



The Goddard Association of Europe

NEWSLETTER

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THE SEIGE OF SIDNEY STREET Centenary Commemoration

I would like to say a huge thank you to Malcolm of Brisbane for downloading every newsletter to the Association web site. I have learned more about the Association from the first few newsletters than I have in the eleven years since I became a member, and I urge every member who has access to the web site to read them. They are so interesting and there is so much information there.

In Newsletter 51, August 1999, Richard kindly published my story of the shooting dead of Sergeant Robert Bentley of the City of London Police, on 16 December 1910. Robert was the husband of Louisa, née Goddard, the sister of my great grandfather, Samuel Goddard. The shooting dead of Robert and his colleagues, Sergeant Tucker and PC Choate, famously led to the siege of Sidney Street, which was overseen by Winston Churchill who was the then Home Secretary.



On my desk as I type is a rather magnificent invitation from Mike Bowron QPM, Commissioner of Police for the City of London, requesting my presence at a Ceremony to commemorate the deaths of Officers of that Force who lost their lives in the pursuit of their duty on 16 December 1910, on Thursday 16 December 2010 at 11.00am at Cutler Street, London EC2 and afterwards at Wood Street Headquarters.

The officers were shot in Cutler Street and a memorial plaque will

be unveiled to mark the event. Frustratingly I am not well enough to travel, but I have nominated my cousin David Care (also a great grandson of Samuel) and his wife, Jenny, to represent the family in my absence. David is a retired Kent Police Sergeant and as a young officer he was a member of Sir Winston Churchill's protection team at his Kent home, Chartwell, and once had a conversation with Churchill about the event and our family connection so I thought it apt that David should be there.

GRATEFUL THANKS

As part of the country's ceremonies in remembrance of those who gave their lives in two world wars so that we might be living in the free society of today, the Friends of Newtown Road Cemetery put crosses and poppies on the graves of those who died for freedom. Regular readers will remember that it was when helping with the renovation of the cemetery and reading the lettering on tombs that I discovered the story of the feuds between Richard and George Goddard of Newbury (see Newsletter 93 page 4).

In 2000 I had helped the War Graves Commission by attempting to list the names of those on War Memorials around town. Have a look at your own town: you will find memorials in many odd places. For example, Newbury has one behind the door of the main Post Office.

There was only one Goddard listed; a rather strange occurrence seeing the large number of unrelated Goddards there are in Berkshire. He is Gordon Stuart Goddard, (service number 1430330), a corporal in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve aged 20 who died on 6 November 1943. He is commemorated in the Calcutta (Bhowanipore) Cemetery, Kolkata. His parents were Jack Archie Goddard and his wife Constance Evelyn Goddard, née Carpenter, who married in Newbury in 1922. It is possible that they have family in Newbury still, but I have not found them. However, we should not forget young men like Gordon Goddard who were uprooted from their home towns and familiar ways, to serve their country in foreign places and to die there far from the comforts of home and family.

CAN YOU HELP?

Wynford Bellin to discover more about some Banbury Goddards. He writes: "I have come across Samuel and Ann Goddard of Banbury whose children were baptised in the parish church in 1754 (Samuel), 1755 (Mark), 1758 (Anna) and 1761 (Elizabeth). This is to do with the local history of the place where I was brought up (Caerleon, Monmouthshire, South Wales). 'Mr Samuel Goddard of Banbury Oxfordshire' appears on a list of subscribers to a barn conversion in 1764 for 'the use as a place of religious worship by.....protestant dissenters of the particular Baptist persuasion'. The title 'Mr' distinguishes others on the list who are elsewhere referred to as 'gentlemen' from folk like 'Charles Rogers of Caerleon Forge' (no title). I have tracked wills of several bearing the title 'Mr'." If any member recognises this family, Wynford can be contacted by telephone on 01656 – 649085 or by e-mail at <wynford@bellin.tv>

GODARD SAUCE

If you have not come across it already, the culinary experts amongst you may like to try out the following recipe. I am grateful to Danny Goddaert of Belgium in one of his recent e-mails for drawing my attention to the fact that there exists a 'Godard Sauce'. It is described as "a rich wine sauce made as follows: Put 1lb. of raw ham (cut up in smallish pieces) into a saucepan with a carrot and an onion, both sliced, and 0.5lb. of butter; fry the ham in the butter for five minutes or so and then add half a bottle of dry Champagne and simmer for half an hour. Then strain the liquor into a stew pan and add to it a quart of Sauce Espagnole and plenty of mushrooms previously cooked and chopped up. Boil gently the whole until it acquires a fairly thick, creamy consistency, then strain into a bainmarie pan or double-boiler and keep hot until wanted." As Danny says: "Bonne appetite!"

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the one new member who has joined the Association since the last Newsletter:

Mr David V. Goddard, 4 Parklands Avenue, Nocton, Lincolnshire, LN4 2BF.

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:

David Goddard is a descendant of a Welsh branch from the Swansea area. His grandfather William was born in Penllegaer in 1890, and William's son Ewart M. Goddard married Kathleen Meredith in 1910.

NEW ZEALAND EARTHQUAKE

Following my report in the last Newsletter, Julie of Christchurch told me (29 October) that the aftershocks were still continuing and that up to that date they had experienced 2,250 of them, some quite high on the Richter scale and causing more damage. "One shock 4.8 last week, for the first time I was in the back yard. I looked up at the house and actually saw it move from front to back, then fall back into place. Incredible; I can't understand how it isn't split in many parts." Fortunately all she has suffered so far is a little "cosmetic damage" in the bathroom, though I gather the aftershocks are still continuing.

AUSTRALIAN FLOODS

On hearing that the horrendous Australian floods in Queensland had reached Brisbane, I immediately send an e-mail to our website co-ordinator, Malcolm, to wish him and his family well and hope that they were all right. Here is Malcolm's response: "Thanks for your kind wishes and yes we are all ok, a bit damp after 28 days of continuous rain, but we are much better off than a lot in Brisbane and the western suburbs. My sister Julie has water in her house, but will be ok. Ten people have drowned so far and 78 are missing (grave fears) in Brisbane and nearby, and 20 others in the state. The area under flood in Queensland is as big as France and Germany combined, and 200,000 people have currently been flooded throughout the state. The flood peak in Brisbane tomorrow is expected to reach 6500 homes in the city, but we are 30m up a hill in the eastern suburbs so should be ok. My University is flooded and they have closed down the entire city campus, my 14 storey building alone has 1.5-2.0m of water on the ground floor. Dark days ahead but we shall be ok. Lucy [his eldest daughter] will remember her 18th birthday today as will everyone affected." And a few hours later: "Still fine here at our home, my brother Fred's house still above water, but not sure tonight at high tide (4am)".

GRAVESTONES

Those members who are researching their family tree might like to try the following website, which was new to me: <www.gravestonephotos.com> The Gravestone Photographic Resource is trying to photograph the inscriptions on gravestones world wide, before they are destroyed by wind, rain, or human hand. I scrolled down to see what Goddards they had recorded and there are several pages of them, but mainly in Suffolk. Have a look for yourself.

Julie of Newbury

THEODORE GODDARD

For the last Newsletter I thought it was high time that I produced an article on the well-known solicitor Theodore Goddard. It appears to have caused a good deal of interest, and I am grateful to several members for taking up the challenge and sending me further information on his family. Theodore himself was born at Highbury in London in the second quarter of 1878, the youngest son of Dr Eugene Goddard and his wife Elizabeth, who had married in 1863 and to whom I will return in a moment. I have already given an account of his developing legal practice and his involvement in the Abdication Crisis. His probate record states: "Goddard, John Theodore, of Hewitts Farm, Langshott, Horley, Surrey and 5 New Court, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2, died 27 November 1952 at Hewitts Farm. Probate London 4 March to Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Company Limited and Ernest George Sayer solicitors managing clerk. Effects £97,634 5s 10d."

Information from the 1881 census for Islington East gives his father as Eugene Goddard, Physician – General Practitioner, 40 years old, born Clerkenwell, Middlesex, England; and his mother as Elizabeth Goddard, 39 years old, Clerkenwell, Middlesex, England. Eight children were shown in the census: Eugene H. Goddard 16, Charlotte S. Goddard 15, Bertram Goddard 13, Kate Goddard 12, Leonard Goddard 9, Elizabeth Goddard 7, Claud F. Goddard 4, John Theodore Goddard 2. And a niece was also living with them: Laura M. Goddard, Governess, 18 years old. Eugene's probate record states: "Goddard, Eugene, of 106 Highbury New Park, Middlesex, M.D., died 13 January 1901. Probate London 20 January to Elizabeth Goddard widow, Eugene Hill Goddard solicitor and Bertram Goddard M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Effects £200."

And there is an obituary in the *British Medical Journal* for 9 February 1901. "We regret to observe the announcement of the death of Dr. Eugene Goddard, of Highbury New Park, a member of the Metropolitan Counties Branch of the British Medical Association. He was the son of the late Dr. L.M. Goddard, and received his early education at the City of London School. He was afterwards a student of St. Thomas's Hospital, and took the diplomas of M.R.C.S. Eng. and L.S.A. in 1862, and L.R.C.P. Lond. in 1871. He graduated M.D. Durham in 1882. Soon after obtaining his diplomas he was for a time House-Surgeon to the West Herts Infirmary; and subsequently settled in Highbury, where he practised continuously for upwards of thirty years. He was

Public Vaccinator for Clerkenwell, and Surgeon to the New River Company."

In turn, John Theodore's grandfather, as mentioned above, was Dr Leonard Morse Goddard born in London in 1811 and married to Charlotte. He was a member of the College of Surgeons (England) in 1843 and died on 6 October 1872, probate two weeks later giving his address as 99 St Johns Road, Clerkenwell.

The next questions that need to be asked are whether we can trace the family back any further and whether any Association member claims descent from any of Theodore's siblings?

TRIBUTES

Amongst our Christmas cards this year was one from a cousin of Brian (and the late Peter of Toronto). Colin Cooper sent two advertising beer mats from the Goddard Brewery on the Isle of Wight, remarking that he wished he was of the Goddard line who owned the brewery.

Colin had also been to Ely Cathedral and has copied down the Goddard entries in the roll of honour book displayed under a stained glass window in remembrance of the bomber squadrons based nearby during the Second World War. The names are:

Arthur John Goddard of Royal Air Force Volunteers, son of Mr and Mrs A.W. Goddard of Portsmouth.

Geoffrey Goddard RAFVR, son of Mr & Mrs J. Goddard of Cheadle, Cheshire.

Harry Oldfield Goddard, Royal New Zealand Air Force, son of Mr & Mrs F. Goddard of Auckland, New Zealand.

Kenneth Douglas Goddard, RAFVR, son of Mr & Mrs E.D. Goddard of Sonning Common, Oxfordshire.

Osmond John Goddard, Royal Australian Air Force, son of Mr & Mrs O. C. K. Goddard, of Lidcombe, New South Wales, Australia.

They were all young men in their twenties and besides this Ely Memorial they are commemorated nearer to where they fell. Further details can be found on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website.

Further, while researching the names on the war memorials in Newbury I found only one Goddard (despite the name being common locally):

Gordon Stuart Goddard. RAFVR, aged 20, son of Mr & Mrs J.A. Goddard of Newbury.

We should never forget the sacrifices these young men made.

Julie of Newbury

A few loose ends – Ghosts of Goddards Past

No. 3 of an infrequent series of notes

The use of the word *goddard* is, as many know, not confined to being used as a surname, but also as the name of a drinking vessel of stone or glass, similar to a German stein. Additionally, from the 15th to the early 17th century it was frequently used as a Christian or given name in the UK and in several countries in Europe. In the UK the forename of *Goddard* has not stood the test of time unlike those of, say, Bruce, Howard, Neville, Russell or Sidney. These surnames are now also considered to be genuine Christian names, having lost all connection with their family of origin.

This trend to use family names as forenames appears to have started either as a revolt or, may be, as a necessity with the increase in family size because, by the 14th century, just the five names Henry, John, Richard, Robert, William accounted for nearly 65% of forenames given to English males. Also in the 16th century many non-scriptural or minor saints names, such as Agnes, Barbara, Christopher, Dennis, Katherine, Margaret, fell out of favour following the English Reformation. This lack of variety of names was filled, in part, by using the surnames of near relatives, godparents, or the family names of persons of local influence. Place names were also used as forenames before the influx of the less known religious and eccentric names introduced with the 17th century Puritan movement. But, because the system for the registration of baptisms in England was not effective until the late 1500s, many of the associations of a particular forename of a child to a specific person and their surname, or place, cannot now be proven or in some cases even guessed.

This particular naming trend was relatively short lived because the rising influence of the Puritans allowed many more of the obscure biblical names to become acceptable baptismal names. For the very first time, in 1560, a mechanically-printed, mass-produced English Bible (the Geneva Bible) was made available directly to the general public and this, together with the wider use of the English language in church services, must have widened the choice of names for the literate and educated of the land, which in turn soon led to the progressive adoption by the lower orders of society.

Some of the combinations of names appear to have been carried on to the present day as surnames: *Goddard Carter*, *Goddard Hunt*, *Goddard Smith*. However, as far as can be established at present, there is no continuity for any of these names. These latter-day surnames are, apparently, as a result of the 19th

and 20th century vogue for joining surnames at the time of a marriage, either with or without a hyphen.

Because of the date of this *Goddard* naming phenomenon one has to rely on court documents rather than any church driven parish record. The result is that the largest use of *Goddard* as a forename appears to be from the upper classes of society found in land transactions and mostly in the southern half of the UK. This may, of course, not be the real picture after more research.

From the North Wiltshire *Goddard* families there are two notable members of this '*Goddard club*': *Goddard Smith* of Tockenham House c. 1686-1726 and whose diary is kept there, with a transcript lodged in the *Goddard Room* of Devizes Museum. Secondly, *Goddard Carter* c. 1640-1723 who was Lord of the Manor of Cold Aston (Aston Bank) and owned land in various Cotswold parishes; his will set up charities that endowed several village schools and provided apprentice funds for poor children in Alvescott, Brize Norton, Brockley and Cold Aston. Although not yet proven, these *Goddards*, *Carter* and *Smith*, were close contemporary relatives. Both fathers appear to have married *Goddards* at Alvescott, Oxfordshire (now in Gloucestershire), and they both have relatives in the Clatford, Ogbourne and Hartham *Goddard* families. Unfortunately, from the wills of members of these families, it can be seen that both the *Carter* and *Smith* families intermarried with these *Goddards* over several generations, so a more detailed search will be required to identify their precise relationship. However, one must wonder why the name *Goddard* was chosen as a forename when a name such as D'Oyley, Pinnell, Louis, Broadwell, etc. was equally appropriate.

Looking at some of the Irish *Goddard* families, we have *Goddard Blennerhassett* baptised on 29 September 1779, the son of Reverend John Blennerhassett and Louisa, née *Goddard*, (daughter of Ensign/Captain Thomas *Goddard* in the Earl of Rothes Regiment and Mary Mullins, sister of 1st Baron Ventry) at Tralee, County Kerry, where his father was the protestant vicar. This event is, of course, much later in date than the use of the name *Goddard* previously described, so the argument for the naming must be widened to include the specific honouring of an older generation.

As a sailor at the time of the Napoleonic War *Goddard Blennerhassett*, a naval lieutenant in 1796, was appointed to *HMS Phipps* in November 1810 (*HMS Phipps* was a 14 cannon Dutch schooner

purchased in 1808 and broken up in 1813), but he took over as Commander of *HMS Challenger* instead. *HMS Challenger*, a 16 cannon brig-sloop launched in 1806, was captured on 12 March 1811 by a French frigate and an armed store-ship in fog off the Ile de Batz (Seven Islands) near Roscoff (Brittany) after a running fight of four hours. *Goddard Blennerhassett* and the remains of his crew were taken prisoner. At a court-martial on 27 May 1814, following his return from captivity, he was honourably acquitted of blame for the loss of his ship, which the court decided was due to the fore top-masts being shot away. He was highly praised for seaman-like efforts to avoid capture and rejoin the British squadron off St. Malo. As a prisoner he missed chances for promotion and he remained a 'half-pay Commander' until promoted to Retired Captain on 10 September 1840. *HMS Challenger* was sold by the French to an American and renamed the *True Blooded Yankee*, but she sailed out of French ports to become a thorn in the side of the English navy during the American Civil War, although her crew at the time were said to be mainly English! During one cruise lasting 37 days she captured 27 vessels, held an island on the coast of Ireland for six days and burnt seven vessels in a harbour in Scotland.

Captain Goddard Blennerhassett senior was uncle to three nephews with the Christian name of *Goddard*. The first, (*Arthur*) *Goddard Blennerhassett* was also an RN Commander; he was born in 1802, the son of John Blennerhassett and Mary Anne Phayre. He married Sarah King, daughter of Sir Abraham Bradley King, 1st Bt., in 1821. Graduating from Trinity College, Dublin University, with a BA the same year, he died in 1833 without issue.

The second nephew was *Goddard Blennerhassett*, (born circa 1793, died without issue), the son of Captain Thomas Blennerhassett and Mary, née Blennerhassett, a cousin.

The third was *Blennerhassett Goddard Lindsay*, born and baptised 25 April 1819, died 28 October 1864. *Goddard* after his grandmother, her father William Lindsay had married Letitia Blennerhassett, daughter of Reverend John Blennerhassett and *Louisa Goddard*.

In the south east of England more examples of the use of the name *Goddard* as a forename can be found, particularly in the Hastings, Winchelsea and Rye area of East Sussex. East Sussex Record Office now holds the Winchelsea Corporation records, including the *Court Book: Assemblies, Hundred, Record and Strangers (Piepowders) Courts* of 1558-1575 and the *Court Book of Assemblies and Hundreds* for 1568-

1586. (The Court of Piepowders was a special, local and informal court set up by a borough to rule on disputes between merchants, theft, acts of violence, etc., when associated with an event such as a fair or market.) From just these two sets of documents there are nearly a dozen examples of the use of the name *Goddard* as a forename. Most of the documents are to do with various land transactions. Among the names are: *Goddard Chapman*, *Goddard Earle*, *Goddard Freebody*, *Goddard Foster*, *Goddard Gravenor* of London gent., *Goddard Heman*, *Goddard Hunt* snr., *Goddard Hunt* jnr., *Goddard Oxenbridge* kt., *Goddard White*. Several of these men appear to be related as their names are coupled together on more than one occasion; but in this type of court document relationship is rarely mentioned.

So far only the male line has been found with the name *Goddard* fixed as a forename; but one should ask, have any of our members found a female with a Christian name of *Goddard*? *Brian of Newbury*

OBITUARY

The Association is saddened to record the death of its Patron Peter Goddard's wife Sheila on 20 October aged 82. She had accompanied Peter over the years



on his visits to our AGM and took a keen interest in our affairs. I was present at the Service of Thanksgiving which was held at Woking Crematorium nine days later. Our sympathy goes out to Peter and their two sons Thomas and Rex.

CHARLES GODDARD OF RYE AND HASTINGS

Googling Felix Goddard recently I came across the following that I hadn't seen before. Charles and his father Felix feature in Chapter 2 of my family tree which is on the Association's web site. I contacted David Simkin of Sussex Photo History, the owner of the web site noted below, and he very generously gave me permission to share this with the GAE membership. I was able to give him more information about Felix Goddard which he graciously acknowledged. <<http://www.photohistory-sussex.co.uk/RyePhotgrsG.htm>>

Charles Goddard was born in Rye, Sussex, on 18 February 1824, the son of Catherine and Felix Goddard, and was christened seven weeks later at the Wesleyan Chapel in Rye on 4 April 1824. He was the fourth of eight children born to Catherine and Felix Goddard of Westenhanger, near Stanford in Kent. Felix Goddard (born c. 1789, Stanford, Kent) married Catherine Russell (born c. 1792) in Hythe, Kent on 25 November 1816. The marriage license describes Felix Goddard as a "Gentleman", but subsequent census returns give his occupation as "Clerk", with the 1861 census recording his final occupation as "Clerk - Merchant". The union of Felix Goddard and Catherine Russell produced at least eight children – John Fagg Goddard (born 1818), Alfred Goddard (b. 1819), Catherine Goddard (1822), Charles Goddard (1824), George Goddard (1826), Ellen Goddard (1828), William Goddard (1831) and Edward Goddard (1834).

Charles Goddard showed a talent for drawing from a young age and in the 1840s he tried to further his artistic career by moving to London. On 14 November 1843, at the Holy Trinity Church in Clapham, he married a young widow called Mrs Lucy Ruffin. Born in the village of Buckland, near Dover, in Kent, in 1814, Lucy was the daughter of Sarah and John Hart. On 10 May 1835, at the age of twenty-one, Lucy Hart had married William Henry Ruffin, a painter and glazier from Dover. William Ruffin apparently died within a few years of his marriage to Lucy. At the time of her marriage to Charles Goddard, Lucy was twenty-nine years of age, a decade older than her nineteen year old husband.

During his stay in South London, Charles Goddard fathered three children – Helen Goddard, who was born in South London on 4 April 1844; Felix Charles Goddard, who was born in Lambeth on 14 March 1846; and Alfred Fagg Goddard, whose birth was registered in the district of Lambeth during the 3rd Quarter of 1848.

By the time the 1851 census was taken, Charles Goddard and his family were living in the High

Street of Hastings. Charles Goddard's brothers, led by Alfred Goddard (born 1819), had formed a firm of ornamental painters, carvers and gilders in Rye and Hastings. Charles Goddard was still pursuing an artistic career and in 1853 he exhibited two watercolours of domestic subjects at the Suffolk Street Gallery in London. It was while residing at 90 High Street, Hastings, in 1853 that Charles submitted a painting entitled "The Parting" to an art exhibition at the Liverpool Academy.

By the late 1850s Charles was earning a living as an artist and teacher of drawing in Hastings. Around 1858 he supplemented his income as an artist by taking photographic portraits in Hastings and Rye. In 1858 he was making weekly visits to Rye with his camera, taking photographic portraits in a temporary studio located "Opposite the London & County Bank" in High Street, Rye. A directory of Hastings published in 1859 records Charles Goddard as a "photographic artist" at 2 Russell Street, Hastings. Charles shared the business premises at 2 Russell Street with his young brother George Goddard (born 1826), who was working as a carver and gilder. By July 1859, Charles was working as an "Artist & Photographer" at Priory Conservatory, Robertson Street, Hastings. A newspaper advertisement announced the weekly visits to Rye made by the photographer Charles Goddard. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, he set up his camera in a building opposite the London & County Bank in Rye's High Street. (*Hastings & St Leonards Times & Rye Chronicle*, Saturday, 18 September, 1858.)

Joan Dibble

Ed.: Thanks to Joan Dibble (née Goddard) who has kindly provided details relating to Felix Goddard (1789-1867), the father of photographer and artist Charles Goddard.

ICE HOCKEY

I am grateful to Margaret of Worsley for sending me a cutting from April of last year concerning Declan Ryan, son of Margaret's niece, Jayne Goddard. Declan, aged 17, had just come back from representing Great Britain as netminder at the IIHF World Under-18 Championships in Poland. He saved 130 of 142 shots, placing him third in the netminder standings behind the two netminders from Germany, the tournament winners, Great Britain came fifth. Declan currently plays for Trafford Metros in the English National Ice Hockey League, but hopes to move to a Premier League team in the near future and to represent Great Britain in the Under-20s. We wish him the best of luck for the future.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Committee held its 46th meeting at Silverstone Golf Club on 24 October. Apologies had been received from Joan Dibble, Stephen of Buckhurst Hill and Eileen of Accrington who had, unfortunately, just broken her arm. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved, as were those of the AGM. Treasurer John outlined his attempts to recover renewal subscriptions; reminders had been sent and it was again decided that if payment was not received by 31 December they would be deleted. He had investigated the idea suggested at the AGM of putting the money on deposit into a bond to obtain a better return, but indicated the difficulties associated with a collective body as opposed to an individual. Research Co-ordinator Colin of Brackley had received very few research requests in recent months.

Congratulations were accorded Malcolm of Brisbane for adding a number of items to the 'members only' section of the website. The problem of data protection in relation to the activities of the Association was discussed; while it was felt not to be an issue in general, to make extra sure Membership Secretary John would look at strengthening any disclaimer made on the application form by new members – the main objective of the Association was, after all, to preserve, disseminate and share information. Malcolm's suggestion of wider advertisement of our existence will be pursued. Also discussed was his desire, largely fostered by the late Peter of Toronto, of getting as many of the written records held by the Association as possible onto the website. This aim was unanimously supported and Colin undertook to begin the task of sorting, scanning and transmitting to Malcolm as much as he could.

It was thought unlikely that any more monographs would be produced in the near future. It was thus agreed that Julie of Newbury's unfinished monograph on the Vale of Pewsey should go on the website sooner rather than later; any members who could add to the research would be welcomed. So, as indicated above, future efforts would be directed to getting as much researched material as possible onto the website. It was also agreed that this was not the right time to be producing any more commemorative items. The President reported on his visit to the National Memorial Arboretum, and in particular that the Trustees had recently turned down an application for a memorial from a family group. The recipient of the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial for 2011 was decided. A potential date and place for the next AGM, together with a speaker, was suggested and will be investigated further.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

Following the suggestion made at the last AGM, Helena and I duly visited the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas in Staffordshire, which is well laid out and most interesting. The centrepiece commemorates all those men and women who have fallen in the service of their country since the end of the Second World War, a staggering 16,000 of them. Their names are recorded year by year and under the heading of whichever of the armed services they belonged to. I happened to glance up at the names on the left of the entrance and there, in the middle of the second panel under 1946 and allocated to the Army, was Goddard HAJ. I wonder if any members claim kinship with this Goddard? There may very well be others, but it would have taken far too long to have studied all two hundred panels. I then asked whether an Association such as ours could have a memorial of some description, but was given a very firm but polite negative; indeed, I was told that the Trustees had only very recently turned down such a request from a similar organisation.

BACK NEWSLETTERS

Our website manager, Malcolm of Brisbane, has now completed the mammoth task of adding all the Newsletter back numbers to the 'members only' section. This will enable all members who have registered with him to access twenty-five years' worth of information, with the additional help of an index. I still hold hard copies at Malvern and any member can apply for them; but if you are computer literate you can now download and print your own. Our warmest thanks to Malcolm for completing this time-consuming task amongst his full-time job and the demands of a young family. In addition he has put on the website the fruits of Julie of Newbury's and other researchers' labours on the Goddards of Pewsey, which he has called "South Wiltshire Chapter 1, Vale of Pewsey". Like all the monographs it is far from complete and may well contain inaccuracies; but that is the way to advance research. If any member can add to or correct any of the monographs, please contact either Malcolm of Brisbane or our research co-ordinator, Colin of Brackley.

MARRIAGE

An announcement in the *Daily Telegraph* for 22 December stated: "Mr A. Goddard and Miss J. Sidney. The marriage took place on Friday, Dec 10, at The Angel & Royal Hotel, Grantham, between Andrew Goddard and Joanna Sidney." Does anyone claim the bridegroom as a relative?

AGM

This year's AGM will be held on the afternoon of Sunday 22 May at Bushton Village Hall. The Executive Committee originally chose the Goddard Arms at Clyffe Pypard, but the pub no longer possesses a functions room, having recently turned it and the rooms above into a youth hostel. But the neighbouring village of Bushton has a Village Hall which serves the area. Both villages are just south of Wootton Bassett, the Wiltshire town a few miles west of Swindon which is frequently in the news when its citizens pay tribute to the fallen servicemen being returned to this country via the RAF base at nearby Lyneham. Full details and directions will feature in the next Newsletter.

SWIMMER AGAIN

James Goddard of the Stockport Metros is getting ready for the National Championships to be held in Manchester from 5-12 March this year, according to an article from the *Manchester Evening News* of 14 January kindly sent to me by Margaret of Worsley. He hopes to prove himself the best in the country at his disciplines, and then to go on to represent Great Britain at the World Championships in China later in the year.

CLASSICS TEACHER

Correspondence in the *Daily Telegraph* at the end of November and beginning of December concerning the teaching of Latin in schools included a letter from a Dr Charlotte Goddard, Head of Classics at St Mary's School, Cambridge. I wonder if any member claims her as a relative?

RESTAURANT GODARD

I am grateful to new member Danny Goddaert of Antwerp for sending me details of Restaurant Godard. He writes: "In April this [last] year they opened a brand new restaurant in Antwerp with the name 'Godard'. There were two reasons why they chose this name. First, it is the name of a cooking preparation (mushrooms, white wine, onions – see p. 2) and secondly, they call it after the French cinematographer Jean-Luc Godard. If you ever come to Belgium you know where to have your dinner or lunch." Danny also informed me that he was planning a Goddard (Godard, Goddaert, Godart, etc.) reunion towards the end of November at another restaurant in Kemseke, Belgium, and was planning to send out some two hundred invitations. I have yet to hear what went on and how well the gathering was attended.

AWARD

PC John Goddard and PC Paul Markham of Basingstoke Police have been awarded the Royal Humane Society's Resuscitation Certificate for attempting to rescue a three year old Kingsclere boy who ventured into a neighbour's pond last May. Unfortunately, despite their valiant efforts to revive him, the child died. No date has yet been fixed for the presentation of the award. Goddards are very numerous in the north Hampshire area, but whichever Goddard branch he belongs to members should be proud of PC Goddard.
Julie of Newbury

POSTAL INCREASE

You must be getting tired of my pleas for more members to take the Newsletter electronically from our website. However, the Post Office has recently announced it will increase charges by some 12% in the Spring, and thus I would be a good deal happier to have fewer copies to post. If you can change to obtaining yours from the website, please do. The process of registering for access to the 'members only' section, if you have not already done so, is easy. All you have to do is to e-mail our website co-ordinator, Malcolm of Brisbane, at m.goddard@qut.edu.au and give him your membership number and e-mail address, and he will do the rest. Oh, and don't forget to let me (and your Australian, Canadian, New Zealand or USA co-ordinator know if you live in one of those countries) so that we don't post you a copy as well!

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