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NEWSLETTER

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DNA

Autosomal Testing

In November 2015 Association member Michael Andrews-Reading e-mailed me as follows: “I received this week the latest newsletter, which I read and enjoyed and have now added to my collection – pleased to say I have all 116 carefully stored in my files! I was interested to see the note about the continuing DNA research. This, as I understand it, focuses on Y-DNA, that is the male lines of various Goddard members. Using Y-DNA allows comparisons to be made between males sharing the same surname, in case they also share the same DNA, thus proving (or disproving) patrilineal relationships, and indicating by means of mutation how distant these relationships might be.

Recently testing of a different sort of DNA has become popular amongst genealogists and the genealogically minded: autosomal DNA testing. Unlike Y-DNA and mitochondrial DNA, which is exclusive to men in male lines and to female-line descents respectively, autosomal DNA is the total mixture of DNA that one inherits from all one’s ancestors. Obviously one’s total genetic mix is a DNA lottery; you might inherit an interesting chunk from one great grandparent, and absolutely none from another great great grandparent. Autosomal DNA is the testing done by the major DNA companies in the genealogy market, such as Ancestry.co.uk.

I have had my autosomal DNA tested with Ancestry, and have downloaded the results to a second (free) site, Gedmatch.com – this site allows people to download their DNA results from companies such as Ancestry, and then to do comparisons against

other individual test results to see whether they match and, if so, what this match looks like and means. I wonder whether other members of the Association have tested with companies such as Ancestry? If so, it would be worth their downloading their DNA kit results to Gedmatch.com and enabling other members to compare with them. This is done by kit number; my Gedmatch kit number is A397499.

If other members have tested and do download their results to Gedmatch, then it would be very useful if they could let the Association know their Gedmatch kit numbers, and for these to be published in the newsletter. The beauty of autosomal testing, of course, is that you don’t have to be a male-line Goddard to participate, just a descendant of a Goddard. It tends to work best for relationships up to 6th cousins. Autosomal testing and the comparison function at Gedmatch could potentially

help members (particularly those new to genealogy) find matches who share a common Goddard ancestor somewhere in their background. We might in the future even be able to build up a list of matching groups, and thus lineages, using autosomal DNA.”

I told Michael I would print his fascinating article in a subsequent newsletter, but never did. For some reason it slipped my mind and also, as I only discovered a few days ago, got swept up in bundle of other papers on my desk. By pure coincidence a few days after rediscovering it Michael wrote to me again, so I am now able to publish the two articles together, with profuse apologies to Michael for being four years late with the first of them!

Here is the second: “I thought you might be interested in an update on how my autosomal DNA research has been going with respect to my Goddard ancestry. You will recall that autosomal DNA testing identifies matches across one’s DNA spectrum, not just male-line (Y-DNA). This is the DNA testing that Ancestry.com, the largest of the commercial DNA testing companies, offers and where I and my paternal uncle (who shares my Goddard of Brimpton descent) both tested. I am pleased to report that I have recently found two matches who also share my Goddard of Brimpton descent.

The first is Gerald Goddard, who matches my uncle (6.8 Centimorgans on a single segment, so not a large match, but a match nevertheless). Gerald is a great great great grandson in the male line of William Goddard (born 1769), who inherited the Blacknest estate at Brimpton [see

Newsletter 89] from our mutual ancestor, Richard Goddard. He is therefore my uncle's 4th cousin once removed. (Gerald's father was Ernest H. Goddard born 1876, son of William S. Goddard born 1835, son of Francis Goddard born 1811, son of William of Blacknest.)

The second is a Miss Staines, whose great great grandmother Sarah (born 1813) was another child of William of Blacknest. She matches my uncle (4th cousins twice removed) at 8.3 Centimorgans and me (5th cousins once removed) at 7.9 Centimorgans, each on a single segment. Her father is Michael Staines, son of Sidney Staines, son of Edward Staines born 1865, son of Ellen Arundell born 1840, daughter of Sarah Goddard (1813).

It is always reassuring to have one's paper trails confirmed by science! I have recently untangled my own Brimpton line back to the late 1500s courtesy of some early 17th century Chancery suits – when I find the time I will write this up into an article for the newsletter.”

I regret to say the science is beyond me, but Michael would be very interested to hear from anyone who has undergone autosomal DNA testing followed by downloading to Gedmatch.com. He has given me his permission to post his e-mail address, so you can contact him on micar@btinternet.com.

ROBERT GODDARD AGAIN

As usual eagle-eyed John of Accrington has kindly notified me that author Robert Goddard has produced another thriller, this one entitled *One False Move*. Set in Cornwall, where he lives, it poses the question, as the dust cover reveals, “What value can be put on a human mind?” and goes on to reveal the skeleton of the plot: “How Joe Roberts does what he does is a mystery. He has a brain that seems to outperform a computer. To a games company like Venstrom, that promises big profits if his abilities can be properly exploited. So they send Nicole Nevinson to track him down and make him an offer too good to refuse. But Venstrom aren't the only people interested in Joe. His current boss, a shady businessman, is already making serious money out of Joe's talents and isn't going to let him go without a fight. And then there are other forces, with still darker intentions, that have their own plans for him. Almost before she knows it, Nicole has crossed an invisible line into a world where the game being played has rules she doesn't understand and no one can help her win. But win she must. Because the battle now isn't just for Joe's mind, it's for Nicole's life.” I strongly recommend you get a copy and read on.....

NELSON GODDARD

Christian names – or forenames as we are now correctly supposed to call them – tend to follow fashions and to reflect the prominence of current stars of the entertainment world of one form or another. At a distance of somewhat over two hundred years it is difficult to appreciate the superstar status enjoyed by Admiral Lord Nelson for all his exploits against our traditional enemy, the French. After all, national heroes do not appear in a country's history all that frequently; it was exceptional that this country should have possessed a second almost simultaneously in the person of Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington. But even he could not touch Nelson's romantic appeal, and in our own day (at least for the older among us) Sir Winston Churchill would also have come a very poor second. So it comes as no surprise that families up and down the land two centuries ago christened their male offspring Horatio or Nelson or sometimes both, and the Goddards of Clyffe Pypard in north east Wiltshire were no exception. Indeed, they had an added incentive since the head of the family, Rev. Edward Goddard (10 May 1761 - 22 January 1839), married on 10 June 1802 Annica Susan Bayntun, the sister of one of Nelson's Captains, later Admiral Sir Henry Bayntun, who commanded *HMS Leviathan*, the fourth ship in Nelson's column at the Battle of Trafalgar. They christened their fourth child and third son, born on 8 December 1806, Horatio Nelson Goddard. Dying on 8 December 1900, he was in fact the last Goddard to live at Clyffe Pypard as lord of the manor.

But he was not the only Clyffe Pypard Goddard to have been christened Nelson; there have been three others, all grandsons of Rev. Edward's seventh child and fifth son Thomas. The eldest of these was the second son of Thomas's second son, Charles Ernest. Born on 29 December 1889 and christened Thomas Nelson, he was in the colonial service, dying of some dread West African fever in Sierra Leone on 31 March 1935. The second of these Nelsons – with Nelson actually as the first name – was Nelson Compton Goddard. His father was Thomas 's eldest son, James Henry, and he was born on 2 August 1894. Nelson married Elizabeth Anne Crute on 16 July 1939 and died at Minehead on 19 January 1976, Anne following him on 10 March 1987. The last of these Nelsons was Patrick Nelson Sealy-Allin, the son of Thomas's second daughter Rose (see his details in the last Newsletter, which is what gave me the idea for this brief article). Sadly he was killed aged only 23 in an air collision over Surrey on 1 March 1929. Do any other members have a Nelson in their family?

NINETY-NINE NOT OUT

Joan Dibble has sent me this photograph and report about long-time Association member Daphne Bennett (née Goddard), who celebrated her 99th birthday on 26 August: “Daphne told her niece, member Barbara Goddard, ‘the big thing I miss about getting old is not being able to see, so I can no longer do crosswords or read books by my favourite author Robert Goddard’. Recently, thanks to a joint effort



with her youngest daughter Elaine, they discovered that over twenty of his books are available on ‘hearing books for the blind’. One happy and delighted lady! Belated happy birthday, Daphne, from us all”. But not long after this Joan wrote again: “Shortly after her birthday Daphne took a tumble, broke her hip and is in hospital recovering well after surgery. Daphne, I know how much you love your newsletter; this one comes to you with a ‘get well soon’ message from all the members of the GAE.”

Joan Dibble

NEW MEMBERS

These new members have joined the Association since the last Newsletter was distributed. They are warmly welcome and, as usual, the outline family information below is given to enable existing members to contact new members who appear to belong to the same branch. Please do so via the Membership Secretary whose details are on page 8.

Derek Goddard descends from a Suffolk family in the Burgate / Wortham area. His earliest traced ancestor is John born in 1665. Some of the family moved to London in the 1800s to work, mainly on the railways.

Fiona Law has Goddards on both sides of her family. She has roots in Kent where Goddards are found c. 1530. Her maternal great grandmother, Ada Goddard, was the daughter of George of Boughton-under-Bleam, whilst her 7 x grandfather, William Spain, married Sarah of Bilsington in 1737, from which marriage Fiona is also related to Joan Dibble. 3

HEYGATE AND HOLLAND

A chord struck.....

An obituary in the *Nottingham Post*, forwarded to me as Membership Secretary by a contact in the Guild of One-name Studies, reported the death on 26 June of Nancy Adair Goddard aged 95. In itself this was just a matter for record, but the report added that she was the widow of William Heygate Goddard (1922-1999). A distinctive middle name is memorable and ‘Heygate’ was one such. A quick check of membership records showed two instances of its use. The first was an article in Newsletter 38 that mentioned the marriage of Henry Goddard to Martha Heygate in 1838. The other was a middle name of member Chris Goddard of Oakham. Contact with Chris revealed that he knew nothing of William’s family, but we have now been able to link the two branches. Both Chris Heygate Goddard and William Heygate Goddard descend from the marriage of Henry and Martha in 1838, Chris from Henry’s second son Frederick (1840-1926) and William from his younger brother William (1842-1907). Another feature of the wider family is that many of them were dental surgeons. Going back one generation Henry (1810-1862) was the son of Hoilland Goddard of Market Harborough and older brother of Joseph who founded the ‘silver polish’ branch.

.....and a bell rung

New member Derek Goddard of Maidstone has traced his descent from John, born 1665 in Suffolk, whose family lived around the villages of Burgate, Redgrave and Wortham. Again the names seemed familiar and our records showed that member Nancy Baker in Canada shares the same ancestor and the next few generations until one brother went to Canada about 1900. Derek and Nancy are now in touch with each other to exchange details. *John of Accrington*

Ed.: Thank you, John; yet another two successes to chalk up!

DISTRICT JUDGE

Under the ‘Legal News’ column in the *Daily Telegraph* for 27 August is mentioned the retirement of District Judge Goddard with effect from 5 August. The internet only provides marginally more information: “District Judge Francis Michael Charles James Goddard retires from the District Bench with effect from 5 August 2019. District Judge Goddard (70) was admitted as a solicitor in 1985. He was appointed a Deputy District Judge in 1992, and appointed a District Judge on the Western Circuit on 31 July 2000.” Does any member know anything more about him or claim him as a relative?

FROM BARBADOS TO CANADA AND BACK – 1

Knowing my interest in all things Goddard, a friend recently gave me a 1995 book by George Gmelch entitled *Double Passage*. Based on a series of personal interviews undertaken between 1985 and 1990, it charts the lives of Caribbean migrants abroad and back home, concentrating on thirteen men and women from Barbados who went either to Great Britain or North America. One of them – the only white interviewee – is Richard Goddard, with whom I have been in correspondence for some thirty years and who has over this period supplied information for several articles in these Newsletters (see particularly 81, 82, 83, 84, & 86). A whole chapter of the book is devoted to his experiences in Canada for eight years from the tender age of seventeen; but it begins with a background picture of his family.

Richard traces the entire Goddard descent in Barbados from the village of Staple Fitzpaine, some five miles south of Taunton in Somerset, UK. With political disturbances leading to civil war in the 1640s, Nicholas Goddard and his three brothers, along with a number of other disaffected Englishmen, emigrated to Barbados and other Caribbean islands where they became small planters. About 1700 they appear to have fallen on hard times, lost their property and became indentured servants, field labourers and fishermen – derisively known as ‘redlegs’ and elsewhere as ‘poor white trash’ – on a large estate owned by the Haynes family in the parish of St. John on the east coast. This remained the position for much of the next two centuries. Richard’s great grandfather, Joseph Josiah Goddard, rented an acre of poor ground on which he lived in a small wooden shack; he was a rum blender on the Haynes estate. His son, Richard’s grandfather Joseph Nathaniel Goddard born in 1874, decided he wanted more than to be a field labourer all his life, nor did he wish to become a fisherman like most of his uncles. So in 1890 he decided to walk the fifteen miles to the capital Bridgetown to look for other employment. This was the beginning of the family’s ‘rags to riches’ tale that is said to have gone down in Barbadian folklore.

In Bridgetown Joseph eventually found a job as an attendant in a small store on Hope Alley in a shanty town known as ‘the Ruins’, because the area had burnt down in 1845 and never been rebuilt. Like most of the many stores there, it sold the basics of rice, sugar, biscuits, butter, salt fish, and rum, though it was the latter commodity where the biggest profits lay. Joseph worked there for eight years, by which time he had saved enough money to open a store of his own, the John Bull Bar on Tudor Street. It, too, 4

was a general store and it, too, sold rum. With the help of friends, his own hard work and integrity, and a growing reputation for fairness, the store soon prospered and was the start of what is today Goddard Enterprises, largely a chain of supermarkets.

Grandson Richard preferred the outdoor life to the classroom and from quite an early age, say fourteen or fifteen, decided to broaden his outlook by going to Canada where he had relatives on his mother’s side. So in September 1953, aged seventeen, he left Barbados and arrived in Toronto and was met by an uncle. He had planned to find work in the oil fields which he had heard was a lucrative occupation, but what he did not realise was that he had arrived at the wrong time of year when companies were laying men off for the approaching harsh Canadian winter. So, with another uncle’s help, he found work in the hotel business instead, initially as a trainee chef in the Palliser Hotel in Calgary during the winter months and in resort hotels in the Rockies in the summer – the Banff Springs Hotel in 1954 and in Chateau Lake Louise in 1955. In the Banff Springs Hotel he thought nothing of preparing breakfast for between 700 and 1,600 guests, cooking 150 dozen eggs in the process with only one assistant! As he wryly remarked, if you asked two Barbadians to prepare breakfast for fifteen guests they would feel overworked.

But he soon tired of the kitchen and realised he was not cut out for the hotel business. Meeting another Barbadian who was in the Calgary Police, he liked the sound of his work and applied to join; but he was turned down as he was not yet aged twenty-one. However, he spotted a poster advertising vacancies in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for those between eighteen and thirty and applied. While he was waiting to hear from them he took a job near Lake Louise with a work gang making the Trans-Canada Highway. Here he came face to face for the first time with a completely different strata of society – escaped criminals, drifters, drunkards, no-hopers; a complete eye-opener and one that stood him in good stead for his future life in the RCMP. While taking a brief holiday driving round the USA, he heard that Hurricane Janet had struck Barbados and, although he learned that his family were safe, decided to go home. It was September 1955. There was devastation and destruction everywhere; 9,000 homes had been destroyed and 22 people killed. Richard stayed in Barbados for two or three months, working in the family supermarket, until he was called back to Canada by the RCMP.

FACEBOOK

Have you joined our Goddard Association Facebook group yet? If you have an account why not join us? Just search Goddard Association of Europe and that will take you straight to us. Just ask to join and Malcolm Goddard or I will add you. Malcolm Goddard of Brisbane, who runs the website, and I started the group five years ago and it has been a wonderful platform to showcase the Association ever since. Our group is a mix of members and non-members where we come together to share pictures and news about our research, and just generally chat about all things Goddard. I keep the application form to join the Association pinned to the top of the page and encourage non-members to join the Association, as a lot of you have. When you join I ask you to share a little of your Goddard history with us, and this so often leads to distant cousins finding one another which is really exciting. Our most recent member, Fi, joined from Facebook after finding that she and I are related a couple of hundred years distant!

Joan Dibble, Research Co-ordinator

St, GEORGE'S SCHOOL, HARPENDEN

This school has featured several times in recent Newsletters because of its strong Goddard connections. And it was a Goddard – Jane of Great Milton – who alerted me to the remarkable fact that four of the three dozen or so members of the current English World Rugby Cup squad were educated there: the captain Owen Farrell, George Ford, Maro Itoje and Jack Singleton. I wonder if any other school could boast such a percentage? Sadly, as I write, England have just been beaten by South Africa.

VETINERARY GROUP

I am grateful to Julie of Christchurch, New Zealand who, when she was over here in 2018, took



this photograph in Burdet Road, Mile End, London. We have come across this vetinary practice before (see particularly Newsletter 72).

THREE PLEAS PLEASE!

President / Chairman I have reluctantly come to the conclusion on health grounds that I must step down from the role of President – which we intend to seek to rename Chairman – at next May's AGM. But so far, despite several personal approaches, I have failed to persuade anyone else to take the role on. It is what it is going to say it is, that is just 'Chairman', as we agreed at the last committee meeting to distribute 90% of my current role to other members of the Committee. So may I now make a general appeal to anyone who feels able to take on the role to get in touch with me; the commitment really will not be that onerous and there will be an excellent and younger Committee in place to assist. The alternative is possibly to witness the demise of the Association which, as this Newsletter shows, is still doing useful work after thirty-four years; that would be a very sad outcome, mirroring the demise of our American cousins' association.

Newsletter – Copy This Newsletter is late reaching you because I have received far less copy from members than usual and have in consequence had to write more of it myself. May I appeal to all members to try your hand at producing an article you think might be of interest to other members. It can be of any length from a column inch to over a page. So far I have received nothing at all for the January 2020 issue. I would much rather have too much copy than not enough; articles not time sensitive can always be held over to the next issue.

Newsletter – Hard Copies I must make an even stronger appeal to the third of you who still receive the Newsletter through the post. I am giving up the editorship next year and I know my successor does not wish to concern himself with posting some 80 hard copies every three months. It goes without saying nowadays it is both quicker and much more cost effective to receive it electronically or view it on our website. We therefore propose to change the current system with immediate effect from being an opt out one to opt in; that is to say, if you have not written to me by 31 December I shall assume you are happy to switch from postal to electronic (overseas members please do this through your country Co-ordinators). I am aware, of course, that some of our older members do not possess computers and, if you identify yourselves, we will continue as before. And if you wish to be sent the Newsletter electronically, please let Malcolm <mlgoddard@iprimus.com.au> of Brisbane know by sending him your membership number and e-mail address, otherwise you will have to guess when the next is available on the website.

PIANO TRADE

I recently came across this article from a London newspaper of August 1889 under the heading "The Late Mr. Joseph Goddard", it having been lost amongst some other papers in my study. It was originally sent me in about 1987 or so by Marjorie Goddard, the Association's first secretary, she having been sent it by a Leeds piano maker who had spotted one of her articles promoting the Association in its earliest days. I quote the article in full:

"We are sorry to have to announce the death of Mr. Joseph Goddard, head of the firm of J. & J. Goddard, with whom it is safe to say almost every pianoforte manufacturer in the metropolis has had business transactions.. The late Mr. Goddard commenced



the highest terms as a man of unusual ability, thrift, industry, and uprightness, who preferred to devote the whole of his energies to his business rather than engage in commercial speculations. In private life he is said to have been somewhat reserved, but strong in his affections, sincere in friendship, and cordially esteemed and respected by all to whom he was known. The accompanying illustration, from a photograph by Constantine Jennings, of Hastings, is admitted to be an excellent likeness of the deceased gentleman. Charles and Frank, his two eldest sons, continue the business."



his career as far back as 1842, at 79 Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square. On January 1st, 1849, he entered into partnership with his brother James, of Red Lion Street, and together they started the business at 68 Tottenham Court Road, W. Mr James Goddard died in 1851, and the business has since been conducted by the late Mr. Joseph Goddard, to whose excellent business capacity, carefulness, and perseverance, its development is entirely due. The connection of Messrs. J. & J. Goddard with the pianoforte trade is an old and extensive one, the firm having occupied for many years a leading position as ironmongers to the trade. Latterly the firm have added to this the supply of pianoforte strings and felt. The late Mr. Goddard is spoken of by members of the trade in

A search on the internet produced this second photograph and the following from the front of a new post-First World War catalogue of 1920: "The firm of J. & J. Goddard has been established since 1842 and for 76 years has had the same address, 68 Tottenham Court Road. The picture shown above is a view of the premises as existing in 1890, when the shop front was modernised, the entire premises being rebuilt in 1907. The founder of the business, Mr. Joseph Goddard, died in 1889, when the management passed into the hands of his sons, Charles and Frank Goddard, who were joined in partnership in 1903 by Herbert J. Brinsmead. Mr. Charles Goddard retired in 1919 and the remaining partners still carry on under the well-known name. We venture to claim this Catalogue as the most complete List of Pianoforte Supplies, etc. We have revised the prices as far as possible, though we regret that the prevailing and uncertain heavy costs still preclude a return to pre-war figures. It will be found that several new features are introduced. We thank our customers for their past favours and hope to merit a continuance of that same confidence which they have given to us for many years," The shop appears to have remained at 68 Tottenham Court Road until 1968, with its last known trading address at 37 Union Street, SE1 in 1970.

FROM WILTSHIRE TO WALES

My late husband was Welsh to the core, a really patriotic Welshman who would never say he was British on documents, always Welsh. Imagine our shock when I researched his family history and discovered that he possibly had no Welsh blood flowing through his veins! His roots were in Glastonbury and his great grandfather, Isaac Clarke, had come to Wales, a fourteen year old orphan, to join his paternal uncles who were already here. Like so many others they had come to Wales during the industrial revolution. But I digress; we are Goddards.

We have done very little research into the Welsh Goddards and I am currently addressing this. I live in West Wales and there are a lot of us here, including long time member Frank Goddard, a much loved artist, who is in Llanelli. Also we have Welshman Vernon Goddard, also a long time member who I believe is from Lougher.

I am currently working on Goddards who settled in Llanelli; they all seem to have come from Wiltshire etc., but I hope in time to prepare for the website 'The Goddards of Wales'. The family I am working on at the moment are David Goddard and his wife Lizzie (Elizabeth Anne née Jenkins) who married in Llanelli in the March quarter of 1893. David, a nailer in the tin works, was born in Woodborough, Wiltshire. Lizzie and the children were born in Llanelli and, unlike David who only spoke English, were bilingual, Welsh mostly being the first language of those born here, and to a certain extent still is, especially where I live in Kidwelli.

So my question is, do you have a family link between Wiltshire, or somewhere else in the country, to Wales? Are you living in Wales, but haven't researched your family history? I'd love to hear from you; maybe I can help you?

Joan Dibble, Research Co-ordinator

HUNTING GODDARDS AGAIN

Coincidentally as John of Accrington sent me the article on foxhunting Goddards for the last Newsletter, Joan Dibble had also come across the same family. She, too, started with Zachariah Goddard, born in Great Waldingfield, Suffolk, on 18 April 1784 and died on 24 January 1855 in Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire. She went on to mention many of his descendants who served several well-known hunts, mainly in the Midlands, overlapping in the process much of the material supplied by John. Clearly this should all be amalgamated and put on the Association's website.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee held its usual main meeting of the year, this time again in Wantage on Sunday 13 October. Seven of the nine committee members were present, apologies having been received from Joan Dibble on grounds of ill health and Malcolm of Brisbane on grounds of distance! The President welcomed to their first meeting since their election to office Karen Bell and Richard Morris. Also in attendance and welcomed was Camilla (Milly) Goddard of Aldbourne, a potential replacement on the Committee at the next AGM for John of Accrington. Her late father John was head of the Swindon branch of the family and had held the third AGM (1989) at his house at Rendcomb.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed; there were no matters arising not covered by the Agenda. The new Treasurer, Richard Morris, gave a report on the state of the finances, which had been left in fine order by his predecessor. There was currently no intention of increasing the subscription, but there was to be another attempt at reducing the still considerable number of recipients of postal copies of the Newsletter; in this day and age electronic communication is so much quicker and, above all, more cost effective. [See p. 5]

There followed a lengthy discussion as to the future of the Association given, amongst other things, the President's intention on grounds of age and ill health of stepping down from active participation as from next year's AGM. The opportunity was taken of recommending two small changes to the Constitution: dropping "of Europe" to the title, and altering the title of President to Chairman. These changes would have to be agreed at the next AGM. Both were originally the result of the Association being founded on American lines by a member of an American branch. The President's role was also analysed and reduced in scope by some 90% by distributing some of his tasks to other members of the Committee; this should make easier the job of replacing him – though currently not with any success! [See p. 5]

Alex Morris led the discussion on the proposed members' survey, and it was agreed that after a small amount of fine tuning it should be distributed.

Following the Greenwich pie and eel shop declining to host the 2020 AGM, the Memorial Hall at Aldbourne (post code SN8 2DQ) was once again chosen as the venue, the AGM having been held there in 2008 and 2010. The meeting will start as usual at 2.00pm and be held on Sunday 10th May 2020. The recipients of the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial for both 2020 and 2021 were chosen.

NEXT AGM

Contrary to what was suggested in the last Newsletter, next year's AGM will unfortunately not take place in the famous Goddard's Greenwich pie and eel shop (see the article alongside). Instead it will be held at 2.00pm on Sunday 10 May 2020 in Aldbourne Memorial Hall, the village south east of Swindon. We have met there twice before. For those with satnavs the post code is SN8 2DQ.

WINE BUFF

Newsletter 90 for April 2009 carried a brief article requesting information on a Paula Goddard. Association member Anne Hockaday had sent me a cutting from a magazine entitled "Summer Wines". It was written by this Paula Goddard, who was described as a writer, speaker and tutor on food and wine. Silence. Apparently no member claimed her as a relative or knew anything about her – until now, when Paula herself has surfaced by contacting our membership secretary, John of Accrington, as follows: "Dear John, I came across a mention of me in a 2009 newsletter that is still floating around on the internet where a member sent in a cutting of a certain Paula Goddard who talks about wine to Women's Institutes. Well, that's me! I am a Goddard by birth of the North Wiltshire branch from Swindon, although I now live in the Midlands. Many of my family still live in Swindon with the Goddard surname. I've heard of a Goddard society before, but this is my first link to it. It has been ten years since you asked in your newsletter if anyone knew of me. Well, better late than never!" I much hope Paula will now join us!

WILTSHIRE RECORD SOCIETY – 23

The Wiltshire Record Society's volume 30 for 1974 is the *Abstracts of Wiltshire Tithe Apportionments*. These apportionments resulted from the Tithe Commutation Act of 1836 whereby the centuries old method of paying tithes (a tenth of one's income) in kind usually to the Church was scrapped and a system of assessed cash payments substituted. This was a complicated process and resulted, as one might imagine, in prolonged disputes with the Commissioners appointed to oversee the change in the 255 Wiltshire parishes, so that it sometimes took as long as eight years to reach an agreement. Four Goddards were involved: Horatio Nelson Goddard of Clyffe Pypard, together with his brother, its vicar, George Ashe Goddard; Ambrose Goddard of Swindon, also including land held in Wroughton and Rodbourne Cheney; and Richard Goddard, rector of Draycot Foliat.

PIE SHOP

With so many Newsletters over the years containing mention of the fortunes of 'Goddards at Greenwich', the family run eel and pie shop of over a hundred years (see particularly Newsletter 102), I thought it was about time that the Association asked to hold its AGM there – particularly as we have not yet held one in London – and so I contacted them. It was some time before I received a reply; but when it did come it explained the reasons for the delay. I quote it in full: "Sorry for not responding sooner; we are just very busy and there are staff shortages at the moment. I have discussed the Association with my brother and we have both decided it is not for us at this moment in time. We have too many commitments with work and family life and don't really have much time out of that. In a couple of years things should settle down for us and we might have a bit more free time! I hope you understand and I wish you the best with the 'Goddard Association'. Kind regards, Jeff." A shame; but at least it is good to know that they sound to be flourishing again after the upheaval consequent upon the disruption caused by the 2012 Olympic Games. I shall most definitely not be at the helm in two year's time; but whoever may become my successor let me suggest you keep this on the back burner and resurrect it in due course as I am sure it would make for a fascinating venue and talk, particularly as they have an upstairs room that can be hired for private functions.

USEFUL ADDRESSES

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