

## The Goddard Association of Europe

### NEWSLETTER

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## PROBATE INDEX STORY (3) RESPONSE

### Samuel Goddard, Military Knight, 1793-1869

January 2016's issue of the Newsletter, No. 117, carried a piece led by an obituary in the *Standard* for Samuel Goddard, Military Knight, 1793-1869. It raised the possibility of a connection to Daniel Poole Goddard and Lucy Haill of Ipswich. Further investigation seems to indicate that the Samuel Goddard of this article was not their son despite a number of coincidences.

At her burial in 1839 Lucy Goddard (née Haill) is recorded as 53 years old. Unless this is incorrect it would mean she was born about 1786 – too young to have been the mother of the subject of the article. Daniel Poole Goddard and Lucy Haill did indeed have a son Samuel, born on 26 November 1813 and baptised on 27 February 1814 at Tackett Street Independent Church, Ipswich. It appears that this Samuel Goddard enlisted in the Sappers and Miners in London on 22 December 1843, stating his occupation as 'clerk'; he arrived in India in 1845. It was this Samuel Goddard who, on 20 November 1848, married Mary Anne Hayes née de Gama, a widow. The marriage records state that Samuel Goddard was a corporal in the Sappers and Miners, also that Samuel was a widower although no record of any earlier marriage has been found. (Enlisting at the age of 29 seems a little late; could this have been prompted by the death of his first wife?)

The *Bombay Almanac* recorded the death of Mary Anne Goddard / Hayes / da Gama at Neemuch in January 1852, shortly after the birth of her daughter Mary Anne Lydia.

She was buried at Neemuch on 9 January 1852. Sergeant Samuel Goddard was by this time working for the Department of Public Works.

At Poona on 28 June 1855 Sergeant Samuel Goddard married, for the third (at least) time Margaret Daw, widow of Corporal John Daw who had died the previous year in Ahmedabad. Margaret died on 8 May 1858 at Karachi.

There are no further references to Samuel Goddard after 1858. As the January article stated, Lydia Mary Anne Goddard was found staying with her aunt in Ipswich in 1881. The 1891 census recorded in the Bethnal Green Asylum a Lydia Goddard who was born in Neemuch in the 1850s. It seems reasonable to assume that this was Samuel's daughter and the same Lydia as was recorded in Claybury Asylum in 1901 even though the ages do not agree. In 1901 Lydia was stated to have been a teacher. Research into the hospital's admission records may shed further light on Lydia's story.

Having established that the subject of the original article,

Quartermaster Samuel Goddard of the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment, was not connected with Daniel Poole Goddard, Lucy Haill, Mary Anne Hayes or Mary Anne Lydia Goddard, the question remains: who was he?

His military service is well documented, and he even made an appearance in *Hansard* as an example of the nature of Regimental Quartermasters who had sprung from the rank and file of the British Army. However, his family life is less clear; perhaps what follows may add to that knowledge.

From the 1861 census and Quartermaster Samuel Goddard's statement of military service we know that he was born in Norwich on 8 January 1793. At the time of his marriage in 1830 he gave more detail: he was from the parish of St Paul in Norwich. There were no Goddard baptisms in this parish in 1793; however, in the neighbouring parish of St Lawrence a Samuel Goddard married an Ann Ebbs on 10 October 1792. The following children of a Samuel Goddard and Ann Abbs [*sic*] were baptised at St Martin at Palace, Norwich: Ann born 30 December 1793, Elizabeth born 31 July 1795. This family appears to have moved to the parish of St Paul, Norwich, for Elizabeth Ebbs was buried here in September 1796 and Robert, apparently the only surviving son, born 3 July 1797, was baptised in the parish of St Paul on 16 July 1797. Between that date and 1812 there were repeated births and subsequent infant deaths of Samuels, Anns and Elizabeths to the same parents. A Sarah was born but also died in infancy. Is it possible that the sons born in 1806 and 1807 were named Samuel after an elder Samuel had left, for whatever reason, to join the army in 1805? Robert remained

in Norwich and may be found in later records at St Peter, Mancroft, Norwich before he moved to keep an inn at Wisbech in Cambridgeshire.

Samuel Goddard's marriage to Rose Mary Henrietta Palmer in 1830 may not have been his first marriage. In Tannah on 22 November 1819 a Quartermaster Sergeant Samuel Goddard married Francina Moss. They had a son, Samuel, baptised 24 December 1820 who died in March the following year. Rose Mary Henrietta Palmer's maiden name appears to have been Thompson not Riddell, although three Riddells did witness her marriage to John Palmer. (This family of Riddell reappeared later in Samuel's life.)

In 1833 the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment moved from Southampton, where Samuel's son Charles was born, to Athlone, where his daughter Ellen was born. Ellen's godfather was Lieutenant-Colonel (later Major-General) Mathias Everard\* who had led the storming of Bhurtpore by the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment in 1826. From 1836 there followed five years in the West Indies before the service companies moved to Quebec in 1841. It is here that Rose Mary Henrietta died, on 14 October 1845. She was buried at the Anglican Garrison in Quebec on 17 October.

Before leaving Rose, it is worth remarking that on 9 January 1831, four months after Rose's marriage to Samuel, a Rose Mary Henrietta (born 30 December 1830) was baptised in St Peter, Mancroft as the daughter of Robert Goddard (son of Samuel Goddard and Ann Ebbs, and potentially the brother of Samuel). Unfortunately, after twelve years of having baptized his children with single Christian names, Robert's reason for choosing more elaborate naming for his final child are not recorded.....

In 1853, eight years after the death of his wife Rose, Samuel remarried in Clevedon. His wife was Margaret Nesbitt Riddell, a cousin of John Reginald Riddell who witnessed Rose's marriage to John Palmer. It was Margaret, not Mary, who was living with Samuel in Windsor at the time of the 1861 census. Some time after Samuel's death in 1869 Margaret returned to Clevedon where she died in 1900.

\*Anecdotes published by various members of the Cotes family claim that Quartermaster Goddard was born in Ireland and ran away to join the army with his friend Mathias Everard. There are further remarks that Mathias Everard's widow left Ellen Cotes (née Goddard) £1,000 in gratitude for Samuel Goddard saving Everard's life. Although they were clearly friends in later life, there are a number of issues with this story: Samuel Goddard's records repeatedly

stated that he was born in Norwich, not Ireland; Everard was possibly four years older than Goddard; more importantly, Everard never married; finally, it is clear from Mathias Everard's will that, after he had ensured his horse would be cared for on his family's estates in Ireland, it was he who left money to Ellen Cotes, his goddaughter.

*Richard Morris Ed. I am always happy to receive articles in response to stories printed in a previous Newsletter.*

## RESEARCH CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

My life imploded somewhat in 2013 and for quite a while I lost all concentration and to a certain extent my role of research co-ordinator was compromised. I am back on track now, thank goodness.

Last year Richard, our president, asked if I could help a non-member, Brian Goddard, with his family tree. I am half way through that and it has been a fascinating journey. I have the family back to George Goddard baptised in February 1791 in Guildford; the family settled in Farnham in Surrey. If this rings any bells with you, do let me know.

I had to shelve Brian's tree temporarily. Following my offer of help in a newsletter, member Doreen Evans contacted me. Could I help her with her tree? Of course I could. Doreen is a Lancashire Goddard. She gave me all of her research. I tracked the family back to the 1841 census and was able to confirm that everything she had was correct, and then I went on to draw her family tree. At the head of Doreen's tree is Joshua Goddard, born c.1808 in Dukinfield in Cheshire, whose son Thomas married Mary Moxon on 13 November 1859 in Ashton in Lancashire. Is this your family as well? Doreen would love to hear from you if it is. Please don't hesitate to ask if I can help you with your tree.

Last year because of pressure of work Malcolm of Brisbane no longer had the time to send out the newsletters electronically and I offered to do this. Please – and I can't say this strongly enough – if you change your e-mail address notify John Goddard our membership secretary immediately. When I e-mailed Newsletter 118 to members at least ten bounced back, and I think I have only resolved two. The Newsletters are published quarterly in January, April, July and October. If you have not had yours by the end of the month please e-mail me and let me know.

I've now gone back to the Sussex BMD database that I was working on in 2013. It currently has 363 baptisms, 337 marriages and 136 burials. If you are researching in Sussex and need a look up do let me know. My best guess is it will be ready for the website by the end of the year.

*Joan Dibble*

## GODDARD ROSE

A few weeks back I thought I would have a go at finding the death of my grandmother's grandfather's mother – Margaret Goddard née Sporn, baptised at Brancaster in 1795. To that end I printed off a list of the deaths of Margaret Goddards. I narrowed it down to two – one who died in the Mitford area of Norfolk (I found it was all round East Dereham) and the other in Sussex. I went for the Norfolk one. When I got the certificate it was to find that this Margaret Goddard was a year old. She was born in 1864 and died in 1865. I could not resist working her family. I found that her father had moved to East Dereham from Thetford and was a maltster. I also found her birth and her full name which was Margaret Wilson Rose Goddard. I was a bit confused when I found their daughter Margaret was eighteen on a later census. I eventually found that they had two daughters, the second being born a few months after the first died. They did the same with the two boys named George that followed, as the first one died.

I have just finished working not only the Goddard family but the Wilson Rose family too – or at least as far as I can get. As our church member who rejoices in the name Rose said: “There are a lot of them!”. The last member I worked on was interesting. Edward Wilson Rose (Goddard) was the eldest brother in Margaret's family. He was born before the parents' marriage and appears to have used the Goddard and Rose surnames as he wished. On the two censuses with his birth family, the first he was listed under the Rose name and the second as a Goddard. He married in Ely, Cambridge, under the Rose name. He and his wife and family appear on the 1881 and 1901 censuses under the Goddard name. The three members of the family listed were Lilian, William and Arthur, but I have not found any of their births. I did look under both surnames. The bottom line is that should any Goddards be interested, the tree I have put together is on Ancestry under 'mcalpin'. Needless to say I found no link between this Goddard family and my own, and have still to get the other death certificate to see if it is my Margaret Goddard.

*Margaret McAlpin*

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee held its 57th and usual pre-AGM meeting at The Railway, Station Road, Oakham on the morning of Sunday 15 May 2016. There was only one main topic for discussion – the proposal to raise the lower level of subscription from April 2017 – after which the arrangements for the afternoon were rehearsed.

## GUIDE DOGS

Member Andrew Goddard has been registered blind since 2000; he is blind in his right eye and his field of vision is going in his left one; he has Pigmentary Glaucoma. Just over three years ago Andrew became the owner of a guide dog (named Sammy) and, since then, has been volunteering where



he can to raise money and awareness for Guide Dogs for the Blind, and recently came runner-up for the Maximising Impact award. He was presented with his certificate at the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter. Well done, Andrew. *Joan Dibble*

## CAMILLA AND HER BEES

Those of you who were members five years ago will recall Newsletter 99 which featured as its lead article Camilla Goddard and her project Capital Bee – promoting bee keeping in Central London. She was also our guest speaker at the 2012 AGM held at Whittington near Worcester, reported with a photograph in Newsletter 103. Now she has featured in the national press again (see the *Sunday Telegraph* of 27 March) as her efforts gather momentum. It used to be her part time job alongside art consultancy, but has now become a full time occupation as more and more companies and institutions decide to have hives on the roof of their buildings, which she checks on a regular basis. She is also more in demand as a speaker and organiser of courses, as well as selling honey and sourcing bees for newly intending beekeepers. As the honeybee becomes more endangered, Camilla is certainly doing her bit to reverse the trend, and in one of the more unlikely parts of the country too!

## MASON'S IRONSTONE CHINA

For even the most avid followers of antiques programmes the mention of Mason's Ironstone China only conjures up a vision of a robust, heavy, usually brightly coloured transfer printed plate or dish of little use in the modern 'Mary Berry' style of kitchen. Not much use, not very pretty, but inherited and too good to throw away. This pottery is a world away from the bone china of the genteel tea table. Mason's Patent Ironstone China was extremely durable and could be produced at very competitive prices. However, it is of interest from the Goddard Association point of view because, for over seventy years, it was owned and run by a Staffordshire Goddard family.

The web site <http://www.janicepaul.com/history.htm> describes the introduction of ironstone china: "Miles Mason's youngest son Charles James Mason at 21 years of age took out the patent No. 3724 on 31st July 1813, a process for the 'Improvement of the Manufacture of English Porcelain, IRONSTONE PATENT CHINA'. The process, according to the specification, consisted of using Scoria Slag of Ironstone, pounded and ground in water in certain proportions with flint, Cornwall stone, clay and blue oxide of cobalt. The origin of the word IRONSTONE is evident from this specification PATENT IRONSTONE CHINA; it was an extremely tough, greyish, porcellanous stoneware, because of its strength and durability suitable for everyday domestic use and for export," particularly to the new markets in the Americas. The patent for fourteen years was not renewed as "other major potters had perfected their own ironstone body recipes by that time. The name 'Ironstone China' was a marketing triumph, even though it was not factually accurate as its iron content was only a minute half of one percent. The word 'China' was equally misleading; it was not from the east nor was it porcelain."

In the monograph *The Goddards of the High Peak of Derbyshire Part 2* a Goddard family in Mellor, a chapelry in the parish of Glossop hundred of High Peak, is traced back to the early 1600s. Prior to the eighteenth century this area raised sheep and produced cloth from hand looms. With an abundance of water for power and processing, together with iron ore, coal and clay, this area was the breeding ground for an industrial revolution.

In parish records until the mid-1700s the Goddard families of Mellor were only classed as labourers; but in 1764 one Samuel Goddard is a 'clothier' when he married Elizabeth Shallcross, though later he is listed as the publican of *The White Hart* in New Mills. However, the biggest chance in fortune and status for

this particular family was with the next generation.

Samuel and Elizabeth née Shallcross are known to have had nine children all born in Mellor: three boys – Thomas (1791-1872), Hesketh (1799-1802) and Samuel (1803-76) – and six girls. Hesketh died young, but the other two were educated to be doctors and surgeons. Thomas set up in practice in Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire in 1814, while Samuel had a practice in nearby Burslem from 1826.

An advertisement in *The Spectator* Vol. 18 for 1845 lists Dr Thomas Goddard as a committee member for the proposed North-Western Trunk Railway to run between Crewe and Gloucester Docks, implying that Thomas was, by this time, also involved in local industry. This proposed railway was to be the transport link for all the wares produced in the now industrialised Midlands for export via the Bristol Channel. The proposal was dropped and the committee disbanded in 1852. Thomas, in his spare time from surgery, had acquired a financial interest in a 'potbank' (a colloquial name for a pottery factory in North Staffordshire used to make bone china, earthenware and sanitary-ware) and went on to make several ironworks and collieries. <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/staffs/vol8/pp205-224>

Thomas is listed in the *Concise Encyclopedia of English Pottery and Porcelain* as a 'man-midwife, master potter, colour maker, flint grinder, colliery owner and iron master'. He was Chief Bailiff of Longton and later Medical Officer for Stoke-on-Trent, a borough and county magistrate, and Superintendent Registrar responsible for census returns.

Thomas married Eliza Palmer in May 1817 and between then and 1835 they had eleven children, but at least three died in infancy. Four sons were raised. The first, Samuel Palmer Goddard (1818-66), followed his father to become a surgeon, obtaining several degrees in medicine and surgery. Secondly, John Hackett Goddard (1820-85), took over his father's pottery and mining interests. Thomas (1822-84), the third son, went into the church to become the vicar of the Church of St Werburgh, Kingsley, Staffordshire. While the fourth son, William (1831-76), trained as a civil engineer, but is found in later census returns as an 'Ironmaster'. In 1840 Thomas, with his son John Hackett Goddard, registered the firm of Goddard & Co. (manufacturers) Commerce Street, Lane End, Longton. In 1848 it became Goddard, Dale & Burgess (exporters), and in 1858 it was renamed Goddard & Burgess (exporters) until 1890. This company traded under the name of Burgess & Goddard in the USA and under the

name of Goddard & Burgess in England. It was the Burgess side of the partnership that managed the USA end of the business. Burgess & Goddard traded as importers of earthenwares and represented such firms as John Edwards, Wedgwood & Co., S. Bridgwood & Son in the USA. John Hackett Goddard of Longton purchased ceramics from British manufacturers, while his US partners, John Burgess and Robert Dale, operated the wholesale ceramic outlets from Baltimore and New York. John H. Goddard toured the Staffordshire potteries to determine what wares would best suit the American market and regularly sent out samples to his American-based partners.



Coming from a family of potters trading under various names and styles at Lane Delft and Fenton from c. 1800 to c. 1854, Charles Mason had developed a recipe for china, patenting it in 1813. Mason, however, did invent the word 'ironstone', a word many Staffordshire potters used to market their own patterns after the Mason patent expired in 1827. By 1848 Charles Mason was declared bankrupt and the entire factory in Fenton – fixtures, utensils, moulds, all the stock glazed or otherwise, and a complete patent printing machine for engravings – was auctioned. Francis Morley purchased Mason's moulds, engraved copper plates and other materials and began adding 'Morley' below the Mason crown mark on wares made from Mason's designs. Later in 1858 Morley formed a partnership with George L. Ashworth, marking some pieces with both names. By 1860 that partnership dissolved and G.L. Ashworth continued making ironstone with exclusive rights to the old Mason moulds, copper plates and trade marks.

Taylor Ashworth (youngest son of George Ashworth, a cotton and wool mill owner from Rochdale) joined Francis Morley and the business continued as Morley & Ashworth. In 1862 Francis

Morley retired from business and George Ashworth purchased the Broad Street pottery business for his four sons and continued the business as Geo. L. Ashworth & Bros. In 1883 the collapse of the woollen trade in Lancashire resulted in the Ashworth brothers selling the Broad Street pottery business to John Hackett Goddard for his son, John Shaw Goddard (1857-1939). By 1883 the partners were Mr John Shaw Goddard and Mr F.L. Johnson. The business continued as a partnership of John Shaw Goddard and Charles Brock under the Geo. L. Ashworth name until November 1885 when Brock left the partnership. It was continued by John Shaw Goddard on his own, producing traditional 'Mason' ware. John Shaw Goddard, who lived at Glebe House, Fenton, having married Annie Basford in 1885, became a local councillor when Fenton was made an urban district in 1894, and the first of his six children, John Vivian Goddard (1886-1962) joined the family firm in about 1900.

In 1910 John Vivian Goddard started to experiment in high fired lustre glazed ware to produce 'Lustrosa' and 'Estrella' ware. Known for their excellence they were exhibited at the Louvre in Paris in 1914 but, unfortunately due to the outbreak of the Great War, production of these lines ceased. In 1914 the firm was formed into a limited liability company under John Shaw Goddard, who retired in 1920 to be succeeded by John Vivian Goddard. The firm was then absorbed for a time in the 'Cauldon' combine, a merger of Ashworth's and seven other pottery companies. In 1930 John Vivian Goddard repurchased the Ashworth company and a few pieces of 'Lustrosa' ware reappeared; today they are extremely rare and command a high price in the antique trade. John Vivian Goddard died in 1962. His son, John (Jim) Stringer Goddard (1916-2007), continued production and in 1969 he reversed the Ashworth name back to 'Mason's Ironstone China'. The company was sold to the Waterford-Wedgwood Group in 1972 and in 1981 John Singer Goddard retired. In 1998 production of Mason's Ironstone was transferred to Wedgwood's Barlaston factory and production at the broad Street works ceased. The site was cleared in 1999 and has since been rebuilt as a Tesco store.

The Goddards acquired Camp Hill at Baldwin's Gate, near Newcastle-under-Lyme in 1937. Commissioned in 1827 by Sarah Wedgwood (1776-1856), the daughter of Josiah Wedgwood I (1730-95) the 'father of English porcelain', this eight-bedroom Regency country house has additional accommodation for 25 servants. Camp Hill frequently played host to

Sarah's niece Emma and her husband Charles Darwin (1809-82). The ownership of the property passed from Sarah Wedgwood to members of the Davenport family, who were then at the height of their success as pottery manufacturers. The Davenports sold Camp Hill to Captain Ewart Scott Grogan (1874-1967), famous for walking the length of Africa from Cape Town to Cairo in 1902, before it came into the hands of the Goddard family in 1937. Jim Stringer Goddard lived the life of a recluse there shunning family, with six servants for company, letting his fifty acres of rhododendrons and azaleas grow wild. After his death in April 2007 aged 90, the family discovered large quantities of valuable Wedgwood porcelain in the house, together with manuscripts giving the history of the factory. The porcelain and antiques from Camp Hill were sold at Christies in 2008, but the written ledgers have been given to a museum. [See Newsletter 85] *Brian of Newbury*

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### CAN YOU HELP?

Our Research Co-ordinator **Joan Dibble** writes that she has had a request from member Erynne Baynes in Australia. Her 5 x great grandmother was Elizabeth Goddard born in 1728 in Bristol, daughter of Mark Goddard (who died c.1736) and Hannah Rickards (1694-c.1737). Mark was a Bristol merchant who went bankrupt; he is also recorded as a haberdasher and ship owner. Mark was the son of Mark Goddard (1664-1726) and Margaret Usher whom he married in 1697 in Frome, Somerset, after the death of his first wife, Hannah Holbrook, whom he had married in 1689 in Bristol. This Mark had been born in Cork, Ireland, to a John and Ann Goddard. The Christian name of Holland appears repeatedly, one having a father Mark, though Erynne is not able to prove a connection as yet. Has any member come across any Mark or Holland from Cork or Bristol?

Joan also mentions a second enquiry from Erynne. She has found a Thomas Marsh Goddard, who married Caroline Tuckett Smith in Brisbane in 1868, including details of his baptism, marriage and death. But she has also found details of his marriage to a Sarah Ellis Edwards dated 4 October 1858 who later remarried; yet she can find no record of a divorce, which would make Thomas a bigamist. Does this information ring any bells with anyone?

We have also been contacted by non-member Susan Hall, who found for sale on eBay an early twentieth century photo album that had belonged to a Redvers Charles Goddard who served as a bandsman in the Durham Light Infantry in the First World War. Do you have any Redvers in your family?

### EVINGTON CHURCH

In the summer of 1996 I met Julie of Newbury's sister by the clock tower in Leicester city square; she had offered to take me to see my Goddard ancestors' villages around Leicester, the main one being Evington. We walked through the gateway of the churchyard with pen and paper in hand, ready to copy any inscriptions we should find. Much to my disappointment and horror the path was made up of headstones placed one after the other and side by side. I realise the graves themselves were not in the ground beneath, but I objected – and still do – to using them for such a purpose. However, the church was open and it was lovely to sit in the peace and quiet, and wonder if my early family had sat in the very pew I was sitting in. We copied the inscriptions of the Goddards we could find and, as we left, I never thought for one moment that it would be twenty years before I returned – 14 May 2016. Luck that day was on my side for once and the small parking bay was empty. Armed once again with pen and paper, I climbed the steps and, to my surprise and great delight, a block path greeted me. The headstones – where were they? Had the engraving all worn away with twenty years of congregational feet? Blue forget-me-nots covered most of the garden and other spring flowers brought colour along with the sun to make a lovely scene. Searching around the back of the church I saw that the fence was lined with upstanding headstones and, on closer inspection, I noticed that family stones had been placed together; and there along the roadside fence were six of mine, ranging from one William who died in 1779 to my 3 x great grandfather William who passed away in 1832. Thankful, I stood in the sun and once again copied the inscriptions. My one disappointment? The church was locked. Yes, I know the probable reasons why; but do I agree? No, I don't. Churches were built to give peace, hope and comfort in good times and bad, and surely that still applies today? *Julie of Christchurch NZ*

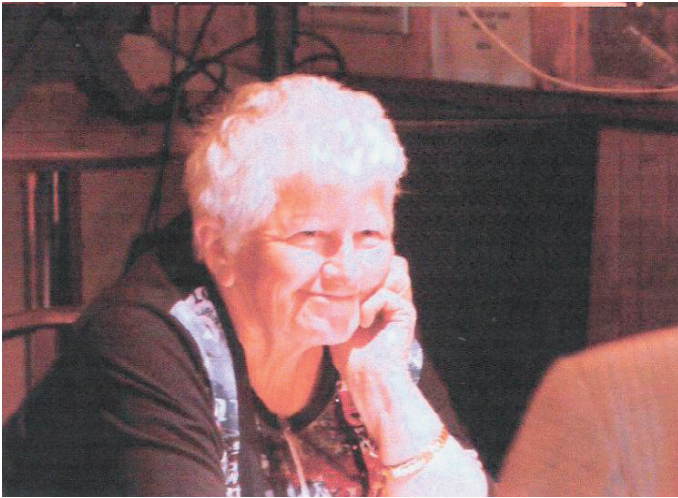
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### NORTH KOREA

Association members may be entirely forgiven for wondering what on earth North Korea has got to do with the Goddard Association – or vice versa for that matter! Well, not a lot. In early May BBC correspondent Rupert Wingfield-Hayes and his team were expelled from North Korea, where they had gone to report on the North Korean Workers Party Conference, for “speaking very ill of the system”. My elder daughter Diana noticed that his cameraman was a Matthew Goddard. Does anyone know more about him?

### 30<sup>th</sup> AGM

The 30<sup>th</sup> AGM was held on Sunday 15 May 2016 at The Railway Inn, Oakham in Rutland, by kind invitation of landlord Shaun Jackson, and was attended by twenty-two members. The President thanked Shaun for his hospitality and welcomed all present, especially our New Zealand Co-ordinator,



Julie of Christchurch. He was also pleased to welcome Alex Morris, attending for the first time, and newish member Doreen Evans, together with her daughter Sharon and granddaughter Natalie – thought to be the first time three generations of the same family have been present. It was also a pleasure to see again ‘the three faithfuls’ – Averiel Owen and Eileen and Mary Horne – after their enforced absence through illness last year.

The Minutes of the last AGM were approved and signed; there were no matters arising. Treasurer John presented his Accounts, duly examined, and these were accepted; should you wish to inspect a copy, please contact John direct (details on this page). There then followed quite a lengthy discussion on a motion appearing for the first time in the Association’s history – to levy all subscriptions at the same rate of £7.50 from 1 April 2017 as it had for a while been no longer possible to despatch four hard copies of the Newsletter each year for £5. Several members expressed the view that £10 would be a truer reflection of the value of membership, but the treasurer said this was unnecessary at present. The motion was carried, coupled with the rider of allowing overseas co-ordinators discretion when taking the exchange rate into consideration. Joan Dibble, our Research Co-ordinator, reported a more active year but was still available to help more members with their research (see page 2).

The next item on the Agenda was the election of the Association’s officers. Richard of Malvern, Denise of Solihull and John of Shrewsbury were re-elected as President, Secretary and Treasurer

respectively; and John of Fareham was returned for a further three year term on the Executive Committee. Elected for the first time for a three year term was



Alex Morris, replacing Brian of Newbury whom the President warmly thanked for his many contributions. There was no other business. The date of next year’s AGM was agreed as Sunday 21 May 2017, with the venue possibly to be at Meriden which regards itself as the centre of England.

The presentation of the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial did not take place – not because there was no recipient, but because he lives abroad. Robert of Vancouver, our Canadian Co-ordinator, would shortly be receiving his award through the post. Then followed a humorous and illuminating talk by



Shaun on the trials and tribulations of a publican. The President presented him with a Goddard plate as a token of appreciation, both for the talk and for his generosity in hosting this year’s meeting. The usual raffle took place, followed by tea and biscuits; my thanks, as always, to members who donated prizes. (The photos accompanying this report were all taken by Brian of Newbury, to whom grateful thanks.)

## ANOTHER ROBERT GODDARD

John of Accrington recently came across another Robert Goddard author and got in touch. Bob replied: "Thank you for the interest in my books. You will find information, reviews and ordering details for the three paperback books here <http://www.timbuktu-publishing.co.uk> Please feel free to share any and all of this with members. *Mother Moon* is the latest book and my first novel. It seems to have gone down quite well with readers and reviewers so far and is being considered by a Hollywood agent for a movie. As my namesake, Robert H. Goddard, invented rocket science, it seemed appropriate for me to write a story with its head in the heavens and feet firmly planted on planet Earth. All three books are also available in kindle ebook versions via Amazon and as paperbacks via Ebay, but the best price (including author's signature on request) is via the publisher's website [as above]". The other two books are on travel: *Beyond Bucharest* and *Land of the Long Wild Road* which is set in New Zealand.

## OBITUARY

The Association offers its heartfelt condolences to member Patricia Huck whose beloved husband Graham died at the beginning of July.

## NEW MEMBERS

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

Mrs Kathryn A. Clarke, 17 The Coppice, Markfield, Leicestershire, LE67 9QJ.

Mr Luke J. Goddard, 10 St Etienne Gardens, Port Kennedy, Western Australia 6172.

## 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:

**Kathryn Clarke** has not provided any details of her Goddard branch as yet, but she was married in Leicester so may come from a Leicester branch.

**Luke Goddard** is descended from a Birmingham family. His parents are Michael George Goddard (born in the Birmingham area on 11 October 1951) and Trudie Denise James. His paternal grandparents are George Edward Goddard (also born in the Birmingham area on 30 May 1927) and Margaret Joyce Withey. George's parents were Walter Goddard (again from Birmingham born 7 February 1894) and Violet Laura Dale. In turn Walter's parents were John Goddard (born in the Birmingham area on 15 March 1847) and Elizabeth Faulconbridge. After that Luke says the lineage is vague, but John's parents were William Goddard (?1823-74) and Elizabeth Butler; and William's parents were James Goddard (?1794-1855) and Ann Beddall.

## NEW SUBSCRIPTION RATE

As expected, the motion at the AGM to introduce a uniform annual subscription rate of £7.50 from 1 April 2017 was carried unanimously, two or three members actually stating that they felt £10 would still represent good value, though treasurer John indicated that this was unnecessary at present. Just to reiterate that the reason for the move has largely been due to the rising cost over the last thirty years of printing and despatching paper copies of the newsletter four times a year. About a third of the membership still take the newsletter by post, and a £5 levy now represents an annual loss to the Association of £1.50 for each member.

## ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

Two strong requests. The first is from Joan Dibble, our research co-ordinator who has taken over from Malcolm of Brisbane the latter's role of despatching the Newsletters electronically – please inform her of any e-mail change of address as soon as possible; you would be surprised at the number of rejections she gets (and Malcolm used to get) because the address she has is no longer recognised. And secondly from me – please inform me if you are getting the Newsletter electronically and no longer require a hard copy through the post as well, or if you would like to receive it electronically instead; with costs ever rising we could save the Association a substantial amount in this way.

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