

The Goddard Association of Europe

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COUSINS AND KINSWOMEN AGAIN

The Three Brind Sisters

Julie of Newbury co-authored the lead article in the last Newsletter, since when she has kindly sent me the following which recently appeared in the *Swindon Advertiser*. Under the title 'Family's bequest bought meadow for the town', the issue of 24 September 2009 carried an article by Frances Bevan on the Brind Sisters, which makes Julie wonder if there is a mole or Goddard Association member on the staff of the newspaper!

"The recent Heritage Open Days event allowed visitors to Old Town a rare glimpse inside Holy Rood Church, situated in the picturesque Lawns park. Holy Rood, Swindon's first parish church, was abandoned and partially dismantled in the mid 19th century when construction began on the new one at Christ Church. All that remains today is the chancel, complete with numerous memorials to previous parishioners. Alongside plaques to the Goddards and the Vilets is one to Mary Broadway, the widow of former parish priest John Broadway, and her sisters Dorothy and Margaret Brind. The inscription reads: 'Near this Place Lie the Bodies of three Sisters Mary, the Widow of John Broadway Late Vicar of this Parish Died Jan 7 1747 Aged 70 She left 20 Pounds, the Interest to be given yearly for Ever to Poor Widows of this Parish Dorothy Brind died May 4 1748 Aged 64 Margaret Brind died May 29th 1748 Aged 68 She left 100 pounds to the Poor of this Parish the Interest to be given yearly for Ever on

Margarets Day and directed by her Will this Monument to be erected.'

When the lord of the manor Richard Goddard died in 1732 Margaret and Dorothy were living with him. In his first will dated 1718 Richard bequeathed the Swindon estate to his brother Pleydell and that if he too should die childless, it should go to the older of the two spinster sisters, 'cousin' Margaret, on condition that she change her name to Goddard. But who was Margaret Brind? It has taken members of the Goddard Association of Europe many years to solve the mystery but with the assistance of new online data they have been able to reveal the identity of the elusive Margaret Brind.

The three Brind sisters, along with two others, were born in Wanborough, the daughters of Thomas Brind and his wife, the former Dorothy Hedges. Thomas's sister Martha Brind was the wife of Oliver Pleydell and it was their daughter Mary who married into the Goddard family and became the mother of Richard and Pleydell Goddard. Margaret

and Dorothy died within days of each other in May 1748. Dorothy left a brief will with bequests to her married sisters. The bulk of her estate went to Margaret, who died less than four weeks later. The sums of money bequeathed by the two sisters were combined in 1757, when acting on behalf of Margaret and Mary, 'the minister, churchwardens and overseers of the parish of Swindon' purchased a three-acre close of meadow or pasture ground called Cannon's Close in Stratton St Margaret. Although the money didn't stretch to cover the 'for ever' clause, the charity was still in operation more than 150 years later when in 1903 the poor fund stood at £30 and the widow's fund at £5.

The last tenant to lease Cannon's Close was Richard Blunsden, who paid £9 a year rent in 1831. When land at Stratton St Margaret, including Cannon's Close, was enclosed, an allotment at Upper Stratton was granted to Swindon's parish church. During the 1880s land acquired with the sisters' bequest was sold, along with land belonging to Richard Goddard and the Poor's Allotment charities. From the money raised £1,171 was invested as a fund for the poor and £203 for widows. In 1906 these and a number of other 18th and 19th century charities were combined. By 1962 the annual income was £110 and only residents of the ancient parish of Swindon were eligible to apply."

DIAMOND WEDDING

Warmest congratulations to former Executive Committee member Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith and his wife Gwen on celebrating their Diamond Wedding on 2 July. We wish them good health and many more anniversaries to come.

GIFTED MUSICIAN

Several members spotted articles in the national press from 24 July onwards concerning 26 year old Helen Goddard. Brought up in Farnborough, Hampshire, she was teaching music at the City of London School for Girls and living in Greenwich. She was accused of conducting an inappropriate relationship with an under-age girl pupil and released on police bail pending an investigation. She is known as 'the jazz lady' at the school and is a particularly gifted trumpeter, having played the instrument from an early age and been a member of the Hampshire County Youth Band and a graduate of Trinity Music College. We must have missed another article on



her nine years ago, as she was chosen as one of only five young musicians from this country to play at the opening of the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000. At Southwark Crown Court on 18 August she pleaded guilty to six counts of sexual activity with the girl. She was released on bail with sentencing adjourned to 21 September when she was sentenced to fifteen months imprisonment, banned from working with children for life and ordered to sign on to the sexual offenders' register for ten years. The sentence could have been harsher but for the fact that the girl admitted initiating the affair and wishing to continue it.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Mr Oliver Barton, 29 Cote Green Lane, Marple Bridge, Stockport, Cheshire, SK6 5EB.

Ms Janet E. Berkman, 383 Elm Road, Toronto, Ontario M5M 3V9, Canada.

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Mr James D. Recknell, Jocelyn House, Culford School, Culford, Bury St Edmunds, IP28 6TU.

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:

Oliver Barton is descended from a Chinley family who moved to Chapel-en-le-Frith then to Glossop. William Goddard 1811-1874 married Ann Barraclough, James Goddard 1839-1913 married Elizabeth Gregory, William Goddard 1862-1921 married Ann Hadfield, William Hadfield Goddard 1886-1942 married Gertrude Hodson, Elsie Goddard born 1915 married Thomas Barton.

Janet Berkman descends from Samuel Davey Goddard who was born in Bilsington, Kent, in 1798 and his son William, also born in Bilsington but who went to Canada after his marriage in 1865. His son Stephen, born in Canada in 1873, was father to Eva Daisy who was Janet's grandmother.

Philip Bradley is descended from John and Mary Goddard of Yateley through their daughter Eliza, born at Hawley in 1825, and her illegitimate son William born also in Hawley in 1851 and later of Shoreham and Brighton.

John Goddard comes from the Wellow Branch, starting with Matthew 1652-1733, through Nicholas 1708, Nicholas 1742, Thomas 1779, William 1806, William 1862 and Kirwin 1904.

Kevin Goddard is descended from James Goddard who was born in Leatherhead in 1799. The family moved to London where Henry G. 1863-1913, George James born in 1906 and Roy George 1938-1980 lived in Southwark, Deptford and Greenwich respectively.

Dianne McDonald is descended from Margaret Fincham, the second wife of Thomas Goddard 1674-1751 of Snetterton, Norfolk, through their daughter Dorothy.

James Recknell is descended from William Goddard who was born in 1780 and married Sarah Gee in 1802 at Market Lavington in Wiltshire. Their son William was born about 1807, their grandson William in 1851 in Camberwell in London, and their great granddaughter Violet in 1895 in Stanford Hill, London.

WORLD WAR ARCHIVES

Peter Barton, a British historian, was recently commissioned by the Australian Government to carry out research into the identities of World War I casualties discovered in a mass grave at Fromelles in France. He was given access to the basement of the Red Cross headquarters in Geneva. There, he was allowed to examine records that have lain virtually untouched since 1918. He estimates that there could be twenty million sets of details, carefully entered on card indexes, or written into ledgers. They deal with the capture, death, or burial of servicemen from over 30 nations drawn into the conflict; personal effects, home addresses and grave sites cover page after page. All were passed to the Red Cross by the combatants, volunteers logging the information by hand before sending it on to the soldiers' home countries.

According to Peter, the UK's copies no longer exist, but the originals are still here and are vastly important. "To a military historian, this was like finding Tutankhamen's tomb and the terracotta warriors on the same day," he said. "I still can't understand why no-one has ever realised the significance of this archive – but the Red Cross tell me I'm the first researcher who has asked to see it." The records could potentially reveal the whereabouts of individuals whose remains were never found or identified. World War I cemeteries contain countless graves of unknown soldiers.

But that presents the Red Cross with an unprecedented challenge; the paper records must now be conserved and digitised. More than £2m has already been set aside for a project that will begin this autumn, and which is likely to involve experts from all over Europe. The Red Cross hope to have the archive online by 2014, one hundred years after the start of World War I. They believe that the care and patience of their volunteers during the conflict, coupled with today's technology, will provide a key to unlock the past.

I am grateful to Malcolm of Brisbane for drawing my attention to this article.

CHATHAM DOCKYARD

I am grateful to members John and Marjorie of Wellingborough for the following. On a recent visit to The Museum, Chatham Historical Dockyard, they noticed that Henry Goddard was Master Shipwright in 1626. Also, that the Roll of Honour of men from the dockyard who served in the Great War included the names of C.C. Goddard (Army), W.L.C. Goddard (Army) and F.E. Goddard (RAF). Are these Goddards related to any of our members?

FIRST WORLD WAR

Association member Frank Goddard of Santiago, Chile, has recently rediscovered some notes he made in response to an earlier appeal for information on soldiers who died in the First World War. They concern his uncle, after whom he was named: "Private Frank Astley Goddard No. PS/8015, "C" Company, 9th Battalion Royal Fusiliers. Died 4 August 1916, aged 21. His name, like so many thousands of others, appears on the Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face B.C. 9A and 16A. His name also appears on three memorials in his home town of Stockport, Cheshire. Firstly, on the memorial plaque in Stockport Town Hall, where he worked before enlisting. Secondly, in the impressive marble lined Stockport Memorial Exhibition Hall (opposite the Town Hall) amongst the 'Other Regiments' list – the majority of names relate, not surprisingly, to casualties of the Cheshire Regiment. And thirdly, on the miniature obelisk war memorial in the grounds of St Georges Parish Church, Heaviley, Stockport, the church where so many of our family were baptised, confirmed, married and buried over the years."

GODDARD PLASTERING

On a recent visit to Aldbourne, near Swindon – where next year's AGM will again be held in the village hall on Sunday 16 May – I spotted a familiar name on the side of a bright blue van! The owner



was clearly hard at work inside one of the houses just below the church, so I did not disturb him. Presumably a descendant of one of the very many Wiltshire Goddard branches.

CURATOR

I am grateful to Thomas of Hornchurch for informing me that the curator of the Border Regiment in Cumbria is Tony Goddard. Does any member acknowledge him as a relative?

A GODDARD IN HUNGARY

Being relatively new to the Association I thought by way of a change to bring a new column into the Newsletter of what Goddards are doing now. In keeping with the Goddard tradition of locating around the world, virtually all of my closest family up and left England for far off shores during the sixties and seventies. This was the time of the so-called brain drain. Cousins of mine settled in Australia, Canada, Rhodesia and the USA. I remember clearly having letters arrive from Rhodesia and having to pay for the letters on arrival as the stamps were not accepted by the Wilson government. This was finally overcome by sending everything via South Africa. How times have changed!

My own travels were rather easy as, having certain skills, I was able to move readily from one country to another and lived in Central America and North America, with much travel throughout Europe and the Far East in between. Finally I settled in Hungary. This was due to being sent by a large North American company to acquire a factory.

Hungary today is a place for our family of nations to consider visiting for a vacation; however, not if you are a vegetarian as the food is a meat on meat diet. Over the years the Hungarians have proved very docile until someone interferes with the food; both the Germans and Russians found this out to their peril. Superb wines exist and traditional meals cooked in a small caldron (bogracs) over an open fire are wonderful. Over the last few years the country has moved, like many other old eastern European countries, in jumps – one day you have rocky old trains and the following week state of the art transportation is on the tracks. Lovely caves exist in an area that is full of trout farms (vegetarians may still like to come). A large lake, Balaton, is for those who like to swim and sail; however, due to the location near to Austria, the language most common is German.

In almost every town hot spas are to be found, and this is the way to relax in natural hot spring water at the end of a tiring day. The road network is the most modern, and travel from Budapest to any area of the country is fast and efficient. One last point to finish my ramblings: many, I am sure, have heard of medical vacations. This is a country that if you have a need for major dental work to be done it could be a family affair traveling around, for example Szeged, to see the sights while Dad gets his teeth fixed. The family tour would cost less than Dad having the job done back in the UK.

Bryan John Goddard

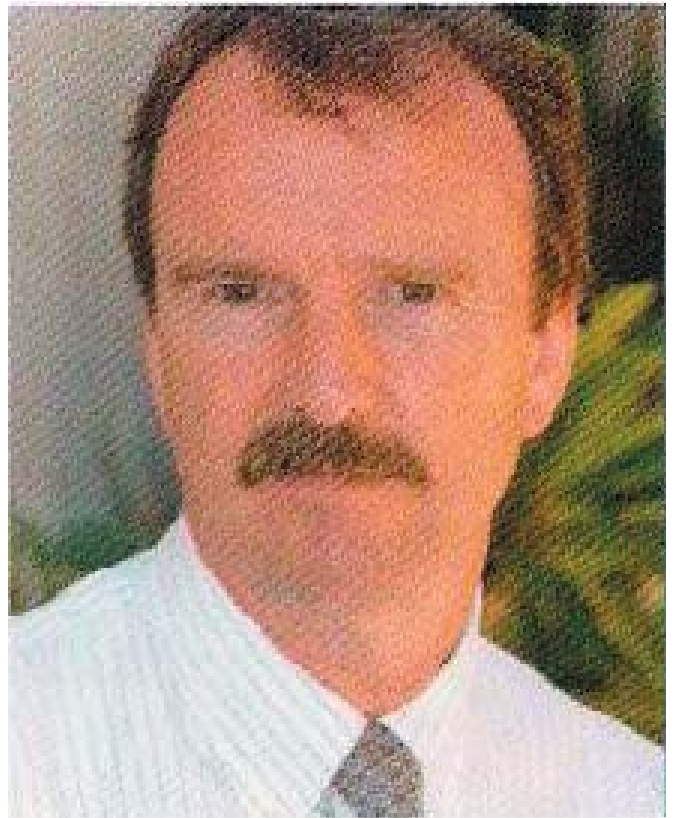
Lives in an area close to the city of Szeged in the

eastern part of Hungary. If you would like to learn more he can be contacted at 36-62-572-180 or email goddard.ab@vnet.hu

Ed: If you live or work in some exotic location, why not take up Bryan's challenge at the start of his article and write a short piece for the Newsletter about it?

JOHN GODDARD, FRICS

Dennis of York has kindly sent me a page from the September issue of *RICS Business*, which features for its industry profile John Goddard of Sydney, Australia. Born in this country in the 1950s, he trained with architects Feilden & Mawson in Norwich before working for Richard Ellis in London after obtaining his degree. They sent him to Chicago from where, to quote him, "I took some time out and chose a holiday in Sydney; it's been a very long holiday, I never went home". Living in a harbourside suburb, a ferry ride away from his clients, he now runs his own company



providing building and sustainability consultancy in the commercial property sector. With his wife he has recently edited the *Sustainable Property Guide* for the Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, and has also helped to produce the RICS Guide *Greening Make Good*. His hobbies are cycling, bush walking, kyaking and photography, apart from spending time with his family. After the Sydney Opera House his favourite building is the Goddard Cricket Pavilion in Darjeeling, India, named after his uncle.

AEROBICS AGAIN

I am delighted to say that the energetic daughters of Malcolm and Lesley of Brisbane have been continuing their winning ways. At the recent Federation of National Sports and Fitness Aerobics National Championships in Melbourne Lucy won a Gold and two Bronze medals in her three sections, Ellen a Bronze and a sixth place in her two, and Bridget a Bronze in hers – “doubly exciting” as proud father Malcolm described it as it was Bridget’s first national medal. There were 812 competitors in 44 categories, so to win medals in five of them was a fine achievement; many congratulations. Malcolm still works for the Sport Aerobics national organisation, and gave 47 hours of his time over the week-end supervising and score keeping on the judges table;



he sounded more exhausted than the girls! Here is a rare photograph of all five of the family – so now you can put a face to our hard-working website co-ordinator.

www.blacksheepindex.co.uk

I have newly discovered a website which those Goddards actively tracing their ancestors might like to consult. The Black (& White) Sheep Index lists people who “are usually people involved with the law, accidents, inquests, divorces, obituaries, biographies or people talking about their life and work.” There is a long list of Goddards. There is a charge to have a copy of the news item; just follow the instructions.

Julie of Newbury

PARKING TICKETS

Chorley Council in Lancashire has decided to change the personnel who operate the town’s thirteen car parks, partly to save on cost and partly to present a more friendly face to motorists. They intend in future to employ members of the Royal British Legion, whose spokesman on car parking services for Lancashire is a Tony Goddard.

MARLBOROUGH PRACTICE

When *The Times* runs an article about your family on page 4 (August 28) reading “Dr Maurice won’t see you now: town loses practice run by same family for 217 years” you might well feel important, and justifiably so. Dr Thelwell Maurice set up practice in Marlborough in 1792 “when modern medicine was in its infancy”, smallpox was the big killer and bleeding a patient was a common practice. Next month Dr David Maurice, Thelwall’s great great grandson will take early retirement and end the line. Although his son, James, has qualified as a doctor, he has chosen to work as a hospital doctor rather than a general practitioner. Dr David will not be leaving the town however; he is an ordained Church of England deacon and will be acting in that role instead.

The Goddards of Cliffe Pypard were early patients of the practice. Brian and I went to a talk several years ago when one of the Drs Maurice read excerpts from the diaries of his forebears and we heard how a message would be sent from Cliffe Pypard to the doctor’s house in Marlborough. Dr Maurice would call for his horse or coach and set off to see which of the family needed his services and prescribe or treat as seemed suitable to him. This, however, is not the only connection between the Maurices and the Goddards. Pamela Mary Violet Goddard, a daughter of Lord Chief Justice Rayner Goddard, married Dr James Maurice in 1934.

Julie of Newbury

REV. DORIS GODDARD

I am grateful to Stephen of Buckhurst Hill for sending me details of the induction of his sister-in-law and Jim’s wife, Rev. Doris Goddard, to the Somerset parish of Puriton and Pawlett on 20 July 2009 in the Diocese of Bath & Wells. She was previously incumbent in a similar parish, that of Blackdown Hills (Newsletter 76). The Bishop of Taunton, the Right Reverend Peter Maurice, took part of the service, but the induction was again carried out by the Archdeacon of Taunton, the Venerable John Reed.

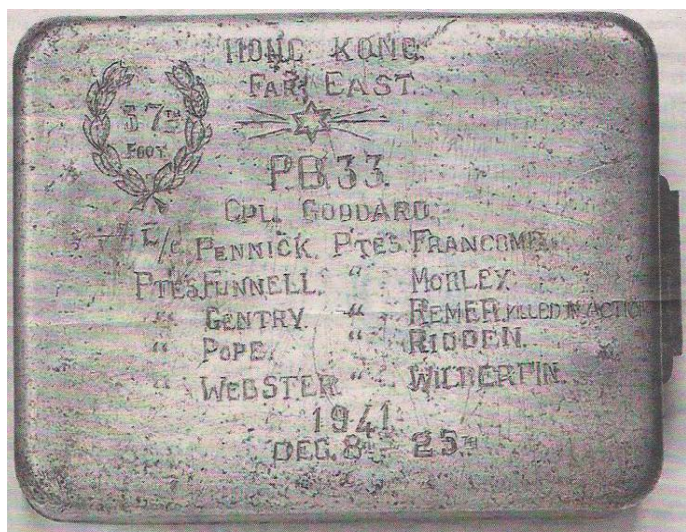
WILLIAM WARREN GODDARD

Further to the William Warren Goddard story mentioned in the last newsletter, I can not find him in the 1891 or 1901 census, but believe the date of birth that I previously stated may be incorrect as I have a William Warren Goddard’s birth recorded as registered in the April quarter 1897 in Henley, p.811, Volume 3a. Is this him registered 11 years late? I don’t think so, however. The hunt continues.

Malcolm of Brisbane

JAPANESE PoW

I am grateful to several members for sending me the 27 August issue of *Metro*, which contained these pictures. The article read: "This mess tin



featuring the names of a PoW's dead comrades is to be auctioned. Cpl. Charles Goddard of the Middlesex Regiment etched the names at a Japanese camp during World War II." The larger picture showed the tin with 'Hong Kong Far East 57th Foot' engraved on it. Also engraved was 'P.B.33' and then 'Cpl. Goddard'. Underneath that 'L/c Pennick, Ptes Funnell, Gentry, Pope, Webster, Francome, Morley, Remer killed in action, Ridden, Wilderfin'. The tin has the date '1941, Dec 8th - 25th' also etched on it.

A little later Julie of Newbury kindly added the following: "With reference to Charles Goddard and his mess tin, Charles seems to have survived as there is no entry for him in the Commonwealth War Graves Memorial records. I have looked up the names which Charles inscribed and the men are commemorated on either the Sai Wan Memorial or the Yokohama British Commonwealth War Cemetery. They were in the Middlesex Regiment like Charles and all died in 1942 and were aged in their 20s. Look up CWGM for further details."

DANGEROUS DRIVING

An article in the *Daily Telegraph* for 26 September reported the prosecution of Edward Goddard, aged 41, for accidentally killing his daughter while trying to teach her a lesson for asking for a late-night lift home from a nightclub in Abertillery, Gwent. Kaylee, aged 20, and her boyfriend had missed the taxi home, and her father was annoyed at being called out from Llanmartin five miles away after midnight. He was deliberately driving faster than he should have been, reaching 110mph at one point, and clipped a bollard and overturned the car. Kaylee was hurled from the passenger seat and suffered fatal head injuries. Her father had head and spinal injuries and was unconscious for twelve days; her boyfriend escaped with a broken nose and cuts. Edward Goddard was found guilty at Newport Crown Court of dangerous driving, jailed for eighteen months and banned from driving for five years.

NEWTOWN ROAD CEMETERY, NEWBURY

There have recently been discussions in Newbury as to what to do with the above named cemetery, which was opened in 1850. The cemetery is a pleasant area on the way south out of Newbury, with a chapel and mature trees, surrounded by a flint wall and iron railings. It has been closed to the general public for nine years since the scare over a child in the north being killed by a falling tombstone, the council being afraid of incurring large insurance costs. There are some people who wanted to level the area, smash up the stones, provide a children's play area and an allotment to grow vegetables. In protest a counter committee has been formed with the intention of re-opening the cemetery and ensuring its preservation. There are several Goddard graves and I have informed those whom I know have relatives interred there, but there are some I have not yet traced. I have joined the History section of the Preservation Committee and will update GAE members of any decisions. Can any GAE member recognise the following?:

Henry John Goddard died 1930 aged 62. His wife Eva died 1946 aged 85.

Kate Goddard of Streatley died 1876 aged 28.

Alfred George (Fred) Goddard died 1935 aged 69 and his wife Alice Elizabeth died 1944 aged 77.

Emily Goddard died 1938 aged 85.

Ernest William Goddard died 1924 aged 57 and Jessie B. Goddard died 1933 aged 54.

Julie in Newbury

Ed. By chance two of my cousins are buried there also! Their grandson is prepared to back the preservation campaign.

JESUS HOSPITAL, BRAY

Newsletter No. 48 of October 1998 gave a description of the almshouses that bear this name in the Berkshire village of Bray, and the fact that they were founded following the will of Sir William Goddard, a member of the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers who died in 1609, in 1627. He stipulated that the Company “should be governors of the hospital for ever”. I am grateful to Brian of Newbury for drawing to my attention a BBC news item in August which announced that the Company was planning to transfer responsibility for the almshouses to Bristol Charities, which rehuses the elderly, and that they in turn wished to sell the six acre site to developers for £7m. and build an apartment block in nearby Maidenhead. As a result Bray villagers are up in arms and have started a campaign to save the Grade I listed building with Sir Michael Parkinson, who lives in the village, as their patron.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON

I am grateful to Margaret Young for sending me an item from the summer edition of the University of Southampton *Hartley News*. On the page headed Graduate News one entry reads: “1970s. Professor Christopher Goddard (Diploma in Applied Social Studies, 1973) writes: ‘My latest book, with Linda Briskman and Susie Latham, entitled *Human Rights Overboard* was awarded the 2008 Literature Non Fiction award by the Australian Human Rights Commission.’” Does anyone know of this professor and author?

AMATEUR CHAMPION

Twenty-one year old golfer Luke Goddard of Hendon, who has featured several times in recent newsletters, won the English Amateur Championship at Rye on 1 August. In consequence he has now been selected as one of ten players to represent the United Kingdom in the Walker Cup against the United States in Pennsylvania in September. Later in the month Luke competed in the European Amateur Championship at Chantilly in France, but did not do so well.

ARTIST FRANK

Frank Goddard of Llanelli, who has featured a number of times in these pages, has had another art exhibition, this one entitled ‘A Brush with Art’ and held at the Parc Howard Museum & Art Gallery in Llanelli from 6 June to 19 September. If Frank’s reputation is anything to go by, I feel sure it would have been a great success.

AGE CONCERN

I am grateful to Association member Jill Hawkins for sending me a cutting from a recent *Age Concern Newsletter* headed ‘2,000 friends.....and counting!’ It relates to a friendship service created twelve years ago by Age Concern Nottingham that has helped to transform the lives of over two thousand lonely people, by enabling them to meet and undertake a wide variety of social activities. One of the newer members is 61 year old Joyce Goddard, who was



delighted to receive a bunch of flowers as well as a range of social opportunities when she joined Kindred Spirits. She said: “Kindred Spirits has been really helpful and has made a big difference to my life.”

LAZY POSTMAN

Anne Hockaday kindly sent me an article from the *Daily Express* of 23 June, in which postman Neil Goddard, aged 32, failed to deliver thousands of letters and parcels because cannabis made him too lazy to work. Instead he burned it. When police raided his house in York they found piles of mail and charred remains. Goddard had also turned one of his bedrooms into a cannabis factory with scores of plants with a street value of £8,000. At York Crown Court he was sentenced to twelve months in prison after admitting the drugs and mail offences.

SWIMMER AGAIN

I am grateful to Margaret of Worsley for keeping me up to date with the latest exploits of Stockport swimmer James Goddard. Selected for the World Championships in Rome at the end of July, he failed to get a medal and finished sixth in the final of the 200m individual medley. But he was suffering from a shoulder problem which had almost kept him out of the Championships altogether so, although disappointed, was philosophical and regarded reaching the final as something of an achievement.

GODDARD BUILDING

I am grateful to Association member Mavis Johnson for sending me the following. Writing about the *Goddard Building* article in the last Newsletter, she says: "I have only just got around to reading my Newsletter due to various other commitments. I immediately googled to see which building this was, as I had found a lot of Leicestershire information when I was looking for the ancestry of Peter Holland Goddard and those of his relative, the inventor of the famous silver plate polish. Since I was born in Nottingham and my younger son read Engineering at Leicester University, I have a slight knowledge of the city. If you go to <http://www.hinckley.netfirms.com/Hinckley%20-%20L.htm> you will see a picture of the Lower Bond Street properties with photographs and plans, and even a copy of the account for building the factory. I have not attempted to copy the illustrations. The architects were Goddard and Paget of Leicester and, interestingly, one architect was Goddard Paget, using the surname as his christian name." The factory in question was built for Messrs. Atkins Bros., a hosiery manufacturing company founded in 1722 and possibly the oldest such manufacturer in the world. Goddard and Paget's plans were approved on 3 August 1875 and the building was completed by John and William Harrold of Hinckley in July 1877. A fourth floor was added in 1910 and a further extension, opened by Princess Margaret, in 1972. On 14 September 1995 Atkins' board of directors recommended acceptance of a takeover by *Coats Viyella PLC*. The company ceased manufacturing in 2002 and in August 2003 the building was sold for development.

UNNEIGHBOURLY WALL

One way of stopping your neighbours trespassing on your land when they merely open their windows is to build a wall half an inch from those windows and just under 6ft 5ins high so that it does not need planning permission. This is the problem that faces Lee Goddard, aged 35, his partner Diane Wilson and their two sons Harvey aged five and Charlie aged two. I am grateful to Anne Hockaday for sending me a cutting from the *Daily Mail* of 4 September, which details this story which comes from near Hambridge in Somerset. In 1988 Lee's parents John, aged 64, and Joyce 61 bought a barn which was attached to their property and, having gained planning permission Lee, a builder, has in the last four years converted it into a home for his family in his spare time. But the new owners of the farm to which the barn originally belonged clearly do not like this; hence their action.

PIE SHOP

Seasoned readers of this Newsletter will be familiar with the history of the famous Greenwich pie shop run by a branch of the Goddard family since 1890 (see Nos 17, 19, 21, 46, 70, 77, 78 & 81). The last reference detailed the closure of the shop at 45 Church Street. But, as brothers Jeff and Kane indicated at the time, the enterprise is not dead. On a recent visit to the east end of London, Ivor of Christchurch, Dorset, came across a mobile shop



and kindly sent me this picture. The brothers also produce pie and mash on a wholesale delivery basis.

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