



The Goddard Association of Europe

NEWSLETTER

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BRIG WARREN GODDARD

Lost off the Australian Coast

This ship was built in 1853 at Eastport in Maine, USA, though her home port was Boston, by the ship building firm of “William Goddard”, cousin of my great great grandfather Samuel Aspinwall Goddard from Boston, and was named for SAG’s Uncle Warren (coincidentally Warren is my own brother’s name and has been used as a name in the family for nearly 200 years). The ship was a brigantine of wood carvel construction, of 203 gross tonnage and approximately 30m by 8m in dimension and with a draft of just over 3m. The firm was taken over by William Goddard’s son, William Warren Goddard, in 1835 on the death of his father.

His ships mostly carried copper or copper ore. He never hesitated to claim they were built to last fifty years. The *Warren Goddard* was originally used on the Atlantic seaboard of the USA and South America, once surviving a hurricane with only the loss of a couple of sails and the deck cargo. About 1860 it began trading to South Africa, New Zealand and Australia; there are also some records of it carrying passengers.

It was wrecked off Moreton Island, Queensland, on the 14 July 1864. Moreton Island is one of the sand islands at the entrance to the Brisbane River (I see it most days when taking my girls to their sports training) and has claimed many ships before the advent of steam made safer navigation possible, as the currents up the east coast shifted the sand banks and charts would be out of date within weeks of being published. The goods recovered from the wreck were auctioned off in Brisbane later that same year. I attach an article from the *Brisbane Courier*

of 16 July 1864 – ‘Stranding of the *Warren Goddard*, schooner’:

“This vessel left Brisbane on the evening of the 8th instant and crossed the river bar on the following night bound for Melbourne and Laguna Bay. She was to call at the latter place to land the machinery and plant of a saw mill intended to be established there by a Mr. Blakesby who was to travel overland and meet the schooner at Laguna Bay. On reaching the place above mentioned Captain James sent ashore but could not find the parties he expected to meet and the vessel lay at anchor there two days while a search was made. At the expiration of that time the weather became unsettled and finding it unsafe to lay in an exposed place like Laguna Bay she put back to Moreton Bay and anchored off the Yellow Patch on Moreton Island on Wednesday afternoon, having neither wind nor tide to take her to the anchorage in Yule Roads. Captain James then went ashore leaving the schooner in charge of the mate to telegraph

to his owners in Melbourne for instructions. While at the pilot station the sea rose and became so heavy that the captain was unable to get back to his vessel. During the night the wind increased to a gale and next morning it was blowing heavily from the east, occasionally veering to east north east. The schooner was riding with both anchors down when one of the chains parted owing to her violent pitching motion in the heavy sea. The other chain was then slipped, and an effort made to get into Yule Roads. As she came into Freeman’s Channel the wind hauled round to the northward and before she could round Comboyuro Point she was driven ashore. On Thursday afternoon, when our informant left the pilot station the *Warren Goddard* was high and dry on the Beach which is composed of soft sand and beyond the reach of the surf. The bulwarks on the port side had all been carried away but were replaced temporarily by boards nailed on to the stanchions. She was standing upright and had not sustained any material damage but has lost both anchors and her chains. We understand that the agents of the vessel in Brisbane have made arrangements to send new ground tackle to her and also to send a steamer for the purpose of getting her off. The schooner *Uncle Tom* bound to Sydney was anchored under the Yellow Patch in company with the *Warren Goddard* on Wednesday evening but succeeded in getting into Yule Roads in safety with the loss of an anchor and chain, which parted during the gale.”

In fact, a storm returned before the brig could be salvaged and it was washed into Moreton Bay and broke up. What’s left of her now sits in approximately 50m of water near Comboyuro Point, Moreton Island. *Malcolm of Brisbane*

CAN YOU HELP?

Beverley Smith whose e-mail address is jm.ba.smith@talktalk.net to trace some Goddard connections with her Randall ancestors. The first is Sarah Goddard who married Humphrey Randall of Hungerford at Speen on 11 August 1748. The second is Martha Goddard who married Thomas Randall at Kintbury on 5 January 1797. And the third is James Goddard, a 49 year old widower of Burghclere, who married Naomi Pope on 22 November 1858 with Charles and Ann Goddard as witnesses; she was a 48 year old widow, the mother of James Hart who later married Elizabeth Randall.

CERTIFICATE DATABASE

One of the many improvements to our facilities on offer to members, introduced by Peter of Toronto before he died, is the database of Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates held by Association members. As of mid-February Malcolm of Brisbane, our website co-ordinator, tells me that the total held now exceeds 600: Birth 211, Marriage 171 and Death 236, making a total of 618. Peter would be very proud of this, and I offer our thanks to all those of you who have added to the total recently. To be able to access this useful research tool (and many others) you need to be registered by Malcolm for opening the 'members only' section of our website. Go to www.goddard-association.org.uk and follow the instructions. And if you have any more certificates for inclusion please contact <research@goddard-association.org.uk>

WINE BUFF

I am grateful to Anne Hockaday for sending me a small cutting entitled "Summer Wines" and written by a Paula Goddard, who is a wine and food writer, speaker and tutor and who gives talks to Womens Institutes. Does anyone know her?

JENSON BUTTON

Having made such an excellent start to the new F1 motor racing season, Jenson Button is back in the headlines again. Imagine my surprise, therefore, after the Australian Grand Prix to read that his manager is one Richard Goddard! Jenson was quoted in the *Daily Telegraph* as saying: "Richard Goddard, my manager, is a legend – and I have been through quite a few managers!" Can any member identify him?

GOLFER AGAIN

Amateur golfer Luke Goddard, featured several times recently in these pages and particularly in the last Newsletter, has got this season off to a good start by being one of a team of four to win the European Nations Cup at Sotogrande in Spain last month.

PAULETTE GODDARD

The film star Paulette Goddard has appeared in these pages twice before in Newsletters 16 and 49, but this is the first time that I have had a photograph to hand. Her real name was Pauline Marion Levy, but she slightly altered her Christian name and adopted her mother's maiden name as a stage name. She was born in New York on 3 June 1911 and died in Switzerland on 23 April 1990. She is, perhaps, best remembered for her role in two of Charlie Chaplin's greatest films, *Modern Times* of 1936 and *The Great Dictator* of 1940. In 1936 she accompanied Charlie on a world cruise and this picture was taken



on board. When they reached Canton she became his third wife (he was her second husband), but the wedding was so secret that it only became generally known when they divorced in 1942! She only really achieved happiness in her fourth marriage, which was in 1958 to Erich Maria Remarque, the author of *All Quiet on the Western Front*, though it was somewhat short-lived as he died in 1970. She had no children. By coincidence Paulette also features in the latest Newsletter of our sister Association in America (No. 96), where it states that on her death she bequeathed \$20,000,000 to New York University and that a freshman dormitory on Washington Square is named after her.

JANE AUSTEN AND THE GODDARDS

I think that any Jane Austen enthusiasts who are also Goddards will know that in *Emma* there is a school mistress given the name of Mrs Goddard (first mentioned in Newsletters 22 & 85), but if there was a reason for Jane to pick this name no one has yet suggested one.

Jane, born 1775, was the youngest daughter of George and Cassandra Austen. She had an elder sister, named Cassandra after her mother, and six brothers. Mr Austen was the rector of Steventon in Hampshire and his family led a conventional family life of the time, with close family ties to uncles, aunts and cousins and their families and relations. Jane and Cassandra were educated at small private schools and were brought up with the expectation that they would marry and have their own families. Mr Austen supplemented his income by taking in young boys as boarders and teaching them up to entrance to university level. In this manner Cassandra met young Thomas Fowle, the son of a family of similar status to the Austens, of Kintbury in Berkshire. Thomas went to university and graduated in 1794. He then proposed marriage to Cassandra and was accepted. Unfortunately the Fowle family was as large as that of the Austens and Thomas must find a paying occupation before he could marry Cassandra. He was offered the living of a small parish but chose instead to go as chaplain to his moneyed relative, Lord Craven. Sadly he contracted yellow fever and died on his way home in 1797 aged 32.

Cassandra remained in contact with her deceased fiancé's family and occasionally went to stay with them. Thomas's brother Fulwar Craven Fowle (1764-1839) was vicar at Kintbury and married to Eliza Lloyd, whose family were also known to the Austens. Several letters from Jane to Cassandra in the late 1700s when she was visiting the Kintbury Vicarage ask after Eliza who was ill. Two daughters were born to the Fowles around this time, Elizabeth Caroline in 1798 and Isabella in 1799.

There is a plaque in Kintbury Church which reads: "To the Memory of Elisabeth wife of Fulwar Craven Fowle, for 42 years vicar of this parish, who died May 26 1839. Also to the memory of their three daughters: Mary Jane wife of Christopher Dexter born Sept 14 1792 died April 12 1883; Elisabeth Caroline born Dec. 6 1798 died Sept. 10 1860; Isabella wife of John Lidderdale M.D. Born Nov. 13 1799 died July 1 1884". Note the name of Isabella's husband. John Lidderdale was the highly respected doctor for Kintbury and Hungerford, the son of Dr John Lidderdale and his wife Ann, baptised in

Hungerford in April 1803.

John Lidderdale's sister, baptised at Thatcham 28 February 1813, was named Janet and she married Richard Goddard in 1840. Richard's father, Richard Smart Goddard, was one of the nearby quite wealthy Chieveley branch of Goddards and farmed Templeton Farm, just outside Kintbury. Richard took over the farm from his father and there he and Janet brought up their thirteen or fourteen children – many of whom moved to America, where their descendants occasionally have family gatherings.

Jane Austen died in 1817 and it would have been Elizabeth, the wife of Richard Smart Goddard, whom she knew as "Mrs Goddard" she having married at Kintbury in 1806. Is this the origin of the name for the owner of the school for young ladies in *Emma*, published in 1816? Although the children of Richard and Elizabeth were all baptised at nearby Hamstead Marshall church, not Kintbury, the vicar's children and the children of the well-to-do farmer must have met socially at the many small parties, picnics and dances at which sons and daughters were brought together with the aim of making marriages and forming alliances. And did not Isabella Fowle marry John Lidderdale through such an event?

Julie Goddard

LITTLE GODDARDS

I am grateful to several members for spotting the January sale advertisement for Little Goddards, a Grade II listed country house near Hatherdan, Hampshire. It comes with "four bedrooms, traditional English gardens, equestrian facilities



including four loose boxes, fenced paddocks, a range of barns, tack room, feed store and 4.5 acres". All yours for a mere £2m! There appears to be no clue as to why it is named 'Little Goddards', but if any member knows please tell the rest of us.

EARLY GODDARD MEMBERS OF THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF GROCERS

Livery Companies, or Guilds as they were also known, began in medieval times as *'fraternities'* or *'misteries'* (from the Latin for occupation) to protect the interests of particular trades and the practitioners of those trades. The Worshipful Company of Grocers is one of the Livery Companies of the City of London. It was founded in the twelfth century as the *Guild of Pepperers*. The Company was formed as a religious and social fraternity of merchants and moneyers trading in spices, gold and other luxury goods from Byzantium and the Mediterranean. The merchants formed a community centred on a church which they built in Soper Lane – now Queen Street – and dedicated to St. Antonin. They became increasingly involved in the import and export of a variety of goods which they bought and sold 'in gross', changing the name of the guild in 1376 to *'The Company of Grocers of London'*. The small shopkeepers who retailed the goods bought from the wholesale *'grossers'*, adopted the name of grocers and the meaning with which we associate it today. In 1428 the Company acquired a Royal Charter. The Company was responsible for maintaining standards for the purity of spices and for the setting of certain weights and measures. Its members included London's pharmacists, who separated into the Society of Apothecaries in 1617.

Housing and Church bodies among other things have today largely superseded many of the original trade functions of the livery companies and, combined, they dispense some £42.8m annually (2001). Today the Grocers Company exists as a charitable and ceremonial institution and is responsible for the maintenance of Oundle School. In the order of precedence for Livery Companies the Grocers Company ranks second, after only the Mercers Company, making it one of the "Great Twelve City Livery Companies".

From the research carried out by Charles Frederick Goddard (1863-1942) and other Goddards of the nineteenth century, we know that one of the early émigrés to America was a William Goddard (1628-91), a member of the North Wiltshire Goddards who had been born at Inglesham in 1628. With his wife Elizabeth, née Miles, and four young children, William emigrated to the Boston area of America in 1666. The early research was published by Rainald W.K. Goddard – *Goddard of Inglesham – in Wiltshire Notes and Queries* in about 1900 and indicates that, prior to leaving London, William had been a grocer and citizen of London and that he had been a member of the Worshipful Company of Grocers. While

writing up this family for a monograph (North Wilts Part 5), the archivist at the Grocers Company was contacted with a request for help to verify William's membership of the Company. Although the particular fact has not been proved, this latest research has shown several other Goddards in the Company in the early seventeenth century, and the extract of the most helpful letter in reply to my request, from Mrs P. Sidell the Grocers Company archivist, could be useful to other researchers on this topic. Mrs Sidell writes in August 2005:

"Sadly, the original Apprentice Binding Books 1505-1645 and the original Freedom Admission Books 1504-1686 have not survived, and for this period it is necessary to look at a combination of surviving indexes to Freedom Admissions and/or Apprentice Bindings and Freedom Admissions as written up in the Wardens Accounts. Our post-1652 index to Freedom Admissions is at present away undergoing conservation, but a photocopy of the Index of Freemen for the Grocers Company 1652-2000 is now available. However, I have checked the period 1575-1652 in the previous index, and then the period 1652-1666 in the Wardens Accounts in the Guildhall Library, for William Goddard and for possible siblings and other relatives who might fit on this tree. However, as the original Freedom volumes are lacking, there is no way of finding out further details from amongst our records, though it was the custom to be apprenticed at about 14 years of age and to serve an Apprenticeship of 7 years, becoming free at about the age of 21. Until the nineteenth century, Livery Company records are not good sources of personal information, and as the Company minutes concentrate almost exclusively on the business of the Company it is not unusual to find mention of members' personal business concerns here. The bulk of the Grocers Company records is deposited in the Guildhall Library Department of Manuscripts (at Aldermanbury, London EC2P 2EJ) and may be consulted free of charge and without prior appointment during normal opening hours. It is possible that a check of the Wardens accounts for the relevant dates would reveal the Apprentice Bindings of the parties on the list below and there may well be other Goddard Apprentices for this period, since quite a large proportion of young men did not complete their terms. It is not usual for the names and Parishes of an Apprentice's father to be given in the Accounts, since these were concerned mainly with recording the premiums paid, but it does sometimes happen. A quick check of the indexes of the Calendar of

the Court Minutes 1640-1668 shows a number of Goddard entries, including some for a William Goddard. A proportion of these entries may relate to only routine attendance, but if he was running into business difficulties and needed assistance this may be recorded too. The original Minutes, Calendars, and indexes to the Calendars are also available at the Guildhall Library. Alternatively, if you cannot visit Guildhall yourself, I can check out the William Goddard references for you for a fee of £25 per hour payable in advance to the Grocers Company. These references should take about an hour to check out and there may well be other Goddard references in preceding and succeeding Minutes, and also in earlier and later Apprenticeship and Freedom volumes which may be of interest to your members in due course.”

Mrs Sidell appended the following list resulting from her research into my request to find a William Goddard with a membership of the Grocers Company circa 1650-1665:

“Grocers Hall Index to Freedom Admissions 1575-1652:

1613 John Goddard former apprentice of George Jackson

Offered the livery 5th November 1627 but refused

Offered the livery again 9th December 1631 but again refused

Offered the livery again 11th June 1634 but again refused

1620 Edmund Goddard former apprentice of James Dirdoe (sic)

1631 Anthony Goddard former apprentice of Humfrey Smyth, Alderman

1634 William Goddard former apprentice of George Cooke

1638 William Goddard former apprentice of Daniel Winch, then of Martin Leader

1648 Edward Goddard former apprentice of Thomas Tunman, son of Thomas Goddard of Swinley (sic) Wilts

Guildhall Library

MS 11.571/14 Wardens Accounts 1652-1662

MS 11.571/15 Wardens Accounts 1662-1671

Checked for 1653-1666 for Freeman Admissions

William Goddard former apprentice of Robert Smyth admitted 26th October 1652.”

This latter reference is for a William Goddard who appears to be of a suitable age to marry Elizabeth Miles, in about 1653, and emigrate with his family to Watertown in Massachusetts in about 1666. Not proven, but a distinct possibility that this is our man!

Although this research was conducted using the

Grocers Company archives, it demonstrates that although London was burnt down in 1666 and the city badly damaged in the blitz of the 1939-45 war, substantial records still exist for the lowly apprentice, in all trades, over the centuries. Most of the Livery Companies have deposited substantial amounts of their records into the Guildhall Library, but several, including the Mercers Company and the Goldsmiths Company, have retained their archives in their own libraries. This means that enquiries regarding apprentices or members of a particular Livery Company or trade association should always be made in the first instance to the relevant Company; although subsequently one is likely to be directed to the Guildhall Library for the detail, much help and guidance, as in this case, may be given in reply to the first hesitant enquiry.

Brian of Newbury

WALKING EXPEDITION

Charlotte Goddard, a 22 year old trainee accountant from Ledbury in Herefordshire, and a similarly aged girl friend are busy raising £2,750 each to cover the cost of a trek in Peru this coming November. The ten day adventure will see them walking 50 kilometers over terrain officially described as ‘tough’, taking in Cusco and the Sacred Valley before ending up in Machu Picchu. But that is only part of the story. The



main object of the expedition, of which they will be a small part, is to raise money for the Great Ormond Street Children’s Hospital in London. Charlotte is delighted at having the opportunity to take part, as she has always wanted to visit the land of the Incas: “It will be a really great experience and it’s for a good cause as well”.

LONDON GOLDSMITHS

I am grateful to Dennis of York for spotting and sending to me an extract from *London Goldsmiths 1697-1837: Their Marks and Lives* by Arthur G. Grimwade, a former senior director of Christies auction house. It contains the details and marks of two Goddards, and I wonder if any member can add any more detail:

“Goddard, Philip, son of Philip Goddard of Bookham in the County of Berkshire (no occupation given), apprenticed to Peter White 27 September 1711 on payment of 30 guineas. Free, 3 March 1720. Mark [PG under a crown] entered as largeworker, 3 January 1724. Goldsmith. Address: Fountain Court, Cheapside. Second (New Standard) mark, 23 January 1725.”

“Goddard, Thomas, son of Robert Goddard of Lambeth in the County of Surrey blacksmith, apprenticed to John Langton of White Cross Street as goldsmith 6 October 1790. Free, 6 December 1797. Mark [TG] entered as smallworker, 25 June 1806. Address: 40 Brick Lane, Old Street.”

LIVERY COMPANY

By chance my own name caught my eye on the Court page of the *Daily Telegraph* for 27 February under the heading “Dinner: Company of Watermen and Lightermen. The Master, Mr Richard Goddard, accompanied by Mrs Goddard, presided at the annual dinner of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen held last night at Fishmonger’s Hall.....” I can assure you I did not, but I should be very interested to know which Richard Goddard did and whether he is related to any of our members. I am grateful to Anne Hockaday, who also spotted this item.

CLUB CAPTAIN

Anne Hockaday kindly sent me a cutting from the Civil Service Motoring Association magazine of December, featuring an interview with Allan Goddard, the Association’s Club Captain and organiser of all their motoring events. Clearly a motoring enthusiast, he has been a member of the Club for five decades and shows no signs of slowing down!

ANOTHER MURDERER

Craig Goddard of Doncaster, aged 24, hit the headlines in January when he was jailed for life for the murder of his eleven week old son Alfie in May 2008 following a fit of temper after drinking and smoking cannabis. He had previously been on a course of anger management counselling. I don’t suppose there is much point in asking my usual question: Does any member claim him as a relative?!

NEW MEMBERS

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

Mrs Susan Rosemary Cartwright, 31 Fuller Road, Wonthaggi 3995, Victoria, Australia.
Mrs June M. Elliott, 3 Meadow Close, Farncombe, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 3PS.
Ms Diana Goddard, 41 Church Rise, London, SE23 2UG.
Mr Howard D. Goddard, 12 Southampton Road, Westhampton, MA 01027, USA.
Mr Mark R. Goddard, 18 Peninsula Trail, Ballajura, Perth, Western Australia 6066.
Mr Steve W. Goddard, 17 Ravensfield Road, Dewsbury, WF13 3EQ.
Ms Carol A. Haughey, 2034 Oakford Avenue, Oakford, Pennsylvania 19053, USA.

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:

Susan Cartwright’s great grandmother was Mary Ann Goddard born in 1874 in Frimley, Surrey, to James and Harriet Goddard; she had several brothers and sisters. She married Arthur Parris in 1891 in Canterbury. James (born in 1844) was the son of Thomas Goddard (born 1814) and Sarah Chatt (born 1819); in some censuses he is said to come from Crondall in Hampshire, but in the 1881 census he is listed as coming from Jersey in the Channel Islands. Can anyone supply any more information? Susan’s e-mail address is johnsue@activ8.net.au

June Elliott has Goddards on both sides of her family tree. Grandfather Edwin Goddard was born in 1878 in Binscombe, Surrey, to George, born 1841 in Compton, and Emily. Grandmother Ruth Ann Goddard, born 1875 in Great Wenham, Suffolk, was daughter of John, born 1853, and Ruth and granddaughter of John, born 1811 in Bradfield, Essex, and Ann.

Diana Goddard’s father was Charles A.H. Goddard, born in Berkshire in 1927 and married to Eileen M. Tuomey.

Mark Goddard is descended from either Joseph Goddard born 1814 in Clerkenwell London or William Goddard born 1817 in Surrey, via Edmund Ernest Goddard born 1864 in NSW, Herbert Edgar Fordham Goddard born 1895 in Broken Hill NSW, and Reginald Leonard Goddard born 1932 in Boulder WA.

Steve Goddard is a descendant of William Goddard of Kelsale Suffolk born 1802, via Henry Goddard born 1826 in Kelsale, Henry William Goddard born 1858 in Ipswich, Stephen Goddard born 1899 in Croydon and John Goddard born 1931 in Croydon.

Carol Haughey is a descendant of the Chinley / Bugsworth Goddards of Derbyshire detailed in the High Peak Part 1 monograph. She is the great granddaughter of Eliza Goddard who married Thomas Hartle. Two sons went to join uncle Joseph Goddard in America.

BLACKNEST GODDARDS

I am always delighted when an article in the Newsletter spawns a response from another member. This has just happened in the case of the Blacknest Goddards and the interesting article written by Michael Andrews-Reading in the last Newsletter. An e-mail from Kay Staniland has just reached me:

“I have just been going through a pile of unread mail and to my surprise find the article on *The Goddards of Blacknest*. When I joined the Goddard Association several years ago Julie of Newbery gave me Michael’s address as we share these Blacknest Goddards (W.R.Goddard was the brother of Jane, my great great grandmother).....Jane Goddard’s son Charles Joseph Staniland (1838-1916, my great grandfather) was a professional artist and one of his paintings appeared, albeit very briefly, in Jeremy Paxman’s recent BBC2 programme on the Victorians through their paintings. His main occupation was as an illustrator in the *Illustrated London News*, *The Graphic*, etc., and several novels. Some of his *ILN* illustrations were collected by Van Gogh when he was resident in London! I always enjoy reading the Newsletter, but had given up hope that I would find anything relevant to my branch of the Goddards and consequently had put the January Newsletter aside.”

So, it just goes to show that you can occasionally strike lucky if you are sufficiently patient! And this could prove increasingly the case, not only with the Newsletter, but in particular as we begin to get more research information on the ‘Members Only’ section of our website – have you registered with Malcolm of Brisbane yet so as to be able to access it?

SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON

Michelle Hill of Burghfield Common has written to me recently indicating that she is investigating the Goddards of Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hampshire. She tells me that “in that village there is a Goddards Lane, Goddards Road and even Goddards Hall, so they must have been extremely prolific!” Does any other member claim descent from this part of the country?

Julie of Newbury

TOWN CLERK

In response to my request in Newsletter 87 for the identity of the W.W. Goddard who was Town Clerk of Stourbridge in the early years of the last century, Membership Secretary John of Accrington writes: “This surely must be William Wilkins Goddard 1860-1947, son of William Gruncell Goddard of Stourbridge School who featured in Newsletters 85 and 86.” I am sure he is correct.

AUSTRALIAN LETTER

I have recently received a communication from our Australian Co-ordinator, Ian of Balcatta, in which he writes: “I have had the following letter passed on to me from our member Mrs Marion Treby of Marangaroo, Western Australia. She bought it for \$2 many years ago and thought it may be of some interest to the relatives of Charles Goddard & Mrs Milson, whose address was shown as Meurabbin, The Boulevard, Lewisham, Sydney, Australia. The letter was dated 17 February, 1895 and reads as follows:

‘My Dear Mrs Milson,

I think this is the time of the year for putting in flower seeds and I remember your telling me that Mr Goddard had a nice garden so I am writing to ask him if he could send me some. The large plants are doing splendidly now with so much moisture but there seems to be a lack of small things. I think the dry winter and hard frosts killed a good many and I don’t want gull to think the garden looking bare next time gull pays us a visit. I thought perhaps Mrs Lumsdaino would kindly bring up the seeds. I don’t know whether this is the time for putting in chrysanthemum slips. I would like some of those beautiful Japanese ones so much. I meant to have got some from Herbie Cunningham but his wife was ill so we could not go today on our way home .

I was so glad to get back again. I had been away nearly three months – only it was very hard not to have the little baby I had thought of for so long.

Hoping you are well . With kindest regards from Charlie and me. I am, dear Mrs Milson,

Yours very sincerely,

Minnie Cunningham.’

In addition there was also the following postscript on the letter: ‘Very sorry that we did not see you when we passed through Sydney but we were only there on Sunday and Minnie was so tired that I would not let her go out anywhere . Yours sincerely, CRC.’

If any relative of Charles would like the original letter they can get in touch. Regards to all, Ian.”

BURIED TREASURE

I am grateful to Margorie of Wellingborough for sending me part of an article from the January issue of *Treasure Hunting* in which the author thanks his “old detecting mate from up north”, Doug Goddard, for sharing news of his recent finds which include a red enamelled Celtic mount and one of the finest examples of an Emperor Nero denarii found singly rather than from a hoard. Doug is apparently hoping shortly to open an antiquities shop. Does any member know of him?

AGM

As already advertised, this year's AGM, the twenty-third, will be held on Sunday 17 May 2009 in the village hall at Whissendine, which is a village on the east side of the A606 between Melton Mowbray and Oakham. The hall is on the left-hand side of the main street after you have gone over the stream and immediately past the White Lion – at least I assume it is still called the White Lion, but it was empty and awaiting new owners when we did an exploratory trip there in the autumn. The format of the proceedings will be as usual, with the meeting starting at 2.00pm under the following agenda:

1. 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). Treasurer
 - (d). Three Committee Members. Margaret McAlpin and Joan Dibble retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election. Colin took over the Research Co-ordinator's role on Peter of Toronto's death, but needs formally to be elected to the remaining year of Peter's three year term.
8. Any other business.
9. Date and place of the next AGM.

The formal business will be followed by the announcement of the winner of the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial for 2009. It had been hoped to have had a talk on the Leicestershire Goddards, but this has so far not materialised and it remains to be seen if anything can be arranged at short notice to take its place. As usual there will be tea and biscuits and a raffle to help defray the day's expenses.

NEW ZEALAND RECORDS

Malcolm of Brisbane tells me that the Birth, Death and Marriage Historical Records for New Zealand are now available on line at the following address: <http://bdmhistoricalrecords.identityservices.govt.nz/home/> However, the information is limited so that none relates to people who may still be alive. Hence Births stop at 1908, Stillbirths at 1958, Marriages and eventually Civil Unions at 1928, and Deaths at 1958. And Malcolm adds an extra word of caution: "The database may not be complete, however, as I could not find my father's birth (1896), but did find his first marriage."

ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT

I am grateful to Joan Dibble for sending me a cutting from the *Carmarthen Journal* of 10 December last, which indicated that Anthea Goddard was President elect of the Rotary Club of Cardigan.



She trained as a dispensing optician and, apart from working in Wales, has travelled to less developed countries, helping with eye problems and dispensing spectacles collected by Rotarians. She has also helped train local people to carry out simple tasks and thus improve the quality of life for their fellows.

USEFUL ADDRESSES

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