



## The Goddard Association of Europe

### NEWSLETTER

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## CAPITAL BEE

### Camilla Goddard and her Part-time Job

I am grateful to Association member Ted Marshall for alerting me to an article from the Style section of a May issue of the *Sunday Times*. Headed “How I make it work”, it concerns 38 year old Camilla Goddard of Brockley, south London, who juggles two part-time jobs: beekeeping and an art consultancy. She originally worked at Southeby’s co-ordinating public art schemes, and she still does that half the time; she is currently working with artists to regenerate Peckham and Brixton in south London. But she also now runs Capital Bee, which manages apiaries across London, and works with Sustain, a new programme to encourage and train beginner beekeepers.

She got into beekeeping quite by accident eight years ago when a friend gave her a beehive for her birthday. She knew nothing about bees but quickly became hooked, gradually buying more hives and producing honey to meet local demand. When people generally became aware that bees were having a hard time and that honey could be in short supply, she was asked to train new beekeepers. She now has twenty-five hives over five sites across London which she checks every day during the summer. It has grown from a hobby to a part-time job, with her amateur beekeepers having just one site either in their gardens or on a community site such as an allotment. Traditionally regarded as a male hobby, more and more women are becoming involved, not just to produce honey but generally to help the environment since bees are vital to the ecosystem and to agriculture.

Asked about her typical day, she



said it varied seasonally since bees hibernate during winter. But in the summer Camilla will probably start at her allotment, checking that the bees are not going to swarm; then she visits her other hives at Covent Garden and around south London. She spends most afternoons with her artists, helping them with their various projects, and then relaxes in the evenings either with friends or at the British Film Institute as

she is very keen on old films.

She finds beekeeping very calming in contrast to the stress that can be encountered in the art world. Indeed, beekeeping is said to be very therapeutic, and she was recently asked by a mental health charity to teach the subject to some of the people for whom it is responsible. Added to which there are the health benefits of honey; since eating more of it Camilla’s hay fever has cleared up and she also discovered it to be a great antiseptic for mouth ulcers. She now finds her life much happier and more balanced.

A visit to the Capital Bee website gives more information. “Apart from sites in Brockley, Greenwich Royal Park and Grove Park, we have some new sites this year. Capital Bee maintains hives and hive-sits for companies, charities and individuals.” It “has helped St Ermin’s Hotel in St James Park set up a new apiary on its roof. There is also a new apiary up and running for Greenwich University as part of their sustainability plans.”

“For those of you who would like to try your hand at producing your own honey, we also sell and deliver bees direct to your door if you are looking for a nucleus colony.” However, it then stresses that they have sold out of bees for 2011. “If you find the prospect of beekeeping a bit daunting, we can also provide our know-how with talks and demonstrations about beekeeping.” And it goes on to mention places in London where courses are being run. It also offers a service for removing a bee-swarm: “Don’t panic! We can collect and remove it for you if you are in the London area”, though it adds the sensible rider “and if it’s in a reasonably accessible place”!

This sounds to me like a good talk for a future AGM.

## BRIMPTON GODDARDS AGAIN

### Mystery of William Goddard

It has been mentioned before in the Newsletter that Goddards abound in West Berkshire, especially around the village of Brimpton. Michael Andrews-Reading has written about his family, who lived at Blacknest, Brimpton in Newsletter 89 for January 2009. And Sue Knight and Karen Bell's branch of Goddards have been written up in Newsletter 93 for January 2010. This is my family, living in London but having roots and connections in West Berkshire.

William Goddard and Frances Elizabeth Freake married on 4 April 1805 at St Michael, Cornhill. William was a wheelwright. He died 31 March 1841 aged 53 in Hammersmith and was buried 15 April 1841 at St Peter, Brimpton. Frances died 1843 in Kensington district aged circa 57.

William and Frances had nine known children, the first eight baptized at St James, Piccadilly, Westminster and the youngest, Emma, born in Kensington although her baptism has not yet been found. Daughters Harriet and Charlotte both died in early 1819 as infants. Son Henry John married in Chelsea and stayed with his family in the London area. Maria was born in 1815 and possibly married in London in 1837. The other five children all had connections to West Berkshire.

The eldest child, Mary Ann (born 1810), married twice, both marriages in London, the second to Francis Brangwin. However, from 1851 until her death in 1870 she was living at Furze Hill, Speen, now part of Newbury, west of Brimpton. She was buried on 9 August 1870 at St Peter in Brimpton. Mary left a will when she died, very unusual for a married woman in Victorian times.

The second eldest, Frances Elizabeth (born 1815), married on 9 August 1834 at St James, Westminster to Francis Goddard, who was not related. Francis was born circa 1810 in Brimpton, that village again. The family were recorded in West Berkshire in the censuses from 1841 to 1861 (1841 Ufton, 1851 Brimpton & 1861 Bradfield). Both Frances and Francis were buried in London Road Cemetery, Reading.

Andrew George Goddard (born 1824) married a widow, Frances Elizabeth Love (originally Ford) born circa 1820 in Benson in Oxfordshire, on 27 September 1849 at St Mary, Burghfield. Andrew was recorded as a gentleman of Ufton in the marriage records. Both Ufton and Burghfield are adjacent villages to Brimpton. Andrew and Frances emigrated to Australia in 1853 and went to Ballarat, Victoria, at

that time in the height of the gold rush, and they both died there in 1884 and 1899 respectively.

Emma (born 1829) did not marry. In the 1851 and 1861 censuses she is recorded living in Speen with the Brangwin family in the household of her sister Mary Ann; it maybe that she was an invalid. She then moved back to London and died on 12 May 1876 in Mile End Town.

The eldest son, Charles born 8 February 1820 in Westminster, followed the family occupation and became a wheelwright and he appears as such in the trade directories of the time. He married Ann Prior on 22 February 1841 at St James, Westminster. Ann was born circa 1820 in Tadley, Hampshire, again very near to Brimpton. Unfortunately, Charles died tragically young in January 1847 in Westminster.

Charles and Ann had three children; Louisa was the eldest, then two sons Charles Gilbert and William Thomas. Charles stayed in the London area working as a bullion dealer and then in the jewellery trade before dying in Barnet in 1888. William married a widow, Fanny Cribb (originally Seward), on 1 November 1870 at St Giles, Reading. Fanny was born in Kingsclere, the next village to the Brimpton connection, but over the county border in Hampshire. At the time of his death on 12 September 1876 William was running the Anchor Inn in Kingsclere.

Louisa Clara Goddard was born 14 October 1841 in Westminster. She was recorded with her mother and/or stepfather in all censuses prior to her marriage; no occupation was ever recorded. Louisa married Jacob Soper, who was born in Kingsclere, on 3 February 1876 at St Giles, Reading. Louisa and Jacob had four children all born in Kingsclere; two died very young, before Louisa died 16 April 1882 in Kingsclere of dysentery when her youngest son was aged six months.

It looks as though my Goddard family were quite well off from the occupations of the men; 'gentleman' was recorded a few times. The daughters were mostly recorded living at home with no occupations, and those that did had genteel ones such as dressmaker or teacher of music. Louisa's stepsister was recorded as a professional singer in 1881. Quite a few of the family left wills when they died, including some of the ladies.

So the mystery now is the birthplaces of William and Frances Elizabeth. No proven baptisms have been found for either. It appears from his burial and the marriages of his descendants that William had

connections to Berkshire. There is no baptism for William in Brimpton around 1788. There is a baptism in 1787 of a William Goddard in Acton but no reason to suppose it is the correct one. In the 1841 census Frances, his widow, was living in Hammersmith and is recorded as having been born in Middlesex again giving no clue.

Can anyone help me trace my Goddard line back further?  
\_\_\_\_\_ *Gerald Soper*

### WILTSHIRE RECORD SOCIETY – 3

The second volume of the Wiltshire Record Society published in 1940 deals with the Accounts of the Parliamentary Garrisons of Great Chalfield and Malmesbury 1645-1646 in which several Goddards are mentioned. The first entry records Parliamentary Assessments. On 24 February 1643 the Committee to supervise the assessment and collection of tax in Wiltshire included Edward Goddard. On 3 May in the same year another ordinance was made because the money was not coming in fast enough. It appointed two persons of trust for each county to speed things up. For Wiltshire those chosen were Sir Edward Hungerford and Edward Goddard of Upham. On 1 July 1644 the Committee for Wiltshire included Edward Goddard, John Goddard and Thomas Goddard. These ordinances were concerned with the first weekly assessments; what is known as the second weekly assessment was authorised on 3 August 1643 and included Edward Goddard. The Treasurer for the Wiltshire Committee in 1646 was James Goddard, and it was presumably he or Edward, John or Thomas who was the Goddard captured in the Royalist raid on Marlborough in January 1646. Commissioners acting for the King included Richard Goddard of Swindon.

The second entry, the Accounts for the Chalfield Garrison, show 40 shillings [£2] being paid to Mr Goddard [otherwise unidentified but probably the Treasurer James] on 28 May 1645 and another 40 shillings on 21 June, though in neither case does it say what these sums were for.

The third entry relates to the Receiver or Collector for the two garrisons. The compiler of both accounts was William Tarrant, and he was ordered by Treasurer James Goddard to assist Cornet Matraverse in August 1645 to help collect some of the assessments; as a result he handed over £53 to James Goddard.

This is but a brief glimpse into Wiltshire life during the civil war but, amongst other things, it demonstrates a sadly all too familiar fact of family life – members were divided against each other supporting either King or Parliament.

### GODDARD AS A FORENAME

The article by Brian of Newbury 'A Few Loose Ends' in the January issue of the Newsletter, and followed up in the May number, has sparked further interest. Association Member Mrs June Sharp of Disley near Stockport writes: "In the last paragraph of Brian's article he mentioned that '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?' My second Christian name is Goddard, my full name being June Goddard Sharp, née Martin. My brother Ian, who died just over four years ago, also had Goddard as his second Christian name.

"My father, Horace Martin, told me that we were both given Goddard as a second Christian name in memory of his mother, Ellen Martin, who died when he was about five years old, I believe in childbirth, possibly about 1907. Her maiden name was Goddard. His father, Charles William Martin, re-married and I am given to understand that his second wife was not a very nice woman and was quite cruel to the children born to his first wife. I have also been told that the five children born to his first wife never forgave their father for marrying a second time!

"One of my cousins, Roger Alan Goddard Martin, who is the eldest son of my uncle Perce (called Peter) Martin, has two sons, James and David, who also have Goddard as a second Christian name; but I do not know, at the moment, of any other girls or boys in the family with Goddard as a second Christian name.

"I am 81 years old now, having been born on 7 November 1929. I have one daughter and two grandsons, but the Goddard Christian name was not passed on to any of them. I was born in Landbeach, a small village between Cambridge and Ely, and my father was born in Cambridge, but I have no idea, at the moment, where my grandmother, Ellen Martin née Goddard, was born, and have not noticed any Goddards from the Cambridge area mentioned in the Newsletter. My daughter is researching my mother's side of the family at the moment, and is hoping to find out more about the Goddard part of our family in the not too distant future."

If any member can assist June or her daughter in their research, please let me know.

### FLOWER ARRANGER

My wife Helena went to a flower festival in Salisbury Cathedral recently. One of the displays was by the Porton Flower Arrangers Group, and one of the Group was a Linda Goddard. Any claimants as a relation?

## FROM SALFORD TO LONDON

I must have shown interest in my family history at an early age as my paternal grandmother, daughter of Anne Goddard, gave me a copy of her mother's Goddard family tree which dated back to Edward Goddard's marriage in Manchester to Mary Clay in June 1669. This copy had been hand written by her brother, my great uncle, presumably copied from a family bible. She also told me that her great grandfather, Edward Goddard (1764-1823), was well off, having servants and a carriage, but that he lost most of his money trying to prove a claim to some land on which Liverpool is built. His first child was born when he lived in Aldermanbury in the City of London, the next two when he lived in the Strand and Bloomsbury, respectively. The subsequent children were baptised in Southwark, which would seem to suggest a decline in his fortunes.

Fast forward to the 1990s when I got around to checking the family tree and was able, for the most part, to verify the details. However, it was only after I joined the Goddard Association and received additional information from John of Accrington that I learned a lot more of interest. This originated in the Chesshyre Papers (1), held by Manchester Central Library Archives, which included 'a pedigree of Goddard written in 1817 on paper watermarked 1815' and gave details of which I was unaware.

For instance, according to my family tree my direct Goddard ancestors originated in Salford and were not in London until c1800, so I was unaware that Stanley (b.1703), brother of Edward (1699-1756) my 5xgreat grandfather, died there in London in 1751. This spurred me on to start investigating and in doing so I found interesting reports in the 17th and 18th Century Burney Collection Newspapers. Below are some of them.

LONDON EVENING POST: Tuesday, November 9th, 1736.

On Monday Evening the Corpse of Mrs. Goddard, Wife of Mr. Stanley Goddard in Cannon-street, who died in Child-bed a few Days ago, was, after having lain in State, buried in a very grand Manner at St. Michael's Crooked-lane (2). The Pall was supported by six ladies, wearing white veils, from Head to Foot.

LONDON DAILY POST & GENERAL ADVERTISER: Wednesday, November 23rd, 1743.

On Monday last as Mr. Goddard (3), Brother of Mr. Stanley Goddard of Cannon-street, (an eminent Dealer in Norwich Stuffs, etc.) was riding towards Romford, he was suddenly taken ill, and dropped off his horse, which being observed by some Gentlemen

who were returning from Hunting, they took him up and carried him into a House, and he was immediately let Blood by one of the Company, who was a Surgeon; but he died without speaking a Word, tho' he bled pretty freely.

GENERAL EVENING POST: Saturday, April 27th, 1745.

Samuel Birch, tried for robbing his Master, Mr. Stanley Goddard, Warehouseman in Cannon-street, of a Piece of Barragon (4), and a half Piece of Shalloon (4), was Acquitted.

This report was also printed in London Evening Post, St. James's Evening Post, Daily Gazetteer (London Edition) dated April 29th, 1745, and the Old England or The Constitutional Journal dated Saturday, May 4th, 1745.

NOTES:

(1) Alice Goddard married Thomas Chesshyre; he was Borough Reeve of Salford in 1778.

(2) Victorian London - Districts - Streets - Crooked Lane

CROOKED LANE, CANNON STREET, CITY, "so called of the crooked windings thereof." Part of the lane was taken down to make the approach to new London Bridge. It has long been, and is still, famous for its bird-cage and fishing-tackle shops."

(3) My Family Tree shows that William died November 21st, 1743, aged 32.

(4) Barragon: a light corded cotton for summer wear. It was particularly popular in the 18th century and 19th century. 'Barragon coats' are referred to several times in the records of 18th century criminal trials in the Old Bailey. (Source: Wikipedia). Shalloon: light twilled woollen cloth for coat linings etc.

John had also given me information on the wills of Stanley Goddard and his sisters Alice and Mary. Stanley's will dated 23rd October, 1750, had been proven in London on 4th May 1751, so I was able to download a copy. It was handwritten by him and before it could be proven two gentlemen, who had known him well for a number of years, had to attest that the handwriting was Stanley's. Not being an expert in reading wills and 18th century handwriting I found it rather difficult to follow, but it did show that he died a wealthy man. As far as I can make out he left a total of at least £15,000\*, a house in Battersea to one of his sisters, his main residence in Cannon Street and his business to his nephew John, son of his brother Thomas, who was in poor health at the time the will was written. Both John and his brother, James Stanley, were left £1,000 in trust which

required them each to pay their father £30 per annum. My 5xgreat grandfather, Edward, received £2,000 and the freehold of Stanley's warehouse, which would seem to support what my grandmother told me. Most of the bequests he made seem to have tied the money up in trusts which then paid interest, or the capital was paid annually for a specified number of years. He also made particular mention that the husbands of his sisters should have no right to their bequests which, to me, seems particularly enlightened for that time.

\* equivalent to over £2,000,000 today when increased by RPI, but over £23,000,000 if the increase in the average wage is used.

I also downloaded a copy of the wills of his sisters Alice and Mary; Alice's was written on 30th August 1759 and proved on 8th October 1763, and Mary's was written on 27th May, 1760, and proved on 5th October 1763. Both of them followed Stanley's example and left money in trusts to their relatives.

The classified ad below mentions John Goddard as a warehouseman, so it is possible that it was the business willed to him by Stanley.

LONDON EVENING POST: Tuesday, April 29th, 1755. (Classified ads)

To be SOLD together, or in Parcels,  
At Prime Cost

All the Stock in the Button Trade of James Harrison, in his Dwelling-house and Shop, in Lombard-street, London, which are now on Sale, and the House to be let.

Enquire at the Shop, or of Mr. John Goddard, Warehouseman, at the Corner of Eastcheap in Gracechurch-street.

note, It is an old accustom'd ? Shop, and a good Trade belonging hereto.

The following report refers to my 3xgreat grandfather and would, again, appear to support my grandmother's account of the family.

BELL'S WEEKLY MESSENGER: Sunday, April 19th, 1801.

BANKRUPTCY ENLARGED  
DIVIDENDS

May 23 Edward Goddard, late of Mumford-court, Milk-street, warehouseman.

So far I have not been able to verify if he did actually spend his money trying to lay claim to land on which Liverpool is built. This might just be a story as I have been unable to find any connection of my Goddards to that city. However, included in the information John sent me was a statement saying that 'Mary Goddard (sister of Stanley) is the lady who pretends that she is in the possession of a secret, by the discovery of

which she can put Alice Cheshire (her niece), who is next of kin to some person intestate, in possession of a very large property, but refuses to divulge this secret, except upon terms which are so strange and unreasonable that they cannot be complied with'. It's not hard to imagine this becoming the basis of a family story.

As already mentioned Stanley made several bequests to members of his family, among which was £1,000 to his nephew James Stanley, son of Thomas. Therein lies another story. *Gillian Edwards*

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## NEW MEMBERS

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

Mr Keith A. Allen, 63 Blake Lane, Sandiway, Northwich, CW8 2NW.

Ms Maria B. Boxall, 11 Church Street, Wivellscombe, Somerset, TA4 2LR.

Mr David B. Care, 43 Rumfields Road, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 2PQ.

Mr André Goddard, 43 Bis, Ave de la Gare, Villeneuve Les Beziers, 34420 France.

Ms Karen M. Hawker, PF58192, BFPO 5459, HA4 6EP.

Mr Roy Price, 1 Storiths Court, Addingham, Ilkley, West Yorkshire, LS29 0NZ.

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## 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:

**Keith Allen** descends from the Chinley, Derbyshire, branch documented in Monograph 9, beginning with James born 1745 via three more James and a William to James William, his father, 1922-2005.

**Maria Boxall** is interested in the Goddards of Sedghill, Wiltshire and Gillingham, Dorset in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, especially Mary Goddard who was born in 1696, the daughter of John and Martha (née Cox). Mary married William Helyar of Coker Court near Yeovil in 1717 and is the last of that branch.

**David Care** is descended from the Folkestone, Kent, branch of Frederick S. Goddard 1848-1908 and is a second cousin of Executive Committee member Joan Dibble.

**André Goddard** is descended from the north east Hampshire Goddards of the Farnborough, Yateley, Hawley area going back to Peter born in 1565, through two Hollands and several Johns to his great great grandparents George born in 1776 and Elizabeth.

**Karen Hawker** also descends from the Folkestone, Kent, branch, this time from Samuel 1811-1874 and Elizabeth Goddard; she is a half cousin of Joan Dibble.

**Roy Price's** wife's family are descended from the Goddards of Ashbrittle, Somerset.

## GAME CERTIFICATES

I am grateful to Julie of Newbury for sending me the following from Selected Reports from the *Windsor & Eton Express* of Saturday 19 September 1829:

“Game List – County of Berks – Game Duty List 1. List of persons who have obtained General Certificates (D) at the rate of three pounds, thirteen shillings and sixpence for the year 1829:

Edward Goddard – Thatcham

Richard Goddard – Brimpton

John Goddard – Yattendon

John Goddard – Bagnor

Stephen Goddard – Bagnor

J. Goddard – Speenhamland”

There were no Goddards named in the Gamekeeper’s Certificate at the same price.

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## MORON

I am grateful to member Gillian Edwards for the following extract which she found in *Bees’ Knees and Barmy Armies* – origins of the words and phrases we use every day by Harry Oliver. “Moron: Stupid people have been around a very long time but the word ‘moron’ has only been knocking about since the early twentieth century. It comes from the Greek ‘moros’, meaning foolish and dull, and around 1912 it was picked up and used as a technical term by the American psychologist and Eugenicist Henry Goddard, a member of the American Association for the Study of the Feeble-Minded. Goddard’s ‘morons’ were adults with a mental age of 8-12 years on the Binet Scale, a system used to calculate such things. Like ‘retarded’ and ‘feeble-minded’, ‘moron’ was once an acceptable term used by professionals to describe certain people, but all three words eventually became obsolete in serious circles and remain only in colloquial use as insults.”

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## NEW ZEALAND EARTHQUAKE

A further letter from Julie Goddard, our New Zealand co-ordinator who lives in Christchurch, arrived at the end of May, and described another 5.3 quake and the aftershocks. The worst would appear to be over, but it is the consequences that remain and will do so for a long while; it is reckoned it may take as long as twenty years to repair all the damage.

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## OBITUARY

The Association is saddened to record the death of Margaret Galbreath, a member of long standing from South Australia, who died of cancer on 4 January this year. We offer our sympathy to her family.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee held its 47th meeting at Bushton on the morning of the AGM. Stephen of Buckhurst Hill had sent apologies and Colin of Brackley would have been present had he not been taken ill. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed. John of Accrington reported that he had renewed the usual classified advertisement in *Family Tree Magazine* and had made enquiries regarding display advertising in other similar family magazines, but felt that such advertising was unlikely to prove cost effective in comparison with the Website and Facebook in so far as attracting new members was concerned; most enquiries were coming via the internet these days. The Committee agreed not to proceed.

Treasurer John of Shrewsbury presented the audited annual accounts showing a surplus for the year of £615. He also reported a change of auditor. He was concerned that the bank was proposing to introduce a monthly charge of £2 which he was disinclined to accept; it was agreed that he should have discretion to move the account if necessary. Discussion took place on the level of subscriptions, which had not been reviewed for some years; but it was agreed that they should remain at £7.50 (or £5 for senior citizens). Malcolm of Brisbane had pointed out a discrepancy between UK and overseas subscriptions mainly due to fluctuations in exchange rates. The levels had originally been set by overseas co-ordinators and, after discussion, it was agreed that the decision to change or not be left in their capable hands.

Joan Dibble explained the Association page on Facebook and its workings. Concern was expressed at the lack of progress on the scanning of documents for the website, and Joan offered her services if Colin’s illness prevented him from complying with his original undertaking. [Since the meeting Joan contacted Colin, has taken over the research files, has begun the scanning process, and has temporarily taken over as Research Co-ordinator pending his recovery. Should you have a research query, please contact her at [JDbbl@aol.com](mailto:JDbbl@aol.com) or Mrs J.M.W. Dibble, 17 New Street, Kidwelly, Carmarthen, SA17 5DQ or telephone 01554 – 890641. If phoning, please only contact her between 7.00pm and 8.00pm Mondays to Fridays, and please give her your membership number.]

Procedure for the afternoon’s AGM was reviewed, and it was decided to hold the next Executive Committee meeting at Leigh Sinton on Sunday 23 October.

### **ASYLUM DEATH**

New Executive Secretary Denise of Solihull writes: "I'm a member of the Norfolk family history society and in their recent newsletter someone transcribed a list of people who died in Cambridgeshire County Asylum 1863-1875. There was a James Goddard, from Kings Lynn, admitted on 28 November 1861, died on 25 December 1866, and buried in Cambridge St Benedicts. Someone may be searching for what happened to their ancestor."

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### **TRANSPORTATION**

I am grateful to member Gillian Edwards for spotting the following extract from the *East Sussex Sentences of Transportation at Quarter Sessions 1790-1854* published by Friends of the East Sussex Record Office: "1831 GODDARD, David, 15, Brighton – life." Does any member claim him as a black sheep?

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### **HOUSING SHORTAGE**

The 2011 issue of the *Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine* contains an article on the village of Whiteparish around the middle of the nineteenth century. During a discussion on the lack of adequate housing due to population increase, it noted that farm workers, servants and the homeless were often housed in barns and outbuildings. This was a not uncommon practice throughout the country, and it quotes as an example of 1871 from Suffolk one Thomas Goddard: "Nobody could ever compel this man to go into a workhouse. He died in a miserable hovel – in fact an outshed in which he slept with William Rose to the hour of his death."

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### **CANCER FUNDING**

I am grateful to Marjorie of Wellingborough for spotting and sending me a cutting from the *Northants Evening Telegraph* of 4 April relating to the provision of more government funding for drugs for cancer patients. Apparently the East Midlands Interim Cancer Drug Fund Panel is chaired by a Dr William Goddard. Do any of our members claim him as a relation?

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### **ULSTER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION**

Recently I received out of the blue an e-mail from the Ulster Historical Foundation Research Centre, publicising itself. One of its aims is to "broaden access to historical documents and records for Irish and Scots-Irish genealogy". I am not aware of any Irish connections myself, but if any of our members are the contact address is <enquiry@uhf.org.uk>

### **ANOTHER GODDARD AUTHOR**

A recent visit to Hay-on-Wye, the so-called secondhand book capital of the world, turned up a signed preview copy of a book *Seven Floors High* by one Steve Goddard. Subtitled 'A Journey of Greed, Espionage & Deceit', it was published in 2003. It is described as a "humorous and highly controversial book" providing "a gripping and surreal account of 'new age' greed in the year 2000. Set in a hedonistic company called 'iaxis' where everyone is set to become a millionaire, the story takes the reader on a journey into the unknown and exposes some shocking revelations in the process, making *Seven Floors High* an experience you will not easily forget." Sadly the note on the author is terse in the extreme: "The author was born on June 29<sup>th</sup> 1971 and this is his first book." He himself describes the novel as "based on a true story". Does any member know any more about Steve or if he has written another novel?

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### **CHANGE OF DETAILS**

It was agreed at the Executive Committee meeting that if any Association member changes either their postal or e-mail address they should inform Membership Secretary John of Accrington (contact details on the back page) – or their co-ordinator in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the USA who will inform him – and that he would then pass the information on to other members of the Committee who needed to know. For data protection reasons we do not keep a membership database on the website.

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### **WORLD WILDLIFE FUND**

Does any member claim a Sarah Goddard, who works for the WWF, as a relation? Her name was spotted by member Gillian Edwards in the latest edition of the WWF magazine.

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### **UNIVERSITY AWARD**

A University of Nottingham society has won a top award, and I am grateful to Association member Ted Marshall of Nottingham for spotting it in a copy of the *Nottingham Evening Post* in May. The LGBT Network has been named as the National Union of Students' Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Society of the Year 2011. The award is given to societies which have had an outstanding year, whether through representing students, campaigning, or putting on events. Nottingham's LGBT officer Elizabeth Goddard said: "We are incredibly proud. The network has worked so hard through a diverse range of social events and awareness days, working together as a fantastic team."

## AGM

The 25<sup>th</sup> AGM was held on Sunday 22 May at Clyffe Pypard and Bushton Village Hall near Wootton Bassett in Wiltshire. The President welcomed some two dozen members, some of long standing and some new to the event. Several apologies were recorded. The Minutes of last year's meeting were approved and signed. There were no matters arising.

In giving his report, the Treasurer indicated that the finances of the Association were sound and that the Committee had no intention of increasing the subscriptions for the present. If any member would like an audited copy of the Accounts, please contact John of Shrewsbury direct. Unfortunately the Research Co-ordinator was ill and not present, but it was subsequently discovered that he had had another quiet year so far as research requests were concerned.

The election of Officers followed, and Richard of Malvern was returned as President. Denise of Solihull was elected as Secretary in place of Eileen of Accrington, who had indicated her desire to retire after fourteen years. Eileen was warmly thanked for her long service to the Association. John of Shrewsbury was returned as Treasurer and also thanked for his work. As members of the Committee John of Accrington and Denise of Solihull retired by rotation at the end of their three year term. John was re-elected and, in place of Denise our newly chosen Secretary, Malcolm of Brisbane was elected. While unlikely to be able to attend a meeting in person, it was felt certain that the wonders of modern technology would enable him to keep closely in contact and to share his views; it had not proved a problem with the late Peter of Toronto.

Under Other Business, Brian of Newbury requested that someone be appointed to keep topical items on the website up to date; Joan Dibble, in association with Malcolm of Brisbane, undertook to handle this task. In kindly giving a vote of thanks for the work of the Committee, Patron Peter expressed his sympathy for New Zealand members caught up in the horrific earthquake and its aftermath in Christchurch. Sunday 20 May 2012 was chosen as the date of next year's AGM, with the venue yet to be decided; suggestions would be welcomed.

The formal business was followed by the presentation of the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial for 2011. The recipient, taken totally by surprise, was Joan Dibble chosen for her extensive work on Kent and other Goddards and for the increasing role she wishes to play in furthering the aims of the Association. Since the meeting she has written to

me as follows: "Knowing what a chatterbox I am the Committee must have been quite amused when our president, Richard, managed to render me speechless when he announced that I was to be the recipient of the 2011 Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial: I was so touched that everybody thought me worthy of receiving it. The beautifully engraved crystal paper weight, that I will always treasure, now has pride of place on my desk."

This was followed by a most interesting talk given by Mrs Heather Sheeley, a Federation of Family History Societies' speaker, entitled "A Brief Look at the Census", at the conclusion of which she fielded several questions. While tea was prepared the raffle was drawn; many thanks to those who generously donated prizes and thus helped to cover the cost of the hire of the hall.

## SWIMMER AGAIN

James Goddard of Stockport has just taken part in the World Swimming Championships in Shanghai. Unfortunately he was nursing a shoulder injury and was not at his best. He had to pull out of the 200m backstroke and came fourth in the 200m medley when he was expected to come third. He was disappointed with the outcome as it was his last World Championships and thus his final chance to get a medal. The London Olympics is expected to be his last major competition in a long and successful career at the highest level.

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