



The Goddard Association of Europe

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The Association's Silver Jubilee

Only a few weeks ago Malcolm of Brisbane kindly drew my attention to the fact that the Goddard Association of Europe was rapidly approaching its Silver Jubilee. I must confess I would probably have missed this milestone but for such a timely reminder. It gives me a chance to review what has been achieved so far, and to look forward to what may lie ahead in the future.

Knowing about the two embryonic Goddard associations that once existed – that in the seventeenth century in this country (viz. the 1665 London invitation 'to all those whose names be Goddard') and in the USA around the beginning of the twentieth century (according to a reprint of *The Goddards of North Wilts* by Richard Jefferies) – it had always been my ambition to create something similar once I had retired. However, correspondence with Pliny E. Goddard of Rochester, New York, during the early 1970s led to a visit by him and his brother, Professor David Goddard of Philadelphia, to myself and my wife in Malvern for three days at the end of May 1975. Apart from discussing our distant relationship, I recall mentioning my ambition, something that Pliny immediately took up on his return to the USA. Thus it was that the Goddard Association of America came to be founded in 1977.

Eight years later some of the American Association members undertook a trip to this country, visiting Goddard places of interest as well as general sightseeing. This is where Howard Goddard-Jones

comes in. Living in Stratford-upon-Avon, but descended on his Goddard side from American forebears, he worked in the field of public relations, heard of the visit, and arranged as much publicity for their trip, particularly the Shakespeare part, as he could. I well remember the telephone going early one evening and a colleague saying, "Your family are on the TV now, BBC 1" and promptly ringing off. And, sure enough, they were. Howard received so many enquiries from other Goddards following the programme that he judged there was sufficient interest to call a general meeting of Goddards.

This he did in the Goddard Arms Hotel in Swindon on 25 May 1985, and I recall some seventy Goddards squashed into the Pleydell Room and even spilling out into the corridor. John Harms, a co-founder with Pliny of the American Association, stayed over after his compatriots had returned home specifically to urge his British cousins to found a similar organisation. He had Howard's support at once, but others present seemed rather more diffident. Eventually I said I would give Howard what help I could, and my

cousin John of Shrewsbury kindly offered his services as well. The names and addresses of all those present were taken, and thus was born the Goddard Association of Europe and the first executive committee – although I have to admit that the lion's share of the work was shouldered by Howard with John, an accountant, acting as Treasurer. I gave occasional advice when asked!

Howard produced three Newsletters in the second part of 1985 and the first half of 1986, and then set off to visit the American Association's third biennial gathering in Knoxville, Tennessee where he was to have been the principal guest speaker. He never got there, tragically dying of a massive heart attack at the very early age of 43 not long after reaching the USA. John and I were left wondering what to do next. It seemed only right that we should do our best to continue what Howard had largely started as a tribute to his memory, and I suddenly found myself running the Association long before any sign of retirement! Hence the formation in 1987 of a new structure with an executive committee of nine to help share the load.

Since then the Association has continued to flourish, attracting over the years some eight hundred members (about three hundred at any one time) literally from all over the world. While the American Association chose to publish as many family trees as possible in one go – they actually appeared in two volumes – we chose the piecemeal monograph format and have produced seventeen to date thanks to the research of several members and the sterling efforts of Brian of Newbury as editor. And Brian's wife Julie gave enormous support over many years as an

expert research co-ordinator, gathering material from all over the country if not the world. When they retired, the research side was continued by Peter of Toronto, whose ability to track down missing links was outstanding. But the Association suffered a second blow when Peter prematurely lost his battle against cancer in 2008.

Before he died, Peter had struck up a firm friendship with Malcolm of Brisbane and between them they increased the scope of our website, which Malcolm now runs most effectively. While some aspects of it are just a taster for potential members, the 'members only' section is ever expanding and contains many useful databases, an area that we wish to develop further, for example by gradually building up research information on a county by county, parish by parish basis. And for the last two years the Newsletter has been available on line – a feature of which we wish more members would take advantage.

But, like all organisations, events move slowly and progress is made according to the time and skills available from those prepared to make the effort. The future concerns me. None of us on the Executive Committee are getting any younger. We need an injection of fresh members, perhaps recently retired and looking for a new challenge, prepared to shoulder some of the workload. Are there any members out there prepared not to let this appeal fall on stoney ground? If so, please make yourself known!

MASTER HENRY GODDARD

In a previous edition of the Newsletter you published a copy of an email I sent, in which I offered to advise of any Goddard references found while researching my family, as a thank-you to the late Peter Goddard of North America, who was so helpful in tracing the marriage of my ancestor Sarah Delieu to John Goddard. In the recent 92nd edition the article Chatham Dockyard noted that John and Marjorie of Wellingborough had observed that Henry Goddard was Master Shipwright at Chatham Dockyard in 1626. Two days ago I found a reference in the St Mary's Chatham parish records that Abigail Goddard, the daughter of Mr Henry Goddard, was baptised 24 February 1627. None of the adjacent records of baptisms gave the infant's fathers the appellation Mr so Master H Goddard must have been somewhat noteworthy. I haven't forgotten to mention Abigail's mother; it's that the mother's names were just not recorded in those days and that will remain unknown unless that too I come across by chance.

Ed.: My apologies for not naming the author, but I omitted to include this from the e-mail he sent me.

A RELIC OF THE KLONDIKE

In the winter of 1901, during a violent storm in the Yukon, the *A J Goddard* began to take on water and sank in Lake Laberge on the Yukon River. Three of the five man crew perished in the icy waters. The other two clung to the wreckage of the wheelhouse and were rescued, half frozen, by a trapper camping on the lake shore. The *A J Goddard* was a 50 foot, flat-bottomed, stern wheel paddle steamer, specially built to carry prospectors and supplies along the Yukon River to Dawson City, the jumping off point for the gold fields. It was named after its owner, A.J. Goddard, an American from Iowa, who realised that supplying the miners was a surer way to make money than panning for gold. The Klondike gold rush had begun in 1896 and attracted up to 30,000 miners, who completed the arduous 30 miles on foot across the coast mountains from Skagway in Alaska to Lake Bennett at the headwaters of the Yukon River, from where it was a further 500 miles downstream by boat to Dawson City. The *A J Goddard* had been built in northern California but had to follow the same route as the miners, which entailed carrying it in pieces over the mountain passes and re-assembling it at Lake Bennett. This task took the whole of the winter of 1897 and in June 1898 it became the first steamboat to reach Dawson City, then little more than an encampment of men seeking their fortune. Many other boats later used the route but most were destroyed or abandoned as the gold ran out.

In 2008 a sonar survey of Lake Laberge pinpointed the position of the *A J Goddard* and in the spring of 2009 divers found the wreck to be almost perfectly preserved and described it as "a time capsule" of the Klondike era. The boat was upright and showed signs of the crew's efforts to escape. An axe had been used to chop a rope towing a barge, a coat and shoes were on deck, perhaps cast off as a crewman swam for his life. Some cargo was still in the holds and the framework in place for the canvas awning covering the deck on which the crew lived. Tools, a small forge and cooking equipment showed that it was self-sufficient whilst working in the primitive and harsh conditions in the Yukon. This spring, when the ice melts, further investigation will be made by a team backed by the provincial government, the National Geographic Society and others. It is hoped to preserve the site and recover some of the objects for display in the Yukon transportation Museum.

My thanks to Richard of Barbados and Robert of Vancouver for drawing attention to articles in the *Edmonton Journal* and *The Province* detailing the discovery.

John of Accrington

GRAHAM GODDARD

I am grateful to former Executive Committee member, Sean of Exeter, for spotting on the Unite union website and sending me the following obituary on a very premature Goddard death. It is written by Derek Simpson, Unite Joint General Secretary: "It is with immense sadness that I write to inform you that our joint deputy general secretary, Graham Goddard, passed away early this morning [19 October]. Many of you will be aware that Graham, who was 51, had



been ill for some time. Graham joined the AEU as an apprentice engineer in Sheffield and soon became active in the Union. He was employed at Shardlows, an automotive parts manufacturer. Although this was a highly organised workplace with an existing mature shop stewards committee, he was quickly elected Deputy Convenor and then Convenor. He became a Regional Officer based in Sheffield, following which he became Amicus Regional Secretary for Yorkshire and Humberside and later for the North West. Promoted to Deputy General Secretary, perhaps Graham's most notable achievement was the pensions campaign, of which he was at the forefront. Based upon his own experiences from Sheffield, he played a leading part in the efforts towards the creation of the Pension Protection Fund and the Financial Assistance Scheme. It is no exaggeration to say that thousands of workers and their families will benefit from Graham's work, now and in the future. Graham also took over strategic management of the finance sector. Working with the senior lay leadership, he led the unification of the insurance and banking sectors into a cohesive group, fit to fight on behalf of our many thousands of members right across the financial services industry. More recently, Graham was involved in the detailed negotiations for the establishment of Unite's constitutional structures, to create a union that is fit to serve our members' needs into the future. Both within and outside Unite he leaves a long lasting legacy. I am sure everyone will join with me in extending our most profound sympathies to Graham's family and in particular his partner, our colleague, Siobhan and their son Ted. We have lost a valued colleague and dear friend."

MAJOR K. M. GODDARD

A friend has just passed me the March edition of his Royal Artillery magazine *The Gunner*, as it contains an obituary on a Major Maurice Goddard who died peacefully in January in the arms of his daughter Judith. Unfortunately the tribute gives neither his age nor where he died. The author only got to know Maurice when he went to live in the same village in 1995, but he describes him as possessing "two characteristics, in particular, [which] set him apart. First, he was unfailingly courteous and must therefore be defined as a true gentleman. Second, he was a great time manager – he always found time to talk and, of equal importance, to listen...." The author also knew the details of his war service. "His initial intention before the war had been to join the Royal Navy Reserve but, on the given day, the recruiting officer failed to turn up. The next day Maurice, influenced by his office friend, enlisted in the Territorial Army. And thus it was that, during six years in the Royal Artillery, Maurice served in the major theatres of war...." After a spell guarding London Docks, he saw service in the Middle East and North Africa before being taken prisoner in Italy. Released by a friendly Italian camp commandant, "Maurice and his small team moved south along the spine of Italy and, having slipped through enemy lines, joined the Allied forces. After such experience it would have been reasonable to expect Maurice to take a break; on the contrary, he insisted on joining his regiment, 28 Field



Regiment Royal Artillery, in Burma. Even after the victory in the Far East he found himself staying on to guard the Chinese border for a few months. On his return to England, Maurice went back to work for Courtaulds where he had a distinguished career culminating in his appointment as managing director of a major subsidiary company." He remained very proud of his Royal Artillery membership.

GODDARD SMITH OF TOCKENHAM

Goddard Smith, the son of Matthew Smith and Ann Goddard, was baptised in Tockenham Church on 14 October 1686. Ann was of the daughter of Edward Goddard of Ogbourne St Andrew, one of the large number of Goddard families in north Wiltshire. Goddard was the third child of Matthew and Ann and at the time of his birth there was an older son, Thomas, still alive but he died in 1689; and there was an older sister by two years, Mary. All the subsequent children born to the couple died in infancy, not an unusual occurrence at that time.



Goddard began keeping a diary in earnest on 15 April 1717, commencing with noting some earlier dates: "1706 22 July My dear mother died". Matthew Smith and his two surviving children lived together in his small estate at Tockenham, a small village near Wootton Bassett, with a housekeeper and servants. An entry for 11 June 1711 tells of a visit by Mr John Jacob to the house. A widower, he was looking for a second wife. Mary Smith, aged 27, was thought suitable despite Mr Jacob being 61, and a marriage agreement was made. They married the next October and Mary became the mistress of The Rocks, a house outside Marshfield. Children were born in quick succession: Ann in 1712, Mary in 1715, Martha in 1718, Elizabeth in 1720, before the son and heir named John was born in 1723.

Goddard Smith was a fond uncle and saw the Jacob children often. When John Jacob died in 1728 Mary turned to her brother for help. The Tockenham housekeeper had married a John Ayliffe, the illegitimate son of neighbouring landed gentry and she had a son of roughly the same age as the young John. He was also confusingly named John. John Jacob and John Ayliffe were brought up together in the Smith household and even sent away to Harrow school together. There were unfortunate events caused partly by this adoption, which had perhaps seemed such a good idea at the time. Fortunately Goddard Smith had been dead for some time when John Ayliffe was hung for forgery at Tyburn in 1759.

Mary Jacob married again, this time to George Downes of Richmond. It was not an entirely happy union and it is suggested that Mr Downes was often short of money and intolerant of her children; in consequence they spent a lot of time at Tockenham.

The difficulty in writing of Goddard Smith is that we do not have the knowledge of his vast number of acquaintances; and also that he was related to most of the gentry of Wiltshire and beyond. His life consisted of hunting, shooting, visiting uncles, aunts, cousins and a small circle of friends, dining at their houses, and joining in their dances and other jollities. Ronald Blythe writes of that other diarist of the time, the Rev. James Woodforde, that they "rotate", entertaining each other to dinner, backgammon and cards in turn". A full moon was eagerly anticipated, especially by the ladies, for this was the time when dances were held because it was possible for the coachman to see his way through the dark and winding country lanes in safety.

On the more sober side Goddard and his father attended and officiated at the Assizes and Quarter Sessions in the surrounding area. His many letters tell of his interests in his dogs, horses, relatives and the harvests, but little of the outside world. The loss of enormous amounts of money by gentry such as himself, including some of his relatives, in the South Sea Bubble collapse in 1720 passed without mention. As did the death of George I and the accession of George II, whose Coronation is briefly noted in 1727. "30 September Messrs Walker and Savage went to the Coronation. 24 October 1727 Messrs Walker returned from the Coronation."

The diary entry for 30 May 1726, without any previous mention of the lady, states "I was married by Mr Borne at Norton to my dearest invaluable wife." From other records it can be ascertained that she was Mary Hodges, aged 31, and the heiress to her father, Moses Hodges of Sulgrave Manor in Northamptonshire. Goddard was 40. Where had he met Mary? Probably at one of those dances described so well by Jane Austen where unmarried young men and women could meet with propriety and inspect each other and afterwards discuss with their parents the marriage prospects of their favourite. The young couple seemed very happy together and the next few weeks were spent in entertaining neighbouring families; Goddard to show off his bride and Mary to show off her domestic skills and good fortune in securing a pleasant, agreeable and well off husband. The only possible drawback was that her father-in-law still lived with them.

October 1726 started in the same agreeable manner. Mr Wallis came and stayed two days. Goddard dined at Salthrop with relations. Goddard's father had leave to preside over the Quarter Sessions at Marlborough, and Goddard went to preside over the court at Broadstoke. On the 7 October his wife and her mother went to Cirencester, perhaps to do a little shopping. Goddard collected Mary and they went home to Tockenham. On the 9 Mary had to take to her bed. Doctors were called in. She had caught smallpox, the scourge of the 18th century. It was unfortunate that she had not had a mild attack of the infection when a child. Despite all her relatives and the doctors whom Goddard called in, Mary died on the 15 October at 3am, after only a few weeks of marriage.

The inconsolable Goddard was visited by friends and relatives, trying to keep him from despair. Mary's sister stayed for a time, but went home on the 28th. On 1 December Goddard was at The Rocks and stayed the night there. He dreamt that he was in bed with his late wife, then that they were walking through a garden, she went ahead and disappeared over the brow of a hill. Half asleep, half awake he got out of bed and wrote down all he remembered in his pocket book. He did not marry again and spent the rest of his life entertaining his relatives and supervising the two young boys in his care.

An idea of his wide ranging interests, quite proper to a gentleman of Georgian England, can be gathered from this letter to his niece Ann Jacob at Tockenham 12 December 1741: "Don't brew any strong beer till I come home. Get eggs and chickens when you go to church, or sooner. Let Mr Brisden know that I am coming home soon.....Look out for carriage of my cargo from Marlborough the 26th. If no cart or waggon goes, perhaps I must send my cart on purpose. There will be a new trunk portmanteau, my old box and perhaps 3 skuttle baskets.....Mr Titterton is I fear declining and Mrs Molly Hyde is very ill. If possible I think Mrs Smith's temper, benevolence and conduct improves. The boys are certainly fine ones.....I have written five letters this morning and leave off now for want of things to say....."

A taste of his other interests perhaps show in this letter from his cousin John Smith who is visiting Bristol, dated 19 October 1730: "[The coach broke down] by a lucky accident.....and a very bulky passenger left us, which gave us a very tolerable good passage to Bristol. The proverb was never better verified than "his absence was better than his company.....I have scarce one thought for my hounds and hear today they have killed a brace. My

sister adds that poor Phillips, after lying three days speechless, was very decently buried from a hearse and four horses and two mourning with like number last week.....No discovery has been made of the burners of Mr Packer's house....."

A letter from Martha Anne, the Tockenham housekeeper, on 7 May 1731 has a domestic note: "I have not thread to make your shirts.....please to remember shirt buttons and cambric for the ruffles."

A photocopy of Goddard Smith's diary is kept at the Swindon and Wiltshire Archive in Chippenham, together with many papers concerning marriage settlements, wills and a collection of letters. A portrait of Goddard Smith is kept in Tockenham House, but line drawings of it have been made. The diary itself is in private hands but in the Archive is a hand written copy of the diary made in 1893 by William Parsons who had found it in a sale in a dilapidated condition, so the story goes. Mr Parsons also held a number of letters to and from Goddard Smith. However, a further cache of letters is held by GAE member Jennifer Walker, having been handed down her family. Jennifer has been studying them for many years, trying to find a link to her family and becoming an expert on the inter-relationships of North Wiltshire families in the process.

Matthew Smith died on 17 January 1733. Goddard ceased to keep the detailed account book covering his personal expenditure which had probably been required by his father. However, he continued his daily diary. Goddard himself died on 27 May 1746 and was buried in Tockenham churchyard on 3 June.

Anyone wishing to learn more about the families of North Wiltshire should read June Badeni's *Wiltshire Forefathers*. Further about John Ayliffe and his life and crimes can be found in *The Newgate Calendar*. With thanks to Jennifer Walker, and for the assistance of Wiltshire and Swindon Record Office (catalogue number 3431).
Julie of Newbury

EMMA'S GRATITUDE

As a postscript to the article under the above heading in the last Newsletter, Julie of Christchurch, New Zealand, informs me that further research by her brother has now shown that the benefit concert raised £20 for the family which, in 1874, "was no doubt a welcome sum".

FEUDING GODDARDS

Julie of Newbury has asked me to point out that there is a fuller version of her article in the last Newsletter on 'Feuding Goddards' to be found on the Association website.

TWO QUERIES

Whose Cookbook?

John of Accrington has received the following query from Ailsa Smith of 22 Pennell Road, Claremont, Western Australia 6010. Can any member help to shed any light on the problem?

“I have transcribed a large, very large, cookbook sent to an ancestor in Australia who had married into the Ommaney family. The inscription says ‘with Mrs Goddard’s comps to Mrs Ommaney’. The Mrs Ommaney of the book was Elizabeth Bussell who married Henry Mortlock Ommaney in 1837. They lived in Western Australia for about ten years before they returned to England with their young family. The book is clearly dated 1837. Many of the recipes are older – some from the 18th century. The book was handed down through the Ommaney and Richardson-Bunbury families since they married into cousin-related families as was typical at the time. The book is of particular interest since most of the recipes give lists of ingredients, a method often stated to be introduced by Eliza Acton much later. The writer acknowledges the source of many of the recipes, in particular M.H., probably Mary Holland, a very popular writer. The writer also refers to her Mother. I wonder if any Goddards could think of anyone likely to have heard anything. Many of the descendants returned to live in Australia and since I am related to them all through the Bussells I have an interest. We would like to verify the source of the book. The recipes are very luxurious and interesting, often referring to quite well-known people such as Queen Anne’s Cake, Lord Lexington’s pudding etc. The book is the property of the Museum of Western Australia.”

QUEEN OF CLUBS

Under the heading “Carol is Queen of Clubs” in the *Sunday Express* of 14 February there was a brief article indicating that for the first time in one hundred and forty-eight years a woman was running working men’s clubs. Carol Goddard, aged 63, from Higham Ferrers in Northamptonshire had just become secretary of the South East Midlands branch of the Working Men’s Club and Institute Union, looking after eighty clubs with a membership of some 40,000 of whom the vast majority are men. Although she had worked in the branch office for twenty years, it was only a recent rule change giving women the same rights as men that enabled her to run for elected office. She thinks the change has been well received. I am grateful to Anne Hockaday for spotting and sending me this item.

War Memorial

Marjorie of Wellingborough has kindly sent me this query from the February edition of the *Lincolnshire Family History Society Journal*. If anyone can help, please contact John Bradley (who wrote the article) at 9 Saxon Way, Ingham, Lincoln, LN1 2FP, or via e-mail at: bradley@one-name.org

“The small hamlet of Thorp le Fallows in Lincolnshire lies between Brattleby and Sturton by Stow to the north of Scampton. It is too small to feature on many modern road maps, but Thorp le Fallows nevertheless answered the call to arms in 1914. It today consists of a small cluster of homes and farms. Eight men from this small hamlet laid down their lives for their country and freedom during the Great War and a ninth man was later to die in World War II. All of these nine men are commemorated on the Thorpe Cross which was erected in May 1919. Today the Cross is not obviously visible to the casual passer-by as it sits in a field behind a pair of cottages and is sadly overgrown with hawthorn and nettles. Members of the Lincoln & North Lincolnshire branch of the Western Front Association have set themselves the task of renovating the Thorpe Cross to its former glory. Putting on my family history hat, I have agreed to publicise the initiative in your journal as the Association is keen to hold, after completion, a service of dedication and remembrance to which relatives of the nine men would be invited. Any assistance in tracing them would be gratefully received. [Among] those named on the monument [is]: Cpl Alfred Edwin Goddard, Lincolnshire Regt. Died 23/7/1918, son of Thomas and Lydia Goddard of Thorpe on the Hill.”

NORFOLK GODDARDS

I have found the names of four Goddards from the 1768 Norfolk Poll Book:

Goddard, John, Diss Hundred, Shelsanger.

Goddard, Thomas, Borough of King’s Lynn, Lynn.

Goddard, John, Elmham.

Goddard, John, East Dereham.

Perhaps this will help someone to get back another generation.
Julie of Newbury

NEW MEMBERS

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

Mrs Rachel M. Barrett, 20 Sweets Road, Soundwell, Bristol, BS15 1XJ.

Ms Christine M. Ellis, 183 Darwen Road, Bromley Cross, Bolton, Lancashire, BL7 9BR.

Mr Ralph Goddard, 1/75 Fourth Street, Beaumaris, Victoria 3193, Australia.

Mr John F. Keeling, 44 Chalky Bank Road, Rainham, Kent, ME8 7NP.

ANZAC GODDARD

I thought it just might be of interest to the readers of the magazine to see what goes on on the other side of the globe! I am, of course, a member of the Goddard Association and have been for many years now. In 2004 my husband and I ended up living here in Australia, a shock to us, but sometimes that is how life goes. We have, I think, assimilated into Ozzie life and today, 25 April, is ANZAC Day, which



celebrates the battle at Gallipoli in Turkey during the First World War. It of course honours all those that have died in any battle for king and country. Last year when surprisingly I found out that my Great Grandad (Alfred Ernest Goddard 1873-1918) had died in the first world war on the 16 July 1918 and is buried in Rouen France, (how come nobody in the family knew this) I now attend the memorial service. Also last year I managed to get replicas of my Great Grandad's



medals, and today for the very first time in 92 years, he was remembered how he should have been. I watched the march past, the service, and thought of him so far away and forgotten – but no more. I wore his medals for him with pride. Whilst waiting for the march past my husband and I went over to look at the crosses by the War Memorial here in Ballarat, Australia; all the men that lived in Ballarat and have lost their lives in war. Looked down the rows to find a Goddard!!! An A.D. Goddard who gave his life sometime in our past. So thought it would be good to send the photos my husband had taken of Sturt Street, Ballarat with the crosses and of course the small cross remembering another of our Goddard clan on the other side of the world.. *Anne Goddard Offer*

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:

Rachel Barrett is the great great great granddaughter of Jane Goddard who was born in 1826 in Burbage, Wiltshire, the daughter of John born in Easton Royal in 1788.

Christine Ellis descends from Emma Goddard who was born in 1861 in Failsworth, Oldham, and married a Bagshaw. Her father was William Goddard who was born in Cheshire.

Ralph Goddard is researching Goddards in Hampshire around Colmore, Priors Dean, Froxfield and Greatham.

John Keeling comes from a Willesden, London family; Richard Goddard born in 1872 and his wife Mary Ann had a daughter Caroline Agnes born in 1896 who married Albert Keeling. John is interested in finding information about Herbert Goddard born in 1915 in Willesden and Florence Goddard born in 1917 in Hammersmith.

CRICKETER AGAIN

Lee J. Goddard first featured in Newsletter 80 for October 2006 as reserve wicketkeeper for Derbyshire where, towards the end of the 2006 season, he had done well. Unfortunately he was at that time unlikely to secure a regular place in the Championship side and so transferred to Durham. But the same scenario seems to have been the case there over the next three seasons, hardly ever managing to get a place in the senior team. This year finds him returned to Derbyshire and so far maintaining his position as wicketkeeper for the first team. Let's hope he manages to reproduce the form he showed at the end of the 2006 season.

AGM

The twenty-fourth AGM will be held at 2.00pm on Sunday 16 May 2010 in the Memorial Hall at Aldbourne in North Wiltshire again, as it was two years ago. In case you have forgotten or are new to the Association, Aldbourne is situated on the A419 between Hungerford and Swindon. Turn off the main road on the church side and the Memorial Hall is a hundred yards or so up Oxford Street on the right hand side, two buildings past the Co-op store and opposite The Paddocks. There is a reasonable amount of parking available in the vicinity. Please make your own arrangements for lunch: there are two pubs in the village, the Crown opposite the duck pond and the Blue Boar on the Green. Alternatively, please feel free to eat your picnic in the Hall if the weather is unkind.

The Agenda will follow the usual pattern:

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). Two Committee Members. Colin of

Brackley and Stephen of Buckhurst Hill retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election for a further 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 2010. There is no speaker this year, but I hope we can hold a discussion on the future of the Association, as outlined in the opening article of this Newsletter. Tea and biscuits will be served, and there will be the usual raffle to help defray the costs of the hire of the Hall.

ROBERT GODDARD

Author Robert Goddard has delighted his fans yet again with his latest novel *Long Time Coming*. Set mostly in the Dublin of 1940 and Antwerp both then and in 1976, it is a fast moving tale of mystery and intrigue, betrayal, theft and murder – the usual concoction of a gripping Goddard tale. Believe it or not, this is Robert's twenty-first novel since *Past Caring* first appeared in 1986. Let's hope the next one is not too long a time coming!

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Time to remind you that subscriptions, £7.50 (£5 for senior citizens), are now due. Those of you who still receive the Newsletter through the post have got the usual written reminder slip; please act on it before you forget! For those of you who download the Newsletter from our website, this notice constitutes your reminder; members in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States, please deal with your respective co-ordinator, while the remainder are requested to send your remittance direct to Treasurer John of Shrewsbury (contact details below).

ABSCONDER

“Absconded from the ship *John and Margaret* belonging to Sunderland, Peter Hodson, master, THOMAS GODDARD about 16 or 17 years of age, brown complexion, light hair, had on when he went off a blue waistcoat and long trowsers. This is therefore to give notice that whoever employs or harbours the said Thomas Goddard shall be prosecuted as the law directs, by me

PETER HODSON

Sunderland, August 26 1782”

This was spotted by GAE member Kay Staniland in a reproduction of the *Newcastle Chronicle* for 1782. Did Thomas go home to his parents? He was a Sunderland lad, the first born son of Matthew and Margaret Newby Goddard, baptised on 24 November 1765.

Julie of Newbury

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