



**The Goddard Association  
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**NEWSLETTER**

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**TRANSPORTED FOR LIFE**

**Robert Goddard, Convict**

My nephew-in-law, Brian Dowse of Devonport, Tasmania, is researching for a book the lives of the two hundred 'passengers' on the convict ship *England*, which sailed for Tasmania in 1832. One of them was a Goddard, and I am grateful to Brian for the detailed account of his considerable misdemeanours which follows.

On 10 December 1831 nineteen year old Robert Goddard, resident in the Parish of St George the Martyr in Southwark, broke into the dwelling house of Henry Sansome at 43 Prospect Place, West Square, Lambeth (now the site of the Imperial War Museum). Once inside he helped himself to 2 gowns value 30/- (£1.50), 1 pelisse 30/-, 5 pr stockings 5/-, 1 bonnet 4/- 4 yds calico 2/-, 1 pr shoes 4/-, 3 caps 9/-, 1 hat 6/-, 1 handkerchief 2/-, 2 pillows 7/-, 2 prs trousers 30/-, 4 shirts 12/-, 2 shawls 8/-, 4 petticoats 8/-, 3 brushes 12/- and 1 glazier's diamond 38/-, a total value of £10.35, about what Robert could have earned in fifteen weeks by more regular activity. The last item, the glazier's diamond, could have been useful in later break-ins had he not been interrupted by the owner, whose servants alerted the watch and secured the offender, who was taken to Horsemonger Road Gaol and interviewed by the stipendiary magistrate.

On 19 December Goddard was a late addition to the list for trial at the Surrey Winter Assizes before Justice Sir John Paterson. The case was prosecuted by the victim, Henry Sansome (there was no Public Prosecutor at the

time), and, after evidence on oath from Sansome and the household, Goddard was sentenced to death with the proviso of pardon if he agreed to transportation for life. This power had been granted to Assize judges since 1823, but still required the ratification of the King in Council, so the prisoner was held in gaol until 19 January 1832 when he was transferred with about forty others in a closed cart to the hulk *Cumberland*, moored off Sheerness. He was accompanied by a gaoler's report that his character was bad, but there was no mention of any previous convictions. In the meantime, two petitions were lodged on his behalf, the first addressed to "JA Capper Esq.

Honoured Sir, The Humble Petition of Mr and Mrs Goddard on behalf of their son Rob't Goddard who was unfortunately convicted for breaking and entering the dwelling house of a Mr Geo Douglas and prosecuted by Matilda Sansome on the 19th Dec 1831 at Kingston Assizes.

Your Humble petitioners, aged and afflicted, a large family, trust by praying for your humane and benevolent intercession to mitigate

the punishment inflicted on their son will be the means of restoring him and by his true repentance and future conduct he will prove an ornament to society and his afflicted and aged parents. Many inhabitants who know him would come forward and endeavour to place him in a situation, an opportunity to restore that happiness and comfort his aged and afflicted parents and family would look up for.

Your humble petitioner trust's and is most confident it would be the means of prolonging their lives by your humane intercession. By observing his conduct since his conviction will bear the strictest inspection ... [a line is lost here] ... affairs which youth is too liable to contend with. An application has been made but might not come to hand therefore trust and sincerely pray your humble petitioners request will be taken into your humane consideration and relieve their anxious minds they will be bound in duty etc and ever pray.

Your most humble petitioners  
John and Elizabeth Goddard  
Elizabeth Goddard  
Jane Goddard  
Edward and James Goddard."

This is probably the work of a cheap attorney or petition writer who hung around the prisons to make money out of the vain hopes of criminal's relatives. Presumably Geo. Davies is the owner of the house and Matilda Sansome the tenant. The indictment says the goods stolen belonged to her husband Henry. I do not know why the petition is addressed to J. Capper; he was Superintendent of the Hulks and had no power to intervene at all. There is an extra sheet: "We the undersigned inhabitants deeply regret of the petitioners parents of Rob't Goddard and do therefore

humbly implore your humane consideration to their request if possible to relieve their anxious minds and ever pray."

It is signed by the prosecutor Matilda Sansome and a number of Goddard's neighbours in High Street and James Street, Kensington.

There was a second petition, this time addressed to Lord Melbourne, then Home Secretary. It is much better written and signed by Elizabeth (John seems to have signed for everyone on the other petition).

"To the Rt. Hon'ble. The Secretary of State for the Home Department. The humble petition of Elizabeth Goddard living at No 28 James St Kensington Green in the County of Middlesex. Humbly Sheweth

That your Lordship's petitioner has had the misfortune to have her son Robert Goddard convicted at the last Kingston Assizes of robbing from the house of Matilda Sansome in the parish of Lambeth and for which offence he is under the recorded sentence of death in Horsemonger Lane Prison.

That your petitioner with a mother's feelings most humble and earnestly implores your Lordship to extend to her unfortunate and misled son such a degree of merciful consideration as may avert his expected punishment of banishment for life, and she presumes to offer the following reasons for such extension of mercy.

First that the prisoner was on no previous occasion ever convicted or charged with the commission of any offence against the law but had the character of an honest industrious youth.

Secondly that he was ensnared into the commission of the specific offence for which his life was endangered and his liberty forfeited by the artifices of an abandoned and depraved woman who taking advantage of his youth, he being only 18 years old, incited him to commit an offence which has ruined his own prospects and brought on his unhappy parents in their declining days sorrow and shame the most poignant.

On these grounds your Lordship's petitioner most earnestly supplicates the remission of such part of her son's sentence as your Lordship's mercy and justice may deem proper short of banishment for life. The undersigned believing the petitioner deserving the favour then supplicates the sanction by their names the prayer of this petition. And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray. Elizabeth Goddard."

Again it is countersigned by Matilda Sansome.

Robert was to remain on the hulk, where his report was "orderly", until 24 March when he was transferred to the Convict Transport *England*, which sailed for Van Diemen's Land on 4 April.

*England*, a three masted ship of 425 tons, carried 170 adult male convicts and 30 boys aged between eleven and seventeen. The Master was Jas. Blyth, but the real commander was the Surgeon Superintendent Thomas Braidwood Wilson, one of the most experienced and capable of the Navy Surgeons. The voyage took 105 days without any landing on the way and the ship moored in Hobart on 17 July. Over the next few days the prisoners were inspected by the Colonial Surgeon, addressed by the Lt. Governor George Arthur, and their personal details were recorded. As a result of this we know that Robert was 5' 3" tall, had a small round head and a fair complexion, that he had brown hair and eyebrows but no whiskers. A small chin, medium width mouth and short nose were topped by hazel eyes and a perpendicular forehead set in an oval visage. On his left arm the initials RG were tattooed, as was a ring on his left middle finger. All these details were recorded in case he should abscond at any time. He was also required to state his offence and status, replying "House breaking, single" and his trade "Labourer". He also gave his native place as Kensington.

On 27 July he was assigned as a servant to Philip Minnett, a settler on the Liffey River about fifteen miles from Launceston, 110 miles north of Hobart and about on the edge of settlement at that time.

Goddard's record of appearances in the magistrates' courts appears below. The first name indicates the assigned master or situation (TL means ticket of leave or parole). The initials or name after the sentence is the magistrate and any later references are to the Governor's approval. VGLD = Vide Lt Governor's Decision, all of which records have been lost.

1. 29/12/1832. Minnett. Being three days in his way from L'ton conveying his master's assigned servant Sarah Owen to his master's premises [only 30 miles]. 25 lashes. ML Smith.

2. 15/04/33. Minnett. Absconding on 16 March and remaining absent until apprehended yesterday. 50 lashes. ML Smith.

3. 08/09/34. Minnett. Stealing tea and other articles of the goods etc. of J. Anderson. Committed for trial (margin obscured). MLS.

4. 19/06/35. Minnett. Disobedience of orders and attempting cruelty to one of his master's working bullocks. 6 mo hard labour in a Rd pty. C Lonsdale. Long Meadows Rd Pty. VLGD 02/12/35.

5. 29/06/36. Beveridge. Disobedience of orders insolence and ill using his master's bullocks. 6 mo hard labour in chains. J Clark & W Reilly. Perth Ch gang. VLGD 11/11/36.

6. 17/12/36. Ch. Gang. Neglect of works.

Existing sentence of hard labour in chains ext 1 month. Capt O'Hara.

7. 19/02/38. Gambling on the Sabbath Day. 1 month hard labour in chains. Rec'd Perth Ch G. VLGD 24/02/38.

8. 23/10/38. Rd Pty. Disobedience of orders. 25 lashes. WH.

9. 16/05/39. Rd Pty. Insolence & Disobedience of orders. 7 days Sol Conf on B&B. R Wales.

10. 11/09/41. TL. Misconduct. Admonished. WH Breton.

11. 21/04/42. TL. Misconduct in having a certificate of pardon improperly in his possession. 3 mo hard labour. TL Susp. WHB. Campbell T. VLGD 29/04/42.

12. 03/04/45. TL. Feloniously receiving. Committed for trial. WHB. On the ninth of the month at the Quarter Sessions the Attorney General made an application for the informations against Robert to be held over and the accused remanded out of custody until the next sessions. This was granted, but no further action seems to have been taken.

Later the same year he was granted a conditional pardon, leaving him free but not able to leave Van Diemen's Land. This was normal, even for life sentences, but by September 1846 he was in more trouble. On 01/09/46 he and Robert Massey stood charged, according to the Hobart Courier, "with having feloniously broken and entered the dwelling house of Captain Woodin, Patrick St, and stolen therein various articles of jewellery, 2 work boxes etc. The felonious entry was effected by breaking a pane of glass and unfastening the latch of the sash. The boxes were found the next morning in a paddock in Campbell St. Suspicion rested on the prisoners who were notorious characters. Their motions were watched by detectives Brown and Daley who eventually apprehended them with the articles produced upon their persons. The Jury found them guilty and each was transported for 10 yrs."

A new police record was drawn up as a result and it shows that Robert was Protestant and could read and write. His trade was now given as 'cook-' and, though only 34, he was said to have grey streaks in his dark hair and whiskers. He was sent to serve the first, probationary, part of his sentence at Port Arthur and remained there until 28/04/49. He returned to Hobart but, after being charged with misconduct in being out after hours from the Prisoners' barracks, he was sent to work in the interior of the island (to the police districts of Campbell Town and Ross). In December 1851 he absconded and earned another 12 months hard labour in Port Arthur but by mid 1852

was back in the Midlands.

In July 1852, in the service of Mr Clark at Ross, he was charged with falsely accusing his master's housekeeper of being drunk, which earned two months, and later in the month got 7 days solitary for having a £ note concealed. Three more sentences extending his sentence of hard labour were incurred for leaving his gang to go to a shop, neglecting his duty and being absent without leave before in February 1854 he was granted ticket of leave; a Conditional Pardon followed in March 1855. In 1853 Tasmania had become independent and transportation ceased. Convicts were now a costly embarrassment and he may well have achieved another early release.

On 03/08/1859 a Robert Goddard, a farmer of mature age, married Hannah Wilson in Launceston; there are no children recorded. He was living in Launceston when on 20 September 1861 he appeared at the Quarter Sessions charged with housebreaking. He was found guilty of breaking and entering the warehouse of WJ Norwood and stealing some articles of wearing apparel, the property of Joseph Roberts. On 23rd the Launceston Examiner reported: "The Recorder (John Whitefoord) said that up to this transaction he had looked upon the prisoner as an honest man; but he found from his police character that he was sent out to the colony for housebreaking and that he had been convicted of housebreaking in this colony. In the case which had come before him he (the prisoner) had, by the evidence shown considerable expertise. He (the Recorder) was happy to say the vigilance and intelligence of the police in the town was a perfect security agent against depredation. The prisoner was sentenced to 4 years penal servitude."

There is no further police record and presumably Robert had decided not to 'do it hard' for this sentence. He was to live another 30 odd years, sharing the grinding poverty of nearly all ex-convicts (in fact of nearly all old people in the nineteenth century). On 2 January 1894, now aged 82, he died at the Depot, Launceston. The death certificate shows the cause as senility, that he was born in England and his occupation was painter. Presumably he had earned his keep at the Government depot by casual painting, the nearest that they could run to social security.

Robert probably has the worst long term record of my 200 convicts. It is interesting that Whitefoord (a police magistrate with 30 years experience) should have regarded him as honest or that their paths crossed at all. Perhaps Robert could still display the manners and attitudes that his mother thought she had instilled so many years ago.

## OBITUARIES

The last few months has been a sad time for us and I regret to have to report no less than five deaths.

Firstly, this Association is saddened to record the deaths of two of the stalwarts of the American Association – Verna Gail Johnson on 14 October 2006 and Kathryn Goddard Meyer on 17 January this year. VG, as she was known, wrote a long-standing column in the American Newsletter called 'Climbing Our Family Trees', was one of the founders and a two-term President, and was a strong supporter of the DNA project, indeed, we corresponded on the subject not long before she died, and she was delighted to know that this Association firmly intended to go ahead with similar testing. It is a shame that she has not lived to see the results. Kathryn was the Association's first Executive Secretary, holding the position until July 2001. She twice came over to this country with some of the Association's members, and was the eighth winner of the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial in 1994; this was memorably presented to her by Howard's son Richard, and a photograph appeared in this Association's Newsletter 37 and in the American Association's Newsletter 61. Kathryn described her work as Secretary of the American Association as a labour of love in memory of her father. Also on the American side of the Atlantic at the end of last month our US Co-ordinator, Alice Godard Allen, wrote to say that her beloved husband Edward had died on 29 March, having been in hospital since mid-January. He had accompanied Alice on both her visits to our AGMs, and was a charmingly gentle man.

And in this country Eileen Goddard, widow of the President's younger half-brother John McAdam Goddard, passed away in her one hundredth year on 2 March. Although she lived with her younger daughter in Kidderminster, she was very proud of her Australian connections; her mother had come from Brisbane, and her elder daughter had emigrated to Tasmania and her four granddaughters had spread throughout Australia. And on 15 April Louisa of the Silchester Goddard branch died at the age of 101.

To the families of all these departed members we offer our deepest sympathy.

## NEW MEMBERS

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

Mrs Kathleen Arnim & Mrs Maureen S. Combeer, Woodfield Lmse, Ashted Surrey, KT21 2BS.

Mrs Lois J. Bean, 1514 Walnut Avenue, Mildwra, Victoria 3500, Australia.

Mrs Gail Fry, 34 Somerset Crescent Mosman Park Western Australia 6012.

Mr Paul Thomas Goddard, 85 Laburnum Road Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 4M

Mr Philip Goddard, 62 Dominica Cant, Eastbowne, B?-M STR

Mrs Eileen J. Reading, 15 Melbourne Road, Hedge Fad, Southampton, S030 OJE

Mrs Jane E Woollacott, Hat 1 Warley, 5 Fashoies, ML Exmouth EX8 2DF

## 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:

**Paul Thomas Goddard** is from a London family starting from Samuel born in about the 1790s, to James born c. 1821, Thomas H. born 1845, Thomas H. born 1867, Thomas J. born 1892 and Thomas W. born 1922. Our Research Co-ordinator, Peter of Toronto, notices that he has some very long-lived ancestors on the female side of his family, his grandmother Elizabeth Mary Norcott being born on 19 August 1896 and dying in 1994, and his great grandmother Caroline Louisa Jacobs reaching the age of 97 when she died in 1966.

**Philip Goddard** gives descent from John Goddard, who was born about 1840 at Kilverstone near Thetford, Norfolk, and his son Arthur, who was also born at Kilverstone about 1863 but moved to London and had nine children, including Robert 1891-1949.

**Eileen Reading** is the great-great-granddaughter of George Goddard of Titchfield, Hampshire, born in 1830, and great-granddaughter of Daniel of Sarisbury, Titchfield, who was born in 1853.

**Jane Woollacott** is descended from a Wymondham, Leicestershire, family from a William Goddard born in 1891, who is thought to be the son of another William born about 1820. **Kathleen Armstrong** and **Maureen S. Combeer** are Jane's mother and sister respectively.

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## CAN YOU HELP?

Member Mrs **Diane Sanders** of 96 Hamlyn Drive, Port Macquarie, New South Wales 2444, Australia (e-mail address: diane018C@bigpond.net.au) to trace her great uncle. She writes: "My grandmother's brother came to Australia to be a mounted policeman and was murdered by natives. I have been working on this for many years and I'm still no wiser. I've had contact with police archives and we can't find a trace of him. I would imagine the police records in an outback town in the 1940s wouldn't have been very good; no computers and fax in those days. I don't even know what state he came to. I have contacted his siblings' descendants who are all still in England, and they only have the same story as I do. A memorial was unveiled in Canberra last September for fallen police officers, and my Goddard isn't on it. The police museum in Canberra was burnt in the bush fires and has never reopened. Surely there has to be someone out there who knows my great uncle." Please contact Diane if you can help.

## LOST AIRMAN

In the last Newsletter I published a brief article which was in the form of a request from Colin Lee of Croydon in the *Swindon Advertiser* to trace the family of an airman, Flight Sergeant Ronald Goddard of Faringdon, who was sadly killed in a training accident during the final stages of the Second World War. With his usual skill and efficiency our research co-ordinator, Peter of Toronto, soon sent me the following: "I was able to identify Ronald and found that he had an elder brother, George born in 1922, and a very much younger sister, Sylvia M. born in 1946. Armed with this I thought I had better have a word with Colin Lee... However, it turns out that Colin had discovered the existence of George, having enjoyed incredible luck by phoning the only Goddard listed for Faringdon who turned out to be the right one. Apparently Colin was involved in the excavation of the Lancaster and was trying to put together details of the crew and, having spoken to George, he sent him all the material he had, including the report of the Commission of Enquiry into the crash." So the 'lost' airman has been found.

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## ST. PIXELS

Not the name of a saint you readily recognise, I suspect, nor one that is acknowledged anywhere in the Roman Catholic calendar of saints days. And this is hardly surprising. Readers of Newsletters 56 and 61 may well recall Stephen Goddard, former Director of Communications for the Diocese of Manchester, who founded the 'ship-of-fools.com' website around the turn of the millennium. Originally an irreverent look at modern spirituality, it became an instant success, attracting hundreds of thousands of hits a month, many from disaffected Christians, to the extent that the Church of England considered using it as a model. Stephen has now developed a new venture from it: St Pixels. According to the website it is "a church with no cobwebs, wooden pews, hymn books, overhead projector, leaking roof, organ fund.... or even church building. Welcome to St Pixels, the online church in 3D where you can meet others, talk about serious and not-so-serious stuff, discuss what you do and don't believe, go to regular services, and join a pioneering worldwide community." It is sponsored by the Methodist Church of Great Britain and is supported by an international and ecumenical group of Christians. It is now in the process of persuading the BBC to broadcast its services on a regular basis; and it is already attracting a large number of visitors to its site. To find out more, [www.stpixels.com](http://www.stpixels.com) is the web address.

## THE DNA PROJECT

As you are by now well aware, your Executive Committee decided some months ago to follow our American cousins and undertake a similar and linked DNA project to determine to what degree – if at all – different 'branches' of the overall Goddard family are related. And you 'will also know that Association member Dr Denise Syndercombe-Court, who is an expert in this field, has generously undertaken to conduct the testing as a research project at no cost to the Association or its members – provided you can attend the AGM at Silchester on Saturday 19 May (see back page). May I remind you that such testing can only be done on males, and also that you will need to give your written consent (a legal requirement) to the results being made known; while the overall conclusions of the investigation can be given in general terms, indication of specific links (or otherwise) are vital or there is no point in undertaking the testing in the first place.

If you are one of those – and I know that there are some – who are for various reasons unable to get to Silchester but still wish to take part in the project, this is what you do. You can either contact Denise on her e-mail address which is

[y.d.syndercombe-court@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:y.d.syndercombe-court@qmul.ac.uk)

or you can telephone her department on 020 7882 2274 or 2276, letting the person who answers the phone know that you wish to be a part of the Goddard study. You will then be sent a sample kit and given instructions as to what to do. There will be some charge for getting a professional to take the sample (another legal requirement) and for returning the kit. If you fall into this category, please make sure that the sample kit has been applied for and returned to Denise by the end of June 2007. We will await the conclusions with a great deal of interest.

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## POET

I have only once before come across poet Roz Goddard, so I am grateful to member Jill Hawkins for sending me an article from the *Hinckley Times* of 15 March which gives more information. Roz was visiting Twycross House School as part of the prize of Foyle Young Poet of the Year won by one of its pupils. She is described as 'the Midland based bard' and as 'the former poet laureate for Birmingham' (a title she held in 2003-4), and has compiled a book of poetry written by children: *The Sun Shines On*. An experienced workshop leader, she teaches creative writing at Birmingham University. Her latest collection, *Girls in the Dark*, was published by Dagger in 2002. Does anyone claim her as a relation?

## **BARBADOS GODDARDS**

Newsletter 69 carried a brief article by Richard Goddard of Barbados on his family's origins. In response to a more recent query made to the Shilstone Library of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society about the origins of a Georgina Goddard born in 1843 Richard, one of the Museum Council Members, responded as follows:

I am Richard Goddard, born 3 November 1935 and descended from Captain Nicholas Goddard with brothers William and Arthur and their sister Elizabeth, who married a Palmer from which Palmers Plantation at St John on the east coast of Barbados takes its name. Captain Nicholas Goddard was in Barbados circa 1637 when his boat went into Providence Island, off Nicaragua, and resettled the settlers from Providence Company who abandoned the island in 1637 and were taken to Providence in the Bahamas.

In 1648 Nicholas Goddard made a will, describing himself as a mariner / bondsman. He subsequently left five pounds in his will for the poor of Staple Fitzpaine, Somerset, eight miles south of Taunton. That is how we identified our homestead. Investigations showed that his father was Henry Goddard, a farmer, who had got a licence from King James I to open an inn. From Henry's will we photographed and identified the family crest which showed we are Wiltshire Goddards. He was probably descended from a John Goddard who was fined sixty shillings in 1498 for supporting the Warbeck rebellion in 1492, and I suspect he fled Wiltshire to Staple Fitzpaine.

In 1678 Nicholas owned 78 acres in St Thomas parish. He had a son, William, who owned 10 acres of land. In 1721 William made a will in which he left his property to his wife and children. To his son William he left 10 acres of land in the parish of St Andrew, plus two slaves; but, if son William married Rebecca Mahon, he would get one shilling. The son married the forbidden and was left out of the family estate. We know nothing of Mahon and cannot get any information on her, but from her name I suspect she was Roman Catholic Irish and 'no good protestant should destroy his bloodline with Roman Catholic Irish'!

For the next 150 years the Goddards are poor and landless in the parishes of St Philip and St John. My grandfather, Joseph Nathaniel Goddard, born 24 November 1874, a poor white boy in Clifton Hall Woods, below Hackelton's Cliff in St John parish, walked to town in 1890 and, after many disappointments, got a job at J.L. Jordan's shop in Hope's Alley at 60 cents for a 60 hour week. After

eight years of struggle, he opened his own shop. He was a partner in Norman Roach's ice house in Broad Street until 1918. He was an animal speculator and had a meat stall in the market. On 13 September 1923 he opened a shop with son Victor, who was under twenty-one years of age, as his partner, and our first customer was F.F.C. Gill, a planter, also born poor but made a lot of money with the sugar prices in World War I. His son, John D.C. Goddard, was captain of the famous West Indies cricket team that beat England at Lords in 1950.

All Goddards in Barbados come from the three brothers, either by marriage or association.

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## **BARBADOS WEDDING**

I am grateful to Margaret of Worsley for sending me the following information. Greg Goddard, son of Association members Jim and Marjorie Goddard of Stockport, decided to tie the knot with his fiancée Sheila in Barbados on 9 March this year. They were surprised to find that their wedding co-ordinator was a Wendy Goddard, one of only 3% white Bajans on the island. They had a wonderful time, the wedding was very well organised in a beautiful setting and they highly recommend this holiday destination. Readers of previous Newsletters and of the article on this page will know of my namesake, Richard Goddard, who is a Barbadian; there is bound to be a connection.

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## **ROCK BAND**

I have received, through our Australian Co-ordinator Ian of Balcatta, a letter from Dave and Karen Goddard of Como, Western Australia, which reads as follows: "We thought you might be interested in a little Goddard news from Perth. Our son, Andrew, (Drew in 'rock' circles) is the lead guitarist in a Perth band called Karnivool, who are gaining quite a profile nationally as an alternative rock band. They tour regularly to sold out concerts both in Western Australia and the East Coast and recently won five awards at the annual Western Australian Musical Industry Festival. They included 'Most Popular Band', 'Most Popular Live Band', 'Best Band in Heavy Rock/Metal'. 'Best Guitarist' (Drew Goddard) and 'Best Vocalist' (Ian Kenny). Their debut album 'Themata' was released in Australia two years ago and continues to sell well and has regular airplay. The album is to be released in the US, UK and Japan on 9 April this year through the Bieler Brothers, so interested UK members will be able to hear them. They can find out more information from their website at [www.karnivool.com.au](http://www.karnivool.com.au)".

## WALK ACROSS AMERICA UPDATE

After walking 3,200 miles through 13 states in just over ten months, Phil Goddard will have almost completed his coast-to-coast walk across America by the time of going to press. He plans to take a dip in the Pacific Ocean on 8 May to mark the end of his "Journey for Jayne", a solo odyssey from New York to Los Angeles that he undertook to honour his late wife's memory. Phil's sponsored walk, which began on June 25 last year, has so far raised £40,000 for the Glasgow-based Association for International Cancer Research – four times his original target.

"I've seen some amazing places, met many wonderful people and really had time to reflect on my life both with and without Jayne," he said. "It's been therapeutic and worth the blisters. I started out thinking I'd be lucky if I raised £10,000 but hundreds of people made donations, many of whom I'll never know, and the grand total has made the trip all the more worthwhile. I'm grateful to everybody, Goddards and non-Goddards alike, for their support."

Phil, 48, is originally from Croydon, Surrey, and lived in Blackheath, south London, with his wife Jayne Comins, a speech therapist who died of colon cancer in January last year. "Jayne's condition was terminal by the time she was diagnosed, but the money I've raised in her memory will fund research that could ultimately help give other cancer patients a better fighting chance," he said.

Phil's route has taken him from the bustling streets of Manhattan, New York, to the rolling surf of Venice Beach on the California coast, via New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

The last three months were the toughest; in Texas, he endured blizzards and temperatures so cold that his breath froze on his face, yet in Arizona he toiled through desert heat and dehydration. For nearly 700 miles, through some of the most solitary stretches of his route where shops and houses were scarce, he wheeled crucial food and water supplies with him on a pushchair.

In New Mexico, he took a detour to visit an old friend – the original London Bridge, which was dismantled in 1968, shipped piece by piece across the Atlantic, and reassembled to span a canal in Lake Havasu City.

Phil will celebrate his accomplishment with family and friends when he returns to London in June, when he plans to scatter Jayne's ashes and dedicate a park bench on what would have been her 51st birthday.

You can read his account of his coast-to-coast

journey, and make donations, on the internet at: [Nvwww.a1cr.org.uk/coasttocoast](http://Nvwww.a1cr.org.uk/coasttocoast) or send donations to: Association for International Cancer Research, Madras House, St Andrews, Fife, Scotland, KY16 9EH.

*Jacqui (Phil's sister) of Florida*

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## MASSACRE IN AMERICA

Several members have been kind enough to draw my attention to the fact that one of the victims in the appalling massacre at Virginia Tech in the United States on Monday 16 April was a Goddard. Colin Lynam-Goddard's grandparents, Jeffrey and Ruth Goddard of Melton Mobray in Leicestershire, feared for the 21 year old's life when they heard about the massacre; and when, after scouring newspaper and television reports, they saw a picture of him being carried out of the building, they thought their fears had been confirmed. In fact, though Colin had been shot three times, none of his injuries were life threatening. Jeffrey, aged 78, said that Colin had been "having a French lesson as part of his international relations course when his female teacher heard a noise outside and went to investigate. They thought it was building work but she started backing up, terrified, as the gunman walked in and shot her. We're not sure if she was killed. The gunman then turned on Colin and shot him in the shoulder as he was putting his arm up to try to protect his head. He was shot a second time as he was calling the police on his mobile phone. He dropped it as he fell." This bullet shattered his left femur and he had to have an operation to insert a rod in it. "He'd managed to get through to the police, who could be heard shouting down the phone. The gunman, who had walked away, must have heard it and came back. He shot Colin in the back as he lay on the floor." Colin's 54 year old father studied engineering at the former Nottingham Trent Polytechnic, but has lived in Richmond, Virginia, with his American wife Anne for many years; they also have a fourteen year old daughter, Emma.

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## GOLFER AGAIN

Amateur golfer, Luke Goddard of Hendon, has been in the news again. At the start of April he came second in the Berkhamsted Trophy in Hertfordshire, only being defeated by a local player by three strokes. Luke has won many championships in recent months, and one wonders if he is going to turn professional at any stage. I am also grateful to Jennifer Walker for a cutting from the *Swindon Advertiser* of 24 February, which mentions that the retiring captain of Broome Manor Golf Club was a Chris Goddard.

## AGM

As previously announced, the twenty-first AGM will be held at Silchester, the old Roman town of Calleva Atrebatum (the Woodland town of the Atrebatas), near Basingstoke on Saturday 19 May 2007. As usual the Executive Committee will meet in the morning. This will be followed from 12.30pm by a buffet lunch in the conservatory of the local hostelry, the Calleva Arms, to which all are welcome, although if more than thirty attend it will be a tight fit! The cost will be £5. The AGM will take place in the Silchester Village Hall, which is opposite the Calleva Arms; this will be open from 2.00pm, though the AGM will not start until half an hour later.

The AGM will start at 2.30pm and the agenda is much as usual:

Welcome by the President.

2. Apologies.
3. Minutes of the last Meeting.
4. Matters Arising.
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Research Co-ordinator's Report.
7. Election of Officers:
  - (a). President
  - (b). Secretary
  - (c). Two Committee Members. Peter of Toronto and Stephen of Buckhurst Hill retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election.
8. Any Other Business.
9. Date and place of the next AGM.

The meeting will be followed by the announcement of the winner of the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial. Then there will be two speakers. Firstly, Stephen of Buckhurst Hill will speak briefly about Silchester and its family of Goddards, the branch to which he belongs. Secondly, Association member Dr Denise Syndercombe-Court will talk about the DNA project, following which she will take swabs from all those male members who wish to be a part of the survey. Tea and biscuits will be available for all and, as always, a raffle will be held to help defray some of the day's expenses.

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## COMMENDED

The passer-by who found the survivor of the gang attack which killed teenager Mary-Anne Leneghan has been officially commended for his actions. Desmond Goddard alerted police after finding her eighteen year-old friend shot in the head near Reading's Prospect Park in May 2005, and then stayed with her and helped guide ambulance crews to the scene. He has received a special commendation from the Chief Constable Sarah Thornton.

## GABRIELLA GODDARD

I have only once before come across Gabriella Goddard and I mentioned her in Newsletter 72. Now I am grateful to Margaret of Worsley for sending me the book page from the January edition of *Candis*. The book reviewed on this occasion was *Gulp!*, available from Penguin for £7.99 and described as "a seven-day crash course to master fear and break through any challenge to make the life you really want and make dreams a reality". The authoress, Gabriella, explained how she became a life coach and came to write the book. In her old job she had been involved in making people redundant when two companies merged. She found it difficult and hired a life coach to help her through the process. The company failed and the coach suggested Gabriella should consider life coaching as a new career. She made the change and then, two years ago after a breast cancer scare, she decided to realise her childhood dream of writing a book. She worked with a book coach for a year, then found an agent and two months later had signed a contract. A 'gulp' moment is one in which you step outside your comfort zone and take a decision, confronting one of the three most common fears – of the unknown, of not being good enough, or of becoming really successful and getting overwhelmed. She affirms that even very timid people can learn from the book and realise their dreams if they are prepared to work at it, taking a small step each day; being committed is the most important thing, followed by having fun.

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