged and desperate for excitement in a little country town on a grey Sunday afternoon, you could just about have mistaken her for a woman in her final death throes!" He has also managed to convert a number of Americans to the British delights of chocolate Hob-Nob biscuits and mushy peas (eaten separately, of course!).

With winter setting in Phil faces trickier weather conditions and, as he heads further

west, he will be crossing more remote territory so accommodation will be harder to find. "I've reached the Mississippi and from here the dots on the map start to spread out, so I'll have to *get* used to more nights under the stars," he said.

If you would like to follow Phil's progress along his New York to Los Angeles route, you can visit his weblog at [www.nytoLA.org](http://www.nytoLA.org) Donations may also be made at [www.justcivin.com/uswalk](http://www.justcivin.com/uswalk) or sent to AICR, Madras House, St Andrews, Fife, Scotland, KY16 9EH. "Having the support of so many people - including various Goddards, some of whom I don't even know - has been tremendously encouraging and I'm really grateful," he said.

*Jacqui (Phil's sister) of Florida*

### NEW MEMBERS

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

Ms Jane Collins, 32 Dower Street, Southampton, SO14 6GF

Mr J.E. Flurry, Sennen, Westwood Row, Tilchurst Reading, Berkshire RG31 6LC

Mr Ray W. Goddard, 20 The Fold, Kings Norton, Birmingham, B38 9BL

Mr Roger Goddard, 16 Putham Avenue, Broxbourne, Hertfordshire, EN10 7TB

Mrs Jacqui Luscombe, 534 N.W. 105 Drive, Coral Springs, Florida 33071, USA

Mrs Rosemary J Mosely, 40 Charlton Rise, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 1ND

Mr Chris Smith, 125 Westcroft Close, Cricklewood, London, NW2 2TB

### 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:

**Jane Collins** is descended from Selina Goddard, thought to have been born in Guernsey in 1817 daughter of Samuel a quartermaster, who married James Collins in 1849 in Chelsea, emigrated to New Zealand in 1851 and settled in Christchurch.

**Mr Flurry's** mother was from Derbyshire branch.

**Ray W. Goddard's** father was Charles James, born possibly in Wiltshire about 1918 and died in Oxford in 1974, and may have had connections in Kidlington in Oxfordshire.

**Roger Goddard** is the son of Ken of Shermanbun and the great great grandson of *Henry* the baker of Greenwich (mentioned in Newsletter 78).

**Rosemary Moseley's** great grandfather was William G. Goddard, born in Brighton in 1852, son of George also born in Brighton in 1815. William worked on the railways in Hereford and Shropshire and died in Church Stretton in 1899.

**Chris Smith** is descended from Frank Elliott Goddard, a farmer in Northern Rhodesia who died in 1941. His father was Francis Goddard born in Salisbury in 1840 and farmed at Parley Court, Christchurch. Two of Frank's brothers also went to Rhodesia, but other siblings remained in the UK.

## SEARCHING FOR A SCILLY GODDARD

The first Goddard to live on the Isles of Scilly was in-%- ancestor, John, who arrived there during the Napoleonic Wars of 1795-1815. There are no Goddards in the Scillies parish records before this time. Several questions arose; how had he got there, why had he gone there and where did he originate? The 'how' was simple. He must have arrived by boat, there being no other way of getting from the mainland across the 28 miles of sea that separates the tip of Cornwall from the islands. The other questions were more difficult and it has taken me about six years to find the answers.

A friend who had been brought up in the Scillies told me that there were still several Goddards living on St Martins. Several phone calls soon established contact and prompted my first visit to these wonderful islands in 1999. My wife and I stayed on St Marys but visited the 'of-islands', including St Martins. Where we met a distant cousin, Kenny Goddard and his wife Lin, who live in a house called "Plains" at the top of the island. Kenny told me what he knew of his ancestors and I was able to copy several photographs going back to the late 19th century. There are other Goddards and their descendents on the island but, despite a second visit in 2001, I have still not met them. I revisited 'Plains' which is the house in which my Goddard link originated as my grandmother on my father's side, Mary Grace Goddard, "as born there in 1882, the second and only girl of four children. Mary Grace married my grandfather Frederick Arthur Bolton in 1906 on St Martins and they lived on Tresco where he was an estate gardener at Tresco Abbey. When Frederick joined up in 1915 during WWI she moved with her children to the mainland as it was considered that the Scillies were a target for German invasion.

I had discovered in Truro that a lot of soldiers married while stationed on Scilly. In fact, soldiers and mariners were marrying into Scillonian families from the 18th century onwards. Most of the men were listed as being from St Marys and married girls from that island and the off-islands. This probably did a lot to improve the blood-line! A writer of the time noted that there was little refinement in the people of St Martins, inferring that inter-breeding had made them "rough".

Soldiers were garrisoned in the Star Castle on St Marys at the time of the Napoleonic Wars. Some of them were veterans and others men who had been invalided out of active service but were still fit enough to man the fort. One of the companies was known as the Company of Invalids. Other men manned the Old Signal Station, built in 1804, on St Martins, the

remains of which can be seen near the Day Mark at Chapel Bow. The curator of the museum on St Marys confirmed that a large number of soldiers and marines were semi-retired to the islands, including some wounded on Nelson's Victory, and also stated that a John Goddard was buried on the islands in 1839.

My first surmise was that my John had been such a soldier or sailor and had stayed on the islands after being demobbed at his last posting. Indeed, my John Goddard married Honour Nance on St Marys in 1808 and a number of children were born in the ensuing years. Both John and Honour were resident on the main island at the time. This was the first confirmed mention of him. A researcher at Kew found two John Goddards who were in the army around 1790-1810 but we suspected that neither of them went to Scilly. In 2005 came the breakthrough when I found a John Goddard listed as a Private, Royal Marines on a Battle of Trafalgar Roll. He had been serving on HMS Temeraire under Capt. Ellab Harvey and was listed as being from Membury, Devon.

The records of the Temeraire and Capt. Harvey were investigated without further progress until I visited the National Maritime Museum in Falmouth in January 2006. By chance I went into the library and mentioned my quest at the desk. My story was overheard by Tony Pawlyn, the Head Librarian, who offered to look up the "Axshford Complete Trafalgar Roll" in his possession and email his findings. These were waiting for me on my return to Yeovil. From them it was apparent that John was not at Trafalgar, having been sent to hospital in Plymouth in September 1804 with an ulcer and discharged in January 1805 to headquarters. As a Marine he would probably have been discharged to the Marine HQ in Plymouth rather than the Admiral's Flag Ship, which was the holding ship for reserves.

Other details gave his birthplace as Memberry, Devon, his age as 28 in 1805 and his enlistment at Lyme Regis on 19 Dec. 1800, prior to which he was a labourer. He had joined the Temeraire in Feb. 1804 and was on the ship's muster on 21 Oct. 1805 but not on board, and was discharged from the service in March 1822 having served above 21 years. Personal description showed him to be 5'5" tall, fresh complexioned with brown hair and grey eyes.

Tony gave me references to Admiralty records in the National Archives at Kew and also suggested there was a strong possibility, knowing about his marriage in St Marys, that John had been reallocated from HQ to one of two naval vessels stationed in the Scillies. He quoted the Royal Cornwall Gazette of August 10th 1805 which reported. "*Arrived the*

*Pandora, a large ship of 1000 tons as a lazaretto for the quarantine establishment, to be moored in St Helens Pool. Also Hornet, sloop of war, for the medical staff and as a guard ship ".*

In 1786 an Act of Parliament had required that all ships coming to Britain appearing to have plague on board were to be quarantined in the harbour at New Grimsby in the Scillies. The inhabitants successfully petitioned for St Helens Pool to be used instead, as it was surrounded by uninhabited islands. The 'Pandora' was a hospital ship for infected persons and the 'Hornet' there to ensure compliance with the Act.

With grateful thanks to Tony I went to Kew at the first opportunity to follow up the references he had given me. The very helpful staff pointed me in the right direction and I checked the Muster Rolls and Captain's Logs. HMS Hornet was a 16 gun sloop, a small warship of 423 tons, and had sailed from Plymouth in July 1805, arriving in early August and mooring in St Helens Pool on the 13th. The log reveals a boring existence; picking oakum, washing decks, mending clothes, sailing the launches and revictualling. The highlight appeared to be broaching 21 gallon brandy flasks, almost weekly.

I located John Goddard aboard the 'Hornet'. He was a Marine corporal, 3<sup>rd</sup> class, and had joined the ship from HQ in Plymouth in September 1st. Also on board, among several other Scillonians, were bosun's mate Thomas Nance, aged 20, from Scilly and another Thomas Nance, aged about 43. Nance was John's wife's surname. After his marriage to Honor he started to allot £5/12/6d from his pay and also to pay 15/3d into the 'chest' and 7/- to the Hospital. This left him with "neat wages" of £13/12/1d. The Trafalgar Roll says he was discharged in March 1822. As he was discharged after 21 years service I would guess that he was pensioned off.

Back in 2001 I had spoken to Roland Goddard living near Truro, who had told me that his Uncle Jack, brother of Mary Grace, my grandmother, had once told him that John had originally come from Membury on the Somerset/Devon border, (later confirmed by the Trafalgar Roll). I visited Membury and searched the cemetery- without finding a single trace of any Goddard. Apparently, in the dim and distant past, a herd of cows had trampled the churchyard flat! A book "Around and about Membury" mentioned various Goddards there and spoke of a 'Goddards Cottage'. Mr Arkle, a potter in the village, told me that the cottage was in Furiey, about three quarters of a mile out of the village. I met the occupier who had only been there three months but let me take photographs, look inside the house and even provided a cup of tea. It had

formerly been at least two cottages but is presently a single, delightfully picturesque, dwelling. The name had changed several times in the last century to, among others, Primrose Cottage, but the owner was keen to rename it as "Goddards". About this time I made contact with Jim Goddard of Honiton, the Association member who researches West Country Goddards. He had no record of the Scilly connection but had some information about Membury. By this time I was pretty sure that my John was the one born in Membury in 1776 and baptised the following year, but I still had no proof. His age given as 28 in 1805 seems to confirm this.

This is where I am at the moment. The 'how, why, when and where' have been established, but puzzles continue. Why did John enlist at Lyme Regis? Was it the better pay, the glamour of Nelson's navy and uniform, was he press-ganged, or caught smuggling and given the choice of goal or the navy? HMS Hornet sailed back to Plymouth in April 1811 and was paid off, the marines being discharged to HQ, presumable Devonport. What happened to John between then and his discharge in 1821? He was certainly active in Scilly to 1811 for his wife gave birth to two daughters and a son! As far as I can ascertain, his next son wasn't born until the early 1820s, which seems to indicate that he wasn't at home much. I have been totally unable to find his service record or discover what happened around this time. Any help would be gratefully appreciated. As a postscript to my search I will merely add that John nas the progenitor of the generations that ensued on St Martins and I have most of these listed on a database.

Mike Bolton

## SCILLY GODDARD DEATH

Bv sad coincidence a day or two after receiving the adjacent article, member Pete West sent me a cutting from *The Cornishman* of 24 August headed "A Kind and Gentle Islander" and announcing Kenny Goddard's death in St Mary's Hospital on 29 July.

Kenneth Vivian Osborne Goddard was born on 3 October 1932 at North Farm, St Martin's, the home of his maternal grandparents, and lived at Hilldrop, Lower Town, with his parents Claude and Elsie, attending the island's school and later Truro. Starting as a farmer, he later turned his attention to the tourist trade, letting Plains, where his father's parents had once lived with two aunts. He was an active man, involved with many facets of island life. In April 1986 he married Linda (Lin) King from Exeter, and they lived at Hilldrop where they created the fruit and vegetable business 'Lindy's Locker'. Due to failing health he had retired eight years ago.

## CRICKETER

Following retirement, I have recently begun watching first class cricket again, supporting Worcestershire on their beautiful ground dominated by the Cathedral. Late season visitors were Derbyshire and who should be keeping wicket for them but Lee J. Goddard. He kept wicket well in the match, but Worcestershire dominated the bowling and he only scored seven. I had not spotted him playing before and wondered whether he had any connection to the High Peak Derbyshire Goddards?

A week later, however, there was an article about him in the Daily Telegraph entitled 'Goddard's Parting Gift'. It described the "gritty maiden half century from Derbyshire's reserve wicketkeeper" and his part in the "record seventh-wicket partnership against Surrey of 149", but went on to say that he might not play for Derbyshire again as "the 23-year old Yorkshireman already knows his efforts will not secure him a contract for next season". The following day he again featured in the match account as he narrowly missed his maiden century, being caught on 91, and increased the record partnership to 181. We will have to wait and see which county if any, he plays for next.

## SPARE CERTIFICATE

Denise of Solihull has a death certificate which turns out not to be of one of her relations, so she is happy to pass it on to anyone who might claim it. It is for Ethel Maud Goddard, daughter of Charles John Goddard of 105 Grove Street, Deptford, who died on 12 August 1893 aged three. Contact Denise on tel. 0121 603 2573 if you think it is one of your family.

## NORA GODDARD 1907 - 2006

Nora Goddard, the penultimate member of the generation of Silchester Goddard's born in the last years of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup>, was buried in the Goddard plot at St Mary's Church Silchester on the 26th September 2006. Nora was the wife of Thomas, the youngest son of Arthur James and younger brother of Stephen William. Nora was in her hundredth year and sadly died in Basingstoke General Hospital following a road accident. A service was held in the Wessex Christian Foundation church in Basingstoke, which was attended by relatives from Hampshire, Essex and Leicestershire. Following the service Nora was interred in Silchester and mourners then attended a wake in the Calleva Arms. A picture of Nora, at the Calleva Arms, appears in the *Goddard Newsletter* for October 2005. During the service Nora's only son, Thomas Brian, read a poem he had written about his mum.

*Stephen of Buckhurst Hill*

## GODDARD'S BREWERY

I am grateful to my elder daughter, Diana who lives in Portsmouth, for keeping us up to date with the progress of Goddard's Brewery at Ryde on the Isle of Wight. It has featured before in these pages and is now twelve years old. Hitherto its high quality award winning beers have only been available on the island, but they are now intending to spread to the mainland, initially in extent from Poole in the west to Brighton in the east and Newbury in the north. Brewery owner, Anthony Goddard, says that their cask ale volumes have been growing at a steady and thoroughly healthy 12.75% each year in what has, generally been a static market. Because of the worry of getting their empty casks back, they are initially doing the distribution themselves. In the past decade Goddards Special Bitter has won three Bronze medals at the Great British Beer Festival in 1997, 1999 and 2001, and at the Society of Independent Brewers Regional Festivals a Gold in 1995, a Bronze in 2003, and another Gold (and Second in Show) in 2004. This is in addition to other awards won by other Goddard beers and is an impressive record.

## BBC FAMILY HISTORY UNIT

Julie of Newbury has kindly told me of a new web site under the umbrella of the BBC Family History Unit in which photographs of people, places and events are being recorded. Under Goddard there are three photos: of Sidney Goddard of Rickingham, Suffolk, who was aged 90 in the year 2000; of the family of Andrew Goddard of Bristol in 1943, showing Kath, Joan, Grace, Bert, Alice and Harry; and of Sidney George Goddard and his band, though he played under the name of Arthur Clifford.

## SLIMMER HAMISH

An article in the last Newsletter under this heading gave details of Hamish Goddard's attempt to get fit for a gruelling fund raising venture this summer. Member Anne Hockaday has kindly sent me a follow-up article from the *Yeovil Times* of 6 September recording his success. He completed the Sherburne Ironman Triathlon, a mountain stage of the Tour de France, and the Bournemouth International Triathlon and has almost reached his target of £5,000 for the Q Trust Appeal, a fund raising campaign for muscular dystrophy. Hamish said the *cycle* stage in France was the hardest, but that he was more exhausted after the Ironman; he completed the 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride and 26.2 mile run in 14 hours 25 minutes. He is now looking forward to spending more time with his wife Hal before attempting to windsurf from Weymouth to Cherbourg!

## HOWARD GODDARD-JONES MEMORIAL

Sincere apologies to Jennifer Walker of Malmesbury for failing to record her as 2006 winner of the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial for her research work and regular supply of Goddard items. She was not at the AGM, but was delighted when contacted by telephone afterwards and told the good news. She received a suitably inscribed glass paperweight. And my thanks to former recipient Julie of Christchurch, New Zealand, for spotting the omission.

## ADAM ANT AGAIN

I am grateful to Margaret of Worsley for sending me a cutting from the *Aknehester Evening News* of 14 September indicating that Adam Ant, aka Stuart Goddard, is hoping to make a comeback after his recent psychiatric problems. He is beginning to record some music again, and has also written an autobiography *Adam Ant: Stand and Deliver*.

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## PETER'S SPECIAL AWARD

I am grateful for having been sent an article by Gwen of Chapel-en-le-Frith, Albert's wife (I am sorry to learn that Albert has not been well this summer), regarding their nephew, Captain Peter Goddard who has been presented by the Vice Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, with a Long Service Award for involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Peter introduced the Scheme to the 1st Chapel Boys Brigade over ten years ago, and since then many members have gained their Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. Our congratulations to Peter.

## AMATEUR GARDENING SHOW

Member Anne Hockaday visited the Amateur Gardening Show on the Bath & West Showground in the summer and noticed a Betty Goddard of the Chippenham Flower Arranging Society had won third place for her arrangement in the section 'All Our Yesterdays'. Does anyone know of her?

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## GODDARD SWIMMER

I am grateful to Margaret of Worsley for spotting a cutting from the *Manchester Evening News* of 31 July, which reads: "James Goddard is one of only two Greater Manchester swimmers heading for Budapest this week for the European Swimming Championships. However, but for a change of heart it may have been left to Keri-Anne Payne to represent her country in Hungary. Goddard almost quit the sport after the 2004 Athens Olympics, after having a medal taken away by an appeals committee. But now, the 2002 Commonwealth 200m backstroke champion, ranked third in the world, is keen to make up for lost time." I wonder how he did.

## ORGANIC DELIGHTS

I am grateful to Anne Hockaday for sending me an article from the *Somerset County Gazette* of 7 September, telling of a Milverton company which recently won a gold award for Box Scheme of the Year in the Soil Association Organic Food Awards. The Spring Grove Market Garden, run by Amanda Goddard, was selected for the award from entries across the country for its delicious organic box scheme. Although only on three acres of land, it produces 95% of all the contents for its boxes, growing native fruit and some unusual vegetables such as purple beans, yellow courgettes and rainbow chard. Amanda was particularly delighted to receive the award as hers is such a small business; it now means that she can use the award logo on her produce.

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## BUTTERFLY RECORDER

My wife is an avid radio listener and on 19 September she heard mention of a Doug Goddard, who is the butterfly recorder for Northamptonshire. Any claimants?

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## GOLFING GODDARD

On the day that the last Newsletter was printed, eighteen year old Luke Goddard of Hendon Golf Club received another mention in the *Daily Telegraph* on the following day as well' did not give the result of the World Boys Team Championship, played in Japan at the end of June; but, under the headline 'Good Life Beckons as Goddard Cleans up', it praised his recent successes and indicated that he has about to start his attempt to become the under-18 champion of England in the Carnis Trophy at the Sherwood Forest club in Mansfield. It went on to say that Luke "has suddenly thrust himself into the limelight with four fine wins this season. After taking the Bernard Darwin Trophy at Rye, he collected the McEvoy Trophy at Copt Heath. Next up was victory in the Sir Henry Cooper Masters after a nine-under-par 63 in the second round at Nizels in Kent. To cap it all, Goddard took the honours in the South-Fast Junior Championship at Moor Park last week with two splendid rounds of 70 and 69. To grab one title might be considered lucky; to take four suggests that here is a young golfer who knows how to win." Not that he was likely to have it all his own way as there was said to be a strong field. In fact he opened with a 71, only four shots off the lead, and was described as "in outstanding form this season and ready to pounce". Unfortunately on this occasion he didn't. But he was chosen as one of the twelve members of the England boys' squad for the home internationals at Lossiemouth in August.

**GODDARD FAMILY GET TOGETHER**

The picturesque Star Inn, outside Wantage in Berkshire, was the meeting place for descendants of Robert Goddard and Sybil Allen, who were married in Longcot, Berkshire on 30 October 1755. The young couple set up home in nearby Shellingford, where there is still a Goddard House, and had a family of twelve children, ten of whom grew to adulthood.

Of the twenty four people who sat down to a substantial Sunday lunch at The Star, most were descended from Robert and Sybil's youngest daughter, Elizabeth who married Thomas Gerring of Highworth, Wiltshire in 1797 – David, Edith, Cliff, Phil, Sue and Glennis, who organised the meeting. Christine and Dawn, who are descended from Joseph, fifth son of Robert and Sibyl and who married Ann Webb in 1789, were also there. Each person brought at least one other member of their family; and they came from all parts of southern England – Hereford, Hayling Island, Rumford, Bagshot, Wantage, Windsor, Reading and Basingstoke amongst them. Descendants of other children of Robert and Sibyl, Adam and Henry, have been traced, but were unable to attend this year.

After the meal at Sparsholt the party went on to the Great Barn at Coleshill, a National Trust property, in a village near to Shellingford and in which later generations of the family lived, to look round the property and to have tea. It was pleasing to see how friendly everyone was to each other as they exchanged family news and recent discoveries. Brian and I had been invited to attend as Goddard Association representatives. It was interesting to note that Brian was the only person there who had been born a Goddard (not this branch); even-one else was only a Goddard by virtue of Robert and Sibyl's marriage two hundred and fifty years ago.

Other Goddard branches have had meetings of cousins, however distant. Denise Goddard has organised meetings of descendants of the Robert Goddard who left Bunwell in Norfolk for London. for example. And the Goddards from Silchester have had a get together, too. Could not other branches follow suit? There are in our files the names of descendants of all ten of the children of Stephen Goddard and Jane Wilkins, who married at Easton Royal, Wiltshire in 1770. What a gathering they could have!

*Julie of Newbury*

**MEMORIAL TABLET**

Noticed in Blisland Parish Church, Cornwall, a memorial tablet to Andr6e Louise Germaine Goddard, 1885-1952. I am grateful to Mimi of Woldingham for this information. Anyone's relative?

The Association is particularly sorry to record the death on 28 May of our founder's mother, Winifred Goddard Jones, following an earlier brain haemorrhage and we offer our deepest sympathy to her husband, Dr Jack Goddard Jones. He was the author of a series of articles in earlier Newsletters on his missionary days in West Africa, and the sixth edition of 'Diverted to Africa' in Newsletter 40 records his marriage to Winifred in London on 16 September 1939, just after the Second World War had begun. They returned to Africa in early 1940 and spent the next four years there. This was where our founder, Howard, was born. Jack and Winifred have been living in retirement in Rhyl, north Wales.

**CLERGY APPOINTMENT**

The *Daily Telegraph* of 16 September announced the move of Rev. Derek Goddard from being priest in charge of Leven Valley in the Carlisle Diocese to a similar post at Palermo with Taormina in Sicily, part of the Diocese of Europe. Any claimants?

**LATE HEADMASTER**

My elder daughter spotted a Goddard obituary in *The Times* of 3 October, that of Dr George Harry Goddard, Headmaster of Derby High School 1983-2004; he was also Deputy Lieutenant of Derbyshire. He died very suddenly on 26 September aged 61. He leaves a widow, daughter and son, Madelaine, Sarah and Matthew respectively, together with Madelaine's father Arthur. A Derbyshire Goddard?

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