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SCHOOL TREAT

Daniel Poole Goddard Again

This information, kindly sent to me by the Association's Research Co-ordinator Joan Dibble, originated as a very brief article in the *Morpeth Herald* for Saturday 8 December 1883 under the heading "School Treat at Belsay": "Through the liberality of Mr and Mrs Goddard of Belsay, the children attending the village school were on Friday entertained to tea in the school room. After tea games were indulged in, and the children having been presented with oranges, buns, etc., three hearty cheers were given to Mr., Mrs. and Miss I. Goddard for their kindness in contributing to the day's enjoyment." What follows illustrates what research can be achieved from small beginnings.

Belsay is a picturesque village in Bolam parish, Northumberland, on the river Blyth, just over nine miles south west of Morpeth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, with a population of about 260. I searched the 1881 census and found only one Goddard family, and a seemingly well-to-do one; I guess the type of family that would bestow treats on the local school children. In the part of that census for Belsay, living in Wood House, I found Henry Robertson Goddard aged 37, a Land Agent farming 352 acres and employing four men and two boys; also three indoor servants comprising a nurse, a cook and a housemaid. The family then consisted of Henry, who was born in Bristol, Agnes his wife and their three daughters, Christina Agnes Lucy aged ten, Ethel Annie Kennedy aged six, and Gertrude Mary aged three. The girls were all born in Bolam, Agnes in Newcastle. Henry had married Agnes White Kennedy

in the registration district of Newcastle-upon-Tyne in the September quarter of 1869. In the 1871 census the young couple are living in Northumberland, St Andrew District 17, in the home of Agnes' family. Her father is John F. Kennedy, a doctor in medicine, born in Paisley. With them is their first child Christina, and Henry is again given as a Land Agent aged 27 and born in Bristol. In the 1861 census he is only 17 and described as an Agricultural Pupil, born in Somersetshire, Bristol, and living in the home of a farmer, Joseph Lee.

And now the story gets really interesting. Henry's family are not from Bristol, Somersetshire, Gloucestershire or Suffolk but from Stepney, and over the decades of the nineteenth century criss-crossed the country a few times and, thanks to John of Fareham's magnificent database of events, I have been able to build a very comprehensive

family history. At the head of this family I have found Daniel and Mary Goddard. Assuming there were not two Daniel and Mary Goddards in Stepney, this couple were worshipping and registering at least twelve children at the Bull Lane Independent Church between 1772 and 1794. Sadly, as was usual for the time, not all survived. At some time the family moved to Ipswich in Suffolk. There is a death at the Tackett Street Congregational Church on 21 December 1813 of a Daniel Goddard aged 67. It is possible, but not confirmed, that this is 'our' Daniel; if it is, he was fathering children into his late fifties. I did not find a death for his wife Mary.

The child of Daniel and Mary that we are most interested in is Daniel Poole Goddard, the grandfather of Henry Robertson Goddard. [Ed.: See the leading articles in Newsletters 117 and 119 for earlier discussion on Daniel Poole Goddard.] Daniel was baptised at Bull Lane Independent Church, Stepney, on 15 December 1783 and before his twenty-third birthday married Lucy Haill on 14 August 1806 at St Mary le Tower, Ipswich and between 1807 and 1824 had, maybe, ten children, most of whom were baptised at Tackett Street Congregational Church, Ipswich; again, not all of the children survived. The child we are interested in from this marriage is Daniel Haill Goddard, the father of Henry Robertson Goddard, but more of him later. First let me elaborate just a little on Daniel Poole Goddard, a Brewer noted in Pigot's Directory to be in Orwell Place, Ipswich in 1830. He was a man of good standing in the town who became a Freemason, initiated into The Lodge of Perfect Friendship No. 376, Ipswich aged 41 in 1824. Daniel also had

connections with the Ipswich Gas Company as one of the committee of management as early as 1826, and eventually became Secretary and Engineer of the company which positions he held for several years. When his health started to fail his son Ebenezer, who had adopted gas lighting as his speciality, was appointed as his successor. Daniel Poole Goddard was buried on 29 October 1842 from the Tackett Street Congregational Church, Ipswich.

Daniel Haill Goddard, the son of Daniel Poole Goddard and Lucy née Haill, was baptised on 20 May 1810 at St Mary le Tower, Ipswich, the church in which his parents had married on 14 August 1806. With his sister Sarah, two years later, they were the only children of this marriage not to be baptised in a non-conformist church. He married Eliza Robertson in the September quarter of 1838 in Bristol. By the time of the 1841 census Eliza is found to be living in Clifton, Gloucestershire, with her children Daniel aged five, Mary one year, and Lucy four months. Also in the household is Daniel's sister, Lucy Goddard aged 21 years. Daniel is not with them. Given his position in the 1851 census, I feel he may be the Daniel Goddard in the home of George Smith, an Ironmonger in Old Sarum, Wiltshire 'aged 30 Accountant not born in county'. A few days after I submitted this article to Richard, he emailed me to say that given the age of young Daniel in the 1841 census, five years old, he was born before his parents were married (I had not noticed this) and maybe the age was incorrect. The 1841 census rounds ages up and down so I checked the 1851 census and Daniel was fifteen, so more delving was needed and I subsequently uncovered a sad story. Eliza was not the first wife of Daniel Haill Goddard neither was she the mother of Daniel junior. Daniel Haill Goddard had married Ann Marren Everett on 13 February 1835 at St Paul, Bristol, and their son Daniel Everett Goddard was born or baptised on 7 February 1836 at St Mary, Bristol. Sadly Ann Marven (note the different spelling of the second Christian name in the records I hold) Goddard was buried on 12 July 1836 at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Westbury-on-Trym, Gloucestershire; she was twenty-four years old.

The 1851 census paints a very rosy picture. Daniel Haill Goddard and Eliza have moved to Newcastle-upon-Tyne and now have Henry R. Goddard who is aged seven and Frederick aged four who, like all of the other children, were born in the Bristol area, so a fairly recent move north. The family have the luxury of four servants, namely two housemaids, a nurse and a cook. Daniel H. Goddard is noted to be a Bank

Agent born in Ipswich in Suffolk. In 1861 Daniel is in Newcastle, aged 50 and a Sub Agent of the Bank of England. Eliza is 48, and in the home with them is their daughter Lucy aged 20 and son Algernon aged 7. Also their son-in-law William Spencer, a 23 year old Cambridge graduate, his wife Daniel's daughter Mary, and their son William who is eleven months old. The couple have four house servants. In 1871 the family are still in Newcastle; young Algernon is now an Accountant, and still the family have four servants. By 1881 Daniel is widowed and has moved to Durham. He is noted in the census to be a JP and a late Bank Agent. His sister Mary is living with him, and also in the home is a cook and a housemaid. Daniel Haill Goddard died aged 72 in the March quarter of 1883. The death is registered in Chester-le-Street, Durham. Mary Frances Goddard at some time moved back to Ipswich and died aged 75 in 1897.

So let's go back to the beginning of this story and to Henry Robertson Goddard. I really struggled to find the family in the 1891 census. I eventually found Agnes White Goddard incorrectly transcribed and living on the Isle of Wight at a very prestigious address, Apse Manor (Manor House), which has a fascinating history dating back to the twelfth century but with no Goddard connection. The family will have been on the Isle of Wight for a few years, as with Agnes are not only her three daughters from previous censuses but two more children, Winifred Alice who is six years old and Henry George Frederick who is two. Both of these children were born at Apse Manor, Shanklin. The family have three servants: a cook, nurse and housemaid. After a lot of searching I finally found Henry R. Goddard in Illogen in Cornwall, a visitor in the home of Harry Oxland, the rector of Illogen. Henry is 47 and a Land Agent born in Bristol. His obituary gives us a hint as to why he might have been in Cornwall.

By 1901 the family have moved yet again and are living in Trull, Somerset, in the Villa Ventura. The two youngest children are still at home and the family are now down to just one female servant aged fifteen. The 1911 census finds the family in Apse, South Road, Taunton in Somerset. Henry and Agnes have been married for 42 years and have had six children of whom one has died. In this final census to which I have access Henry is a Land and Estate Agent and a Surveyor and Valuer. Henry's obituary was published in the *Taunton Courier* on 2 March 1927: "Death of Mr H.R. Goddard, Taunton. The death occurred on Wednesday, at his residence Apse, South Road,

Taunton, of Mr Hy. Robertson Goddard, at the age of 83 years. Mr Goddard, who was a native of Bristol, was for many years agent for Sir Arthur Biddleton of Belstone Castle, Northumberland, and was engaged by the Board of Chancery as agent for Tihidey Estates (now spelt Tehidy), Cornwall. He acquired in 1899 the business of estate agent in Taunton which had been founded in 1775 by Mr John Easton, and carried it on until three years ago, when he retired and it was taken over by his son Mr H.J.F. Goddard. Mr Goddard was well known in the town. He was a conservative in politics, and was a member of St Mary's church." Agnes survived Henry by another nine years, dying in Taunton in the March quarter of 1936 when she was eighty-five years old.

I started and ended this story with small cuttings from local newspapers forty-four years apart. What a fascinating and unexpected journey the first one took me on, introducing me to a Goddard family whom I must research some more. During the course of my research I posted a comment in our Facebook group. GAE member and Facebook friend Elizabeth Leach offered the following, for which I am grateful. The late Kathleen Millicent Goddard did some research on the family of Daniel Poole Goddard. There were two entirely different families in Sweffling in the eighteenth century, hers / mine and Daniel's family. Her notes imply that Daniel Poole's father was baptised in Sweffling in 1746 and moved to Stepney where Daniel Poole Goddard was born. He then moved to Ipswich where he was connected to the Tacket Street Independent Chapel. One of his descendants, Sir Daniel Ford Goddard, became MP for Ipswich.

Joan Dibble

PRESTON GODDARD

Fine Arts auctioneer Philip Serrell (of Flog It, Antiques Road Trip, Bargain Hunt and other similar TV programmes), whom I have known for over thirty years, always sends me the catalogue of his forthcoming sales. The latest one contained three small ink and colour wash seaside views done by artist John Preston Goddard. I confess I had not previously heard of this artist and wonder if any of our members are related or can give me biographical details. Philip tells me he was a British artist, born in 1928 and died in 2009, in which case I must have missed his obituary. Apparently his works generally command prices ranging from £40 to £1,000 or so. These three were estimated at £40 to £60 each and, together with auctioneer's costs, I managed to buy them within that range.

SIR WALTER DE GODARVILLE

This knight of Norman extraction (variously spelt, as was the likelihood in medieval times) has been mentioned in these pages on several previous occasions, but most noticeably in Newsletters 70 and 71, and as part of the Wiltshire Record Society's series in Newsletters 111 and 113.

I have just finished reading *The Knight Who Saved England* by Richard Brooks. It is subtitled *William Marshal and the French Invasion, 1217* and gives an account of his subject's life and the major role he played in ensuring that England was not conquered by the French in the last year of King John's life, on his death in late 1216, and particularly during the first year of the subsequent minority of his son Henry III – always a dangerous time in any new reign, but especially so on this occasion with French forces already well established in various parts of the kingdom. In it (pp187-8) I came across an account of the defence and eventual surrender to the Dauphin of the strategically important Hertford castle whose "commander was one of Fawkes' household knights, Walter of Godardville, who had recently shaken down the Abbot of St Albans for 50 marks, a gold cup, and a palfrey worth 5 marks". After a stout defence in which "the garrison made great slaughter amongst the French," the castle was surrendered on 6 December 1216 in order to save "their lives, arms, and property".

This is the same Walter de Godarville who, fourteen years later, was appointed by Henry III as castellan (commander) of Devizes castle, and who held the manor of Sheldon (where the Association held its 1996 AGM) near Chippenham at his death in late 1249. The Fawkes (also variously spelt) mentioned as his overlord was Fawkes de Bréauté, King John's mercenary leader, "a poor royal sergeant of Norman origin" who "so bettered himself that he was one of the richest men in England" and who was once described as "the greatest castellan of them all". Indeed, after the French were successfully defeated, William Marshal had to curb Fawkes' power as an over mighty subject, and in 1224 William's successor, Hubert de Burgh, had to expel him from England because of the danger he posed.

It is interesting to speculate that Walter came over from France with Fawkes – since Bréauté is a village only some two miles south east of Goderville in Normandy – also to seek his fortune; but he remained loyal to Henry III after William Marshal's death in 1219 and Fawkes' expulsion in 1224 and subsequent death in 1226.

OUT OF THE FRYING PAN?

Local newspapers in the mid 19th century were a curious mixture of local, national and international news. For example, the *Rochdale Observer* of 15 August 1863 devoted almost the whole of one page to the latest actions in the American Civil War. This wouldn't have been very surprising at the time since Lancashire was in the midst of the Cotton Famine, when the supply of raw cotton from the southern states was cut off, causing great distress in the mill towns. But the remainder of the page was filled by other items which Rochdale readers were unlikely to care about: a murder in Bethnal Green, an execution in Ireland, a bankruptcy in Hertfordshire, a marriage in Knightsbridge, a fire in Chelsea, and a method for vitreous enamelling ship hulls.

But they might have been titillated by a short report of the curious case heard by Nottingham magistrates that week when John Goddard was charged with neglecting to maintain his wife, a report which was syndicated in papers from Exeter to Dundee and from Liverpool to Hull.

The *Nottinghamshire Guardian* carried a fuller account of the trial. John Goddard was charged by the relieving officer of the Radford Poor Law Union with allowing his wife, Susannah, to become a charge on the poor rates. Goddard was described as about 55 years old, well-made, active and intelligent looking. His wife was 64 or 65, stout, almost completely deaf and dressed in the dowdy, coarse clothes and straw bonnet of an inmate of the workhouse. She had been married twice before and had a numerous family.

In his defence Goddard stated that the woman was not his lawful wife because when he married her he was already married and she knew that, so he was not liable to maintain her. He admitted the marriage to Susannah Tongue, but at that time had a wife living in Croydon. He assured the Bench that he had told Tongue he had been married but had not heard from his wife for many years and didn't know if she was alive or dead.

Mrs Goddard swore on oath that she was married to the defendant in Radford in 1838, lived with him for twelve or thirteen years as his wife and had children by him, some of them now living. She did not know he had a wife living and that he told her nothing of the kind.

One of her sons had to repeat the questions of the Bench to his mother by shouting loudly in her ear. Two of her daughters were also in court. One, a married woman, a child of her second marriage, and the other, unmarried, the child of Goddard. Their conduct in court was rude, laughing loudly at some

of Goddard's statements about their mother at which modest females would have blushed.

A witness gave evidence that he had known Goddard from his youth and that he was present at the first marriage to Elizabeth Cook in 1829 at Tewkesbury and gave away the bride. They lived together for some time and Goddard then came to Nottingham to seek work, his wife going to Croydon where she took up with a man named Edmonds, by whom she had several children. He had continued on friendly terms with Goddard; it was well known that his wife was at Croydon, and a matter of notoriety that she was living with Edmonds.

Walter Wright, the Croydon parish clerk, produced an extract from the burial register showing that Elizabeth Goddard was buried at Croydon church in 1855. He stated that he had also known the couple from childhood and lived near them. He understood that Elizabeth was pregnant by her master, who was also Goddard's employer, at the time of their marriage. They separated when Goddard found this out and then left his wife. When Wright heard of the second marriage he asked Elizabeth if she'd heard that William (*note the name*) had married again. Her reply was "Yes, good luck to him and so have I. I shall never see him any more."

The Magistrates' Clerk advised the Bench that there was a clear case for exemption from the charge of not maintaining his wife, but that Goddard had subjected himself to prosecution for bigamy. The Magistrates asked if Goddard was trying to avoid responsibility for maintenance by charging himself with another violation.

Goddard then tearfully declared that it was not a matter of pounds, shillings and pence. "I have maintained her as long as possible, but have been out of work for eighteen months and can't do so any longer. She has persecuted me and I was determined to show her and her children that she has no claim on me. Her son came to my lodgings and knocked me down. When I first came to Radford another son had been my companion, and at his request I had gone to lodge with his mother who was then a widow. If I did not go to her bed she would come to mine. She found herself with child and told me she had some respectable relations and didn't wish them to know that she was in the family way without being married. She would not let me rest until I took her to church, although I told her I had been previously married but had not heard from my wife. She said she didn't care about that and that she would never let me come to harm if I went to church with her, and I did so. I

lived with her about twelve years and I have been twelve years away from her.

Asked if she wished Goddard to be charged with bigamy, Tongue eagerly answered "Yes, I do."

The Bench remanded the case to the following Wednesday, bailing Goddard and binding over the witnesses to appear. At this Walter Wright protested that as parish clerk of Croydon he could not remain unless compelled, the expenses being completely inadequate, and if he remained he would expect his expenses to be paid. Told he would receive the standard County allowance, he replied "What is that? Bread and water?" The Magistrates' clerk admitted the County was a bad paymaster, but it was likely the defendant was worse, he being responsible for expenses to date. Wright retorted, "When I was a lad in Nottingham I used to pick up bloodstones from the Trent. I never expected to get blood out of them. I am equally hopeless of getting any money out of Goddard."

Goddard was committed for trial at the Assizes. On 4 March 1864 the paper printed a list of cases to be heard at the Assizes the following Thursday. One of these was that of William Goddard, 51, lace-maker, for bigamy at Radford. It doesn't seem to have carried an account of the trial at the Assizes but, after a tortuous search of criminal records, the outcome was found when, on 10 March 1864, William Goddard was acquitted. It must surely be the same person, but was he William or John or using a false name as well?

And does this black sheep belong to any of our members' families? *John of Accrington*

NEW MEMBERS

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

Mrs Pat L. Chaney Hall, PO Box 13, Pavo, Georgia GA31778, USA.
Mr Derek C. Goddard, 15 Senacre Square, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 8QF.
Mr Graham E. Goddard, 108 Melbourne Avenue, Dover, Kent, CT16 2JH.
Mrs Hazel L. Lyons, 25 Yew Tree Avenue, Forest Town, Mansfield, Notts., NG19 0JF.

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:

Derek Goddard is descended from a Suffolk branch in Wortham / Redgrave commencing with William 1797-1891, his son James 1838-1924 whose son Charles was born in Yokohama, Japan, before settling in London.

Graham Goddard descends from grandfather Archibald, born in Edmonton in 1884. Research continues.

OBITUARY

We are very sorry to record the death at the age of 91 of member Marjorie Amy Goddard, widow of the late Jim, mother and grandmother, and offer our sympathy to her family.

FOOTBALLER AGAIN

I am indebted to Association member Jennifer Walker for sending me a cutting from the *Swindon Advertiser* of 29 April concerning the footballer mentioned briefly in Newsletter 120. John Goddard of Swindon Town, while lamenting the team's poor performance last season which has led to relegation, has nevertheless approached the future in a very



positive mood. The 23 year old former Reading youth star, who signed from Woking last summer, made 47 appearances for his new club in his first full season – the second most of any member of the squad – and has no regrets about signing for Swindon. Along with some other players remaining at the club, he is determined to work hard and help to instil a spirit of optimism amongst his current colleagues and the new signings when they arrive, so that Division Two football is, hopefully, experienced for one season only.

Pat Hall descends from a Moses Goddard 1746-1832 in Connecticut who had earlier ancestors by the name of Gozzard including Daniel, Nicholas who died in 1693, John and Aaron 1708-1776 all in the USA. The English connection is still to be investigated. If any member recognises these names, please let us know.

Hazel Lyons' family originated in Warminster, Wiltshire, with William Goddard 1798-1884 whose grandson Frederick George 1845-1915 moved between Wiltshire, Somerset and Bridport, Dorset.

ROSAMOND LUCINDA COOM

The Association is sad to record the death of one of its members, Rosamond Lucinda Coom née Goddard; she was one of southern Africa's leading artists. She was born in Salisbury (as it was before it became Harare), Southern Rhodesia (before changing to Zimbabwe) on 9 October 1935, the only child of my elder half-brother Walter Edward Howard Goddard. Living just outside Salisbury, in her earlier days she went to school on horseback; but at the age of twelve she was sent to one of South Africa's leading girls boarding schools, Herschel in Cape Town, which involved a three day train journey each way at the beginning and end of term which she undertook by herself. It was at Herschel that she excelled at sport, especially cricket and golf, and developed her expertise at art. She played cricket for South Africa's Western Province womens' team and eventually became Rhodesia's Womens Golf Champion. But it was to be art which came to dominate her life.



After leaving Herschel, she studied at the Michaelis School of Fine Art at the University of Cape Town. But the fortunes of a budding artist are at first often slim, so she worked as a freelance designer of packaging for Rhodesian food products and then as a cartographer for the Rhodesian Government in the Surveyor General's Department. It was here that she met her future husband, Ronald Coom, who was the Chief Map Production Officer. But she continued to develop her three contrasting art styles – landscapes,

scenes of African life, and animals (particularly the big cats). Her first exhibition was in 1959 by invitation at the Rhodes National Gallery in Salisbury. Many other invitations and exhibitions were to follow in both Rhodesia and South Africa in the 1960s and 1970s, but perhaps the icing on the cake for her was in 1982 when some of her paintings were hung by the Royal Institute of Oil Painters at their centenary exhibition at the Mall Galleries in London.



It was at this time, the early 1980s, that she began a new phase in her life when she and her husband – increasingly disenchanted with the way political and social developments were proceeding in both Zimbabwe and South Africa – moved to this country, first settling in Devon. After Ron's death and a brief return to Africa, she decided to be nearer her son and three grand children and so moved to Galashiels in the Scottish Borders and died there on 19 May after a short illness.

ANGLER AGAIN

Malvern's ace angler Ian Goddard, who has featured on several occasions in these pages (Newsletter 120 being the last occasion), has recently hit the local sporting headlines again by continuing his winning ways when lifting the prestigious John Perks Trophy in a match on the river Avon at Crothorne. Conditions were poor as the river was low and very clear due to the continuing dry weather, but Ian caught four chub to defeat all his rivals.

RESEARCH CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

I'm happy to report that I have had a busy year researching for members. At the AGM last year John of Shrewsbury, our treasurer, told me that on a recent cruise he had been approached by a lady whose family name was Goddard, and could I help her? He put me in touch with Chris Troke who immediately joined the Association and I spent the next few months working on her tree. I managed to get the family back to the late eighteenth century to George Goddard of Kings Lynn in Norfolk, a stonemason, and his wife Susan. I didn't find a marriage for them; neither did I find George's birth. I found two sons to the 'marriage', Jeffery and George. Chris descends from George. George junior's story is sad; he was widowed young and one of his two children died. I have a little tidying up of the tree to do and when I am content with it I will ask Malcolm to add it to the website.

In November we had a really successful research result that was highlighted in Newsletter 121. In October John of Accrington, Ian of Balcatta and I were working on an enquiry that had come in from Isabelle Goddard in France asking for help tracing descendants of an Australian soldier, Rowland Henry Goddard. We did as much as we could, but it didn't come together until non-GAE member and Facebook friend Jeff Floyd shared with us in the Facebook group in early November that his mum, Peggy, had just died in Melbourne aged 96, adding that her sister was still living in London aged 90. He added that his grandfather was sapper Cecil Goddard and that his great uncle, Roland Goddard who fought for Australia in WWI, had settled in Amiens, France. We had made the link and passed the information on to Isabelle. Jeff immediately joined the Association as so many do after finding us on Facebook.

We had another success the week before the AGM. Member Oliver Barton posted in the Facebook group an original cutting from a Glossop newspaper for 20 September 1940 reporting the death of Joseph Goddard in a flying accident with the RAF aged 19. Oliver and member John Goddard have been chatting about it, John wondering if his uncle Albert ever researched this family, as in Part 1 of his GAE publication *The Goddards of the High Peak of Derbyshire* (1995) he mentions in passing 'several apparently unrelated families who live in this once busy mill town' (Glossop). At that time he had partly investigated a family of quarrymen and stonemasons who moved from Chinley in the nineteenth century. Oliver's family were quarrymen and stonemasons. This came too late for me to look into it, but I hope

to very soon. Interestingly, I started and ended my report with mention of Goddard stonemasons.

In October 2015, I took on the task of electronically sending the newsletters. After a very shaky start everything has settled now. When I e-mailed the last newsletter only one bounced back and that was quickly resolved. If you change your e-mail address please tell John of Accrington, our membership secretary, and if you are still having your newsletter by post and have an e-mail address please consider having it sent electronically. Postal charges have risen yet again.

Joan Dibble

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee held its 59th meeting at Meriden Village Hall on Sunday 21 May. There were two apologies: Malcolm being in Australia and John of Fareham ill. It was a great pleasure to welcome Janet Berkman, the Association's new Co-ordinator for Canada. The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2016 were approved and signed. Action had been taken on all the matters arising. Treasurer John gave an update indicating that the finances were sound. Janet Berkman gave a report on the current state of affairs in Canada; it appears that her predecessor is no longer contactable at his old address, which meant in effect she had to start again from scratch. Joan Dibble reported a busier year as far as research was concerned. It was agreed that future new members should not be offered the option of hard copies of the Newsletter; also that Malcolm's e-mail request for funds to modernise the membership login should be discussed in full at our October meeting. Richard stated his continued determination to find younger members prepared to take on the roles of an ageing committee; and to this end Alex Morris volunteered to take over publicity from Margaret of Worsley who had contributed greatly over many years but was finding it more of a strain following her illness. Richard undertook to write to her expressing the Committee's gratitude for all she had done (she had been awarded the Howard Goddard Jones Memorial in 1999). Arrangements for the afternoon AGM were briefly discussed.

FASHION DESIGNER AGAIN

The London fashion designer Molly Goddard, who first featured in Newsletter 117, has appeared again in a recent *Daily Telegraph* article. Her 'Fashion in Motion' show was part of the REVEAL Festival at the Victoria and Albert Museum's new Sainsbury Gallery. I have not yet heard if any member claims her as a relative.

31st AGM

The 31st AGM was held on Sunday 21 May 2017 at Meriden Village Hall, and was attended by seventeen members. The President welcomed all present, especially our new Canadian Co-ordinator, Janet Berkman. Several apologies for absence were recorded. 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). Joan Dibble, our Research Co-ordinator, reported a more active year but was still available to help more members with their research (see page 7). The President read Malcolm's website report (see below).

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 Accrington and Malcolm of Brisbane were returned for a further three year term each on the Executive Committee. There was no other business. The date of next year's AGM was agreed as Sunday 20 May 2018, with the venue to be decided.

The President then presented the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial to Margaret McAplin in token of her long service to the affairs of the Association. Then followed an illustrated talk and update on the DNA project by Dr Denise Syndercombe-Court. The President thanked her for taking the time out of her very busy schedule and presented her with a Goddard plate in appreciation. The usual raffle took place, followed by tea and biscuits; my thanks, as always, to members who donated prizes.

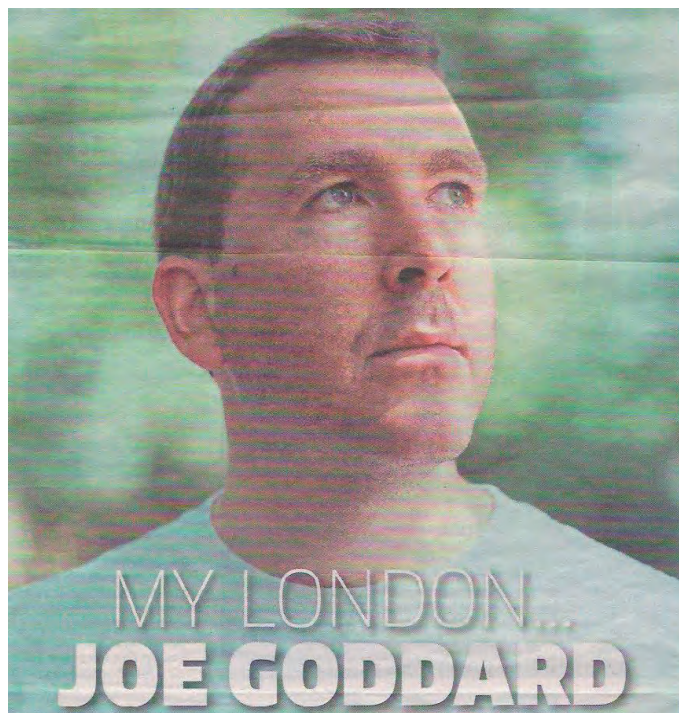
WEBSITE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The GAE website continues to be popular with Goddard researchers worldwide. The site has on average 4242 hits per month (about 140 a day) during the last twelve months, with July 2016 being the peak month (7252 hits) and Wednesday 24 July (391 hits) being the peak day in that month. The most popular section on the website is the Military databases, and the most popular individual files are the Goddard Wills files, with 1858 hits on those two documents during July 2016. We are mostly getting hits from the UK, USA, Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, and the most prolific visitor coming from Hastings in New Zealand, this person having visited the website over 2900 times in the last twelve months.

Malcolm of Brisbane

JOE GODDARD

I am grateful to Association member Kay Staniland for sending me a feature from the London *Metro* of 24 March concerning his views on the capital city by Joe Goddard, one of five members of the electronic band Hot Chip and, since 2009 with Raf Rundell, one of The 2 Bears musical duo. Growing up in Fulham, he



often frequented Soho where his father, a film editor, had an office. He now lives in Turnpike Lane, so still enjoys the City's night life. Does any member know anything more about him?

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