

The Goddard Association of Europe

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MALEETA ANGELINA GODDARD An Indian Connection

Maleeta Angelina Goddard is twenty-one years old and our youngest member. She was born in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand in India and is studying English at the Jamshedpur Women's College there. She is the daughter of the late Baldwin Lionel Goddard and his wife Mamta. Maleeta's grandfather, Charles Octavious Goddard, came to England to study mechanical engineering in Manchester. A letter of reference dated 15 March 1934 tells that Charles was manager for a long time in one of the Kimshburn copper mines.

At the moment we have at the top of Maleeta's family tree Samuel Goddard, probably from Suffolk, whose son Lionel Goddard was found to be an Indigo planter in Calcutta when he married there, for the second time, Helen Eliza Bruce. I am grateful to Malcolm of Brisbane who has found the marriage of a Lionel Goddard to Catharine Ann D'Souza, a widow, in Cath, Calcutta on 14 May 1830. This Lionel is stated to be a steward in an insane asylum. We cannot be entirely sure that this is Maleeta's Lionel Goddard. Malcolm also found the marriage of Lionel Goddard to Helen Eliza Bruce and the

baptisms of Lionel's two sons, all of whom are confirmed by Maleeta from her late father's documents which included Lionel's will.

Lionel Goddard, a widower aged 37, married Helen Eliza Bruce aged 31 on 31 January 1846 at St James in Calcutta, Bengal, India; his father is named as Samuel Goddard. When he married Eliza, Lionel had already fathered



two sons, Nilson Edward Lionel Goddard born 23 January 1841, and Wilkie Valentine Goddard born on 14 May 1844 in Agra, Bengal, India. There is confusion with the boys' names as Lionel names his sons as Nelson and Lionel in his will. Lionel made his will on 8 September 1846 and died and was buried in Calcutta just six

days later on 14 September aged 42, so a very short marriage of just over eight months. Lionel's will is simple, just one page. He leaves to his dear sons Nelson Edward and Lionel Goddard 'the property that I possess in England that is to say a small farm in the county of Suffolk the tithe deeds are with Messrs Gladstone and White Co. White Lion Court, London. The executor is C.A. Bruce.'

The boys are christened Nilson Edward Lionel Goddard (the father of Charles Octavious Goddard) and Wilkie Valentine Goddard, three and a half years after their father died, on 21 April 1850 in Chr Calcutta, Bengal, India; their

father is noted to be Lionel Valentine Goddard and their mother Helen Eliza Goddard. I think it highly unlikely that Helen Eliza is the mother of these boys; maybe their late baptism was to formalise her parental status. On 2 August 1852 C.A. Bruce gives up his claim as executor to his niece, Mrs H. E. Goddard wife of Lionel and 'mother of his two boys', to do or sell the property as she pleases for the support of the two boys.

Maleeta's father was convinced that his roots were in Saxstead in Suffolk, and in the 1960s was corresponding with a lady in the village and a local vicar in an effort to prove this. When she has time from her studies she is working through

her father's paperwork in the hope that it contains more clues.

Can you help Maleeta further her research? Are your roots in Suffolk and do you have a Lionel born c.1804, with a father Samuel, who disappears? Or maybe it was Samuel who went to India and Lionel was born there? Do contact me if you can help Maleeta.

Joan Dibble

OBITUARIES

The winter months have not been kind to Goddards this time. The Association is saddened to record the death of long-standing member Francis Goddard, younger brother of Daphne Bennett whose birthday photograph appeared in the last Newsletter. We offer Daphne and her family our sincere sympathy.

In mid-November Treasurer John of Shrewsbury's younger brother David spotted in the *Shropshire Star* an obituary for Beryl Doreen Goddard who had died on 7 November at The Royal United Hospital in Bath. She was described as the wife of the late Flight Lieutenant Tom Goddard, and the funeral service was held at the West Wiltshire Crematorium. This begs the question as to why her obituary should have been placed in a Shropshire newspaper. Another intriguing mystery is the sentence that followed the funeral details: "Will be fondly remembered by the Main Family". Does any member recognise this Goddard as a relative?

The Association was further saddened to learn of the death of Pat Bisset on 10 December. A long-



Pat Bisset (nee Goddard)
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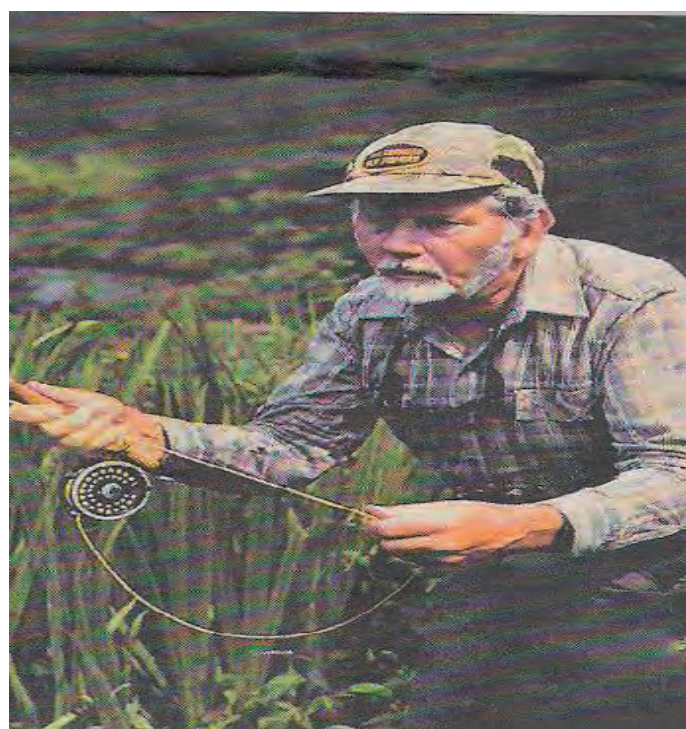
standing member of the Association Pat, who was descended from the New Zealand offshoot of the Silchester branch, lived much of her life with her husband Norman in Whangamata and we offer him our condolences. They had both visited the 'old country' in 1998, managing to attend Stephen of Buckhurst Hill's daughter Helen's wedding.

And on Boxing Day John Goddard "Fly Fisherman and Author" also died "aged 89. Will be sadly missed by his wife Eileen, daughter Susan and grandson Christopher." See the next column for more detail.

FLY FISHERMAN

John Goddard, one of the greatest fly fishermen of his era, died on Boxing Day aged 89. Born in London on 27 August 1923, he was brought up at Carshalton, Surrey, near the river Wandle where he learned to fish as a small boy with net and jam jar before graduating to a rod at his grandfather's house on the Thames. On leaving school he took an engineering apprenticeship, but when war broke out joined the East Surrey regiment. He broke his leg parachute training, so served as a weapons instructor, latterly in India. Once the war was over he joined the family firm, F. Goddard & Co. which made garden furniture and dogs' beds.

Originally a coarse fisherman, he was introduced to fly fishing in 1951 and, like his quarry, became



hooked. Collaborating with others, he made a detailed study of the entomology of river insect life and went on to write eight books: *Trout Fly Recognition* (1967), *Trout Flies of Still Water* (1969), *Trout Flies of Britain & Europe* (1991), *John Goddard's Trout Fishing Techniques* (1996), *Understanding Trout Behaviour* (2001), *Reflections of a Game Fisher* (2002), *The Trout Fly Patterns of John Goddard* (2004), and his autobiography *The Passionate Angler* (2008). He fished mainly on the rivers Itchen and Kennet, but was also an experienced big game and sea fisher, representing and captaining England in international competitions. His abiding passion took him all over the world promoting and indulging in the sport. He was also a regular contributor to angling publications, a Fellow of the Royal Entomological Society and a former President of the Fly Dressers' Guild. He married his wife Eileen in 1950.

THE POSSIBLE FUTURE OF THE GODDARD ASSOCIATION

I think that the observer of the family history scene must agree that it is possible that interest in the subject is waning. Other family one name studies than the Goddards are experiencing difficulty in filling places on their committees and for volunteers to do more research. And one countrywide family history magazine *Family History Monthly* has stopped publication. On the other hand I am told that the local family history society, which meets monthly to hear talks, has had to hire a larger hall to accommodate a growing audience.

Perhaps TV programmes such “Who do you think you are?” have made researching your tree seem too easy. Papers appear like magic on the show, whereas in real life it has taken a researcher several weeks to uncover the ‘startling’ facts. People have perhaps started research but have met a difficulty and given up at the first hurdle. Or possibly found that older members of the family have tried to actively hinder research fearing that uncomfortable facts will be uncovered. Another attitude which can occur is the “Oh great aunt Cissy has done all that” one, without thinking that Aunt Cissy is in her eighties and on her death the cousins will throw out her numerous papers without more than glancing at them. Also, Aunt Cissy has perhaps not committed to paper several stories, the knowledge of which probably gives her slightly malicious delight and which she would confide to you at the slightest encouragement.

I have no solution to offer to the apparent lack of interest in research and the future of the Goddard Association. I can only tell that having been a member from almost the beginning, it has provided me with points of interest and sometimes delight, when discovering how the Goddards took part in historic events, made long journeys, were murdered, appeared in court for theft, were transported to Australia and made good and so on. “Not my Goddards they didn’t” you will perhaps reply. My answer will be that in my family tree (not the Goddards, I am only married to one) my sister and I have uncovered family secrets that we think our mother for one did not know.

In the end I think each member of the Goddard Association could ask themselves “Why do I belong?” Is it because they joined in a fit of enthusiasm but have done nothing further; the Newsletters go into the bin unread? Do you get the Newsletter, scan it, think “Nothing for me there” and “Nothing on my family” and dismiss it? There would be something on your family if you wrote it and sent it in to the editor. Others may pick up the link and contact you,

revealing a set of cousins, or second cousins, which you did not know you had.

The Goddard Association has a very large collection, amassed over twenty-five years, of papers and letters about the Goddards. When Brian and I gave up being research co-ordinators we passed on two car loads of files. These are now residing in the present co-ordinator’s office, being sorted and put on computer. We have a web site to be proud of, full of information and being indexed as I write. Why not make use of it? Goddard is an historic name which has been held by many men (and women!) of note. Be proud to be a another! Otherwise, as members of the present committee have to retire because of age and infirmity – and this could be not far in the future – the Association will fold, records will be dispersed and over twenty-five years of effort will go for nothing. What a pity that would be!

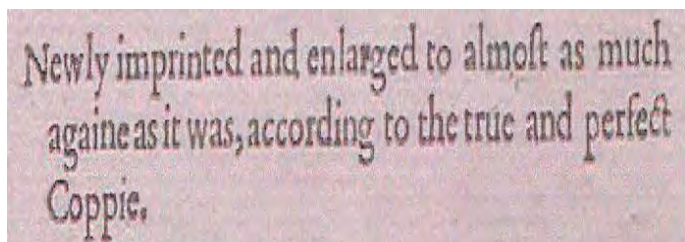
Julie of Newbury

GODDARD’S STARCH

Following publication of the last Newsletter, I received an e-mail from Tony Goddard who writes as follows: “My mother pointed out an article in the Newsletter that I can shed more light on. Goddard’s Starch was one of many products of J.W.Goddard & Son Ltd of Frimley Green. The Goddards company was one of the country’s biggest and best known manufacturers of polishes, waxes, cleaning and laundry products. The firm was established as J. Goddard & Son in 1839 in Leicester, but re-located to Frimley in the early 1900s. The business was built up on the invention of Joseph Goddard, a pharmacist of non mercurial silver polishes, based on urea and uric acid. These products are still manufactured under the Goddard’s brand name and sold worldwide. Goddard’s Hotel Dip is used in the majority of hotels to clean silver cutlery simply by dipping and rinsing. The company embarked on a long harmonious relationship with S.C. Johnson & Sons of Racine, Wisconsin in the 1920s; together the firms developed Pledge silicone wax which was made at Frimley. In 1968 the companies merged in a friendly agreement and slowly the larger S.C. Johnson branding took over in all lines except for metal polishes and some commercial lines. There is a nod to the Goddard company in a detail of the S.C. Johnson logo inside the J which resembles the oldest Goddard logo (there were several). The factory remains at Frimley Green to this day producing a vast array of products, and J. Goddard & Sons Ltd remains the registered name for the company and is still above the door.”

REVISED MONOGRAPH

I am most grateful to series editor Brian of Newbury for revising the 15th monograph. He writes: "By the time you read this Newsletter, the revised version of the family trees in the Yateley and district monograph *The Goddards of North East Hampshire* will have been published. It is now in two parts; Part 2 was published in April 2012 (Monograph 16) and the revised Part 1 in January 2013. Paper copies have been lodged with the Goddard archives at Devizes and the Society of Genealogists in London, and an electronic copy has been sent to Malcolm of Brisbane, the web-master, for him to add to the 'members only' section of the website. Paper copies can be made available if you pass your request to Richard of Malvern, enclosing a cheque for £3.50 (which includes postage) made payable to the 'Goddard Association of Europe'.



This statement is not strictly true (only a 61% expansion), but then nor was it true when these words appeared on the cover of the second quarto of Shakespeare's *Hamlet* printed in 1605 by Nicholas Ling (1570-1607), the London publisher, bookseller and editor. However, when combined with the recent publication *The Goddards of North East Hampshire Part 2*, content has gone up from 30,000 words to nearly 49,000. But, much more importantly, several branches in this revision have been significantly expanded with dates of personal events added and errors in earlier 'facts' corrected.

One may think, with this flurry of activity, that the trees for the Goddards of this area are complete; but nothing could be further from the truth. For instance, on the GAE website is a database of Goddard Probate Index (1858-1957) giving the probate details of over 4,000 wills of Goddards untouched; but many of these Will Probates appear to be associated with people mentioned in this monograph. These are still awaiting investigation. Also, many of the parishes in the area surrounding Yateley have yet to have their records researched. Most of the branches shown in the monograph just terminate for lack of information.

Researchers, where are you? This monograph, together with those for all other areas, needs your help; it won't get done without you!"

ADAM ANT AGAIN

I am grateful to Margaret of Worsley for spotting in a recent copy of the *Daily Mail* a report on the come-back concert of Adam Ant, real name Stuart Goddard, at the Manchester Ritz. Now aged 58, it is some thirty years since the height of his popstar fame when he sold fifteen million records and had hits such as 'Stand and Deliver', 'Prince Charming' and 'Antmusic'. Having battled well documented mental health problems (some of which were reported in these pages), he has now embarked on a series of shows across Britain as part of his Blueback Hussar Tour – wearing suitable uniform as of old. We wish him well.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

I much regret to announce the resignation from the Executive Committee of Stephen of Buckhurst Hill due to family pressures. Stephen has been a member for the last six years, and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking him for his support and varied contributions. That now leaves two vacancies on the Committee, and I would appeal yet again for members to offer to serve; please contact me in time for the AGM in May.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Mr Bill S. Goddard, 12 Lancaster Avenue, Parafield Gardens, South Australia 5107.
Mr Shaun M. Jackson, 35 Willow Crescent, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6EQ.
Mrs Jill Wellcoat, 7 Linden Way, Lymington, Hampshire, SO41 9JU.

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:

William (Bill) Stanley Goddard has traced his family back to Stephen, born in 1751 the son of Thomas and Mary (née Brackstone) of Aldbourne. His branch moved from Wiltshire to Templecombe in Somerset, then to Pontypridd in Glamorgan where his grandfather Charles was born c. 1905, and then on to Australia.

Shaun Jackson descends from a Wymondham, Leicestershire branch through three Williams to Edward Brett Goddard born in 1891 and who died in the USA in 1989.

Jill Wellcoat is from the Brimpton and Blacknest branch through Annie, grand-daughter of William and Frances E. Goddard. Several members belong to this branch which is well documented and features in various Newsletters. Brimpton is also the village in which we will hold our AGM later this year (see back page).

GODDARD COURT

A year or two ago the Town Council of Faringdon in Oxfordshire adopted the policy of assigning to new streets and buildings the names of those servicemen inscribed on its War Memorial. So on 11 May 2010 George Goddard assisted the town's Mayor in



opening Goddard Court, a development of eleven new homes in an area formerly known as Ferngrove near the Hart Avenue underpass and named in honour of his younger brother Ronald (see Newsletters 81 & 82 for more on this young airman).

Flight Sergeant Ronald Goddard was born in Faringdon in 1924 and went to primary and secondary schools in the town. When war broke out he enlisted in the RAF and was sent to Canada for training. He



took part in many raids over Germany as a bomb aimer for 51 and later 635 squadrons, but sadly his plane crashed during an exercise near Grantham in March 1945 and there were no survivors. He is buried in All Saints churchyard. I am most grateful to George for sending me – belatedly as he admits – a cutting from the *Faringdon Folly & Diary* for June 2010 together with these photographs.

NEW YEAR HONOURS

Some of you may have spotted one Goddard recipient of a New Year honour: Dr Ann Victoria Goddard who was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to the community in Hertsmere in Hertfordshire. But do any of you know anything more about her?

GODDARD AS A FORENAME

In the last Newsletter under this heading there was a reference by John of Accrington to the use of the odd 'Kerenhappuck' as a forename. John now adds: "Julie of Newbury [has] pointed out to me that Kerenhappuck was one of the three daughters of Job, the others being Jemima and Kezia, and that Julie has three women in her tree who had been given the name. In Hebrew the name can be translated as 'a receptacle for eye make-up', i.e. kohl, but by extension may allude to her beauty in general."

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME

In the December quarter of 1858 the birth was registered of Ziveoness Crocker in Henley on Thames to Henry Crocker and his wife Eliza. Henry was a carpenter and cooper who had moved from East Woodhay, Hampshire. At the time of the 1881 census Ziveoness was aged 22 and working as a general servant at a grocers in Henley, and her name was written as Livioness. When she was married to Arthur Goddard of Henley in Spring 1888 her name is given as Zivvconess Crocker. They had a daughter in the autumn of 1889 and named her Ziveoness Phillis Goddard. In the 1911 census Ziveoness states that she had been married for 23 years and has four children. John Crocker Goddard was born in 1888 and died in 1889. The others were: the above named Ziveoness, who usually went by the name of Phillis; Arthur Henry, born 1897 and then employed as a farmer's boy; and Thomas Mullard Crocker born in 1902 in Hartley Witney. In 1919 Zivyeoness P. Goddard, the daughter, married Francis Dickinson at Hambledon. After a long life Ziveoness Goddard, then living at Clarks Farm, Darby Green, Blackwater, died in hospital at Aldershot in early 1939 aged 80, a year after her husband. Probate was granted to Arthur Henry Goddard, her son, a groom. It was valued at £63. 5s. Where did this unusual first name come from? I have a shelf full of name reference books, including a concordance to the Bible, but cannot find anything even similar to Ziveoness. From the differing spellings given in the above account it appears that no one else has heard of the name or how to spell it!

Julie of Newbury

EARTHQUAKE UPDATE

A recent letter from our New Zealand co-ordinator, Julie in Christchurch, indicates that the trauma there still continues; indeed, a small quake occurred while she was in the process of writing the letter causing her dog Riley, who is not surprisingly still very nervous, to climb on her lap. She says: "The radio today told us we have now passed the 13,000 earthquakes mark. We have had quite a few during December – all between 3.2 and 3.9 – and I feel we've become quite blasé. It would really shock us all if another big one occurred. Let's hope not, but scientists say it could – tho' the longer we go without it the better off we are. The northern part of Cathedral Square has been opened for three weeks to allow us in for a look – first time since February 2011 in that section. Victoria Square has been returned to its former self – mown lawns and garden plots – it's lovely; we walked the dogs and sat by the river in the sun. From there we could see into the Town Hall and that is a disaster. At this stage the Council are saying it will be repaired, but the government minister in charge of Christchurch wants to overturn the decision. It's a beautiful building with an excellent auditorium so world class musicians say. I would like it repaired. The new motorway crossing Christchurch opened this week. Saves me time getting to Tony's (her brother) at Prebbleton; far more direct. It had just been started prior to September 2010 and it has been worked on solidly since then. Buildings are going up around the place – progress!"

MISTREATMENT

I am grateful to Joan Dibble for sending me information on two Goddards taken from the *Evening News* of Tuesday 18 June 1889. Headed "Winchester" and "Monday, before Captain Budden, Messrs. Kelsey, Clifton and Little" it reads: "Well Punished – Two men named Benjamin Goddard and Jesse Goddard, dealers, were charged with being drunk and furiously driving, and further, with cruelty to a mare on Sunday evening. Benjamin was driving the mare and Jesse was riding a horse by the side, in St Cross Road. The mare (which was heavily in foal) was going at a gallop and both the men flogged it, the one with the stick, and the other with the butt end of a whip, until it actually fell to its knees. They are both old offenders, and for cruelty were each sentenced to a month's hard labour, and for furious driving fined 40s [£2], and costs of fourteen days further imprisonment." Joan says she has been unable to identify Benjamin and Jesse in the censuses. Do you recognize them?

WINDOW CLEANER

I am also grateful to Joan Dibble for sending me this extract from the *Manchester Evening News* for 4 May 1899. Under the heading 'Painful Death of a Window Cleaner' is the following article: "The death is reported at Stalybridge, under the most painful circumstances, of Samuel Goddard, a window cleaner. He was cleaning the upper window of a house, when the ladder slipped on which he was standing and he fell on to railings, becoming impaled. He lost a great amount of blood and suffered severely until death occurred. The deceased had twice previously fallen from, and had been warned not to ascend ladders again...." I wonder if any Association member has a Samuel in their family tree with the appropriate date of death?

EDINBURGH ZOO

I am grateful to Association member Ted Marshall for spotting and sending me a cutting from a December issue of *The Times* relating to the mating – or lack of it in this instance – of Edinburgh Zoo's giant pandas. Notoriously difficult to get to mate at the best of times, keepers think the lights in the pandas' enclosure are too bright, and plan to turn them off after daylight hours. And the significance of this for the Association? The spokesperson for the Zoo is Rachel Goddard. Does any member claim her as a relative?

WILTSHIRE RECORD SOCIETY – 9

The eleventh volume of the Wiltshire Record Society was published in 1955. It deals with the Wiltshire Quarter Sessions and Assizes of 1736. Quarter Sessions was until 1888 the chief administrative authority in each county, and its proceedings usually provide a rich source of local history; Assizes dealt with the more important cases, and were heard by a judge on circuit, Salisbury usually coming after Winchester as part of the Western Circuit. Four Goddards are mentioned. Timothy Goddard is one of fifteen appellants in the Hilary Quarter Sessions at Amesbury on three small cases. He was also listed as a juror from West Wellow for the Amesbury area, and was described as a yeoman freeholder worth £10. Daniel Goddard gent, a freeholder worth £60, was qualified to serve on the jury for Bramshaw in the Cawden and Cadworth area. Ambrose Goddard gent, was listed as a juror for Box in the Chippenham area. And Pleydell Goddard Esqr, was listed as a juror for Swindon in the Kingsbridge area. He was also one of many Justices of the Peace listed for the county by commission dated 7 July 1736.

NEW RESEARCH FILES

You will doubtless recall that, in the report in the last Newsletter of the Executive Committee's meeting in October, it had been decided to use some of the Association's funds for purchasing electronic copies of various counties' parish records from which our Research Co-ordinator could extract Goddard births, deaths and marriages. A start was made by Joan Dibble with Suffolk and Hampshire, and not long before Christmas Malcolm of Brisbane added the fruits of her labours to the 'members only' section of our website. Our grateful thanks to Malcolm, but more especially to Joan who undertook the time consuming task; she, in turn, would like me to add warm thanks to member Barbara Goddard who helped her to compile the Hampshire file. If any other members would like to offer their assistance to Joan on other counties in which they have a particular interest I am sure she would be delighted to hear from them.

PROFESSOR PETER GODDARD

I am grateful to Association member Ted Marshall for sending me a *Times* obituary of the theoretical physicist Professor David Olive. He has nothing to do with the Association, but the obituary mentions that "together with his long-term collaborator Peter Goddard [he] was awarded the Dirac Medal of the International Centre for Theoretical Physics in 1997". Although Professor Goddard has featured briefly before in these pages (Newsletters 41, 59, 71 & 95), I have not previously noted his winning of this award. It would appear to be most fitting, as he was a long-time admirer of the Nobel Prize winner Paul Dirac and, as Master of his Cambridge College St Johns, knew him quite well.

BLACK SHEEP

I am grateful to Marion Gray, via John of Accrington, for sending an article from the *Nottingham Post* of 4 December last detailing the arrest and conviction of one John Goddard aged 63, formerly of Clare Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, for the rape of a teenager. The crime took place in 2011, but the offender fled Nottinghamshire to Leicestershire where he was eventually spotted and arrested last May. He pleaded guilty at Nottingham Crown Court and was sentenced to ten years and put on the sex offenders' register. His victim was praised for speaking out and her determination to secure a conviction. I don't suppose any member will claim him as a relative!

GODDARD SOFA

Some members may have spotted a 'Goddard Sofa' pictured in the Home & Design section of the *Daily Telegraph Magazine* for Saturday 27 October. It is designed by Pinch Design, a furniture, product and interior design company set up in 2004 by husband and wife team Russell Pinch and Oona Bannon, working out of their London studio and showroom. The article says: "As with much of Pinch Design's furniture, the new Goddard sofa straddles the worlds of tradition and modernity. While its shape and construction (including a horsehair filling) owe a debt to the past, the proportions make it perfect for a



modern interior space. The three-seat (7ft-wide) sofa shown here costs £4,140." Obviously quality like its name – but why *is* it called 'Goddard'?

GODDARDS GARDEN

Memory constantly plays tricks, the more so, it would appear, the older one gets. I thought I had mentioned Goddards Garden once before in a Newsletter; but I cannot find it in the index of former articles so, either I did not or the index is faulty – both equally possible! The garden is situated at 27 Tadcaster Road, York, YO24 1GG, and is about one and a half miles east of the centre of the city. Formerly the garden of Noel Goddard Terry of the famous York chocolate-making firm, it is now a National Trust property though the house, which is currently being used as offices, is not open to the public. The garden was designed by George Dillistone and is said to be an excellent example of a late Arts and Crafts garden, containing formal terraces and herbaceous borders enclosed by yew hedges. It also has one of the country's few British colonies of midwife toads. Parking is free, and dogs are allowed but only on condition that they are kept on leads. The garden is open from 1 March to 31 October on Mondays to Fridays from 11.00am to 5.00pm.

AGM

The 27th AGM will be held at 2.00pm on Sunday 19 May in the Village Hall at Brimpton, a small village just off the A4 east of Newbury, where two branches of the Goddard family were located. Apart from the usual business part of the meeting, it is hoped that a noted local historian will give a brief talk. Full details will appear in the next Newsletter.

FURTHER NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND

After receiving a copy of the last Newsletter outlining her memories of Jim and Harry Goddard, Glen Curry decided to do a little more research. She wondered if Jim's son Ray (pictured here) was still



alive and in New Zealand. He was! Ray, a retired bookseller, has an entry on the internet about his taste in books. He is also in the telephone directory. Formerly in Tauranga, aged 88 he now lives in Taupo with his wife Pam. Glen and Ray had a long phone call, recalling memories of the 1950s. There was an update on the family, too. Ray's brother Ken died some time ago in England. However, Ray and Pam's children, twins Janet and John, are 'doing well'. Janet has travelled to England and visited the Keighley Goddards and actually stayed with Osborne Goddard (Jim and Harry's youngest brother) who was a policeman. However, he has since died. Both Glen and Ray thank the Goddard Association for helping them relive pleasant memories of not so long ago. But she is still hoping for the recipe for Edie's small yellow cakes. One day perhaps.....

Julie of Newbury

GODDARD LADIES

I am most grateful to Diana of Shrewsbury for writing to me in relation to part of the article in the last Newsletter under the above heading. She writes: "In your latest newsletter you refer to 'Goddard Ladies', particularly one Michelle Goddard talking on the radio about steam cars and traction engines. I am the treasurer and membership secretary to the National Steam Car Association and know Michelle and her husband, David, although not very well. They live near Chippenham and grow plants to supply to garden centres, so they are not open to the public themselves; and they also repair traction engines. They are also the proud owners of a steam car." I have written to suggest that when next they meet, Diana and her David (younger brother of Treasurer John) might try to persuade them to join our Association.

BOEUF GODARD

I am grateful to Association member Mavis Johnson for spotting in a BBC4 programme on restaurant dining experiences, one at Alinea, course eight of twelve of which was the Escoffier dish 'Filet de Boeuf Godard'. The critic described it as "wonderful.....it was how I would want to eat all the time if I could!" Georges Auguste Escoffier was a famous French chef who lived from 1846 to 1935, and this particular dish was thought to have been first produced in 1887. But I can find no clue to the Godard connection.

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