



The Goddard Association of Europe

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Richard Goddard – Royal Canadian Mountie & Bajan

A tribute by William Burton of Bajan Things

I first met Richard Goddard through my parents. But it was not until the early 1980's that I joined his Sunday morning walks which started at Union Hall where he lived at the time. Soon groups from the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme joined as part of their qualification. This group grew into the National Trust Hikes, now the Barbados Hiking Association. There are also many other groups that are direct links to his original idea.

Richard was a natural born leader who was able to get everyone to go beyond what they thought was their limit. He did this by leading from the front and encouragement.

I have so many good memories of his hikes. One that stands out is a walk that he started from the Airport to Paradise along the route of the proposed ABC highway. This was when it was just a track with marl and loose rocks. He said that we would walk it and he had arranged for a bus to take us back. So off we went. When we got to Paradise he casually said that he got the dates wrong and he had arranged for the bus next week but no problem we would walk back. Which we did.

We continued walking together for many years with the National Trust and in other smaller groups. We soon learned that you never got too far ahead of him as he would suddenly take a turn and you would have to backtrack to catch up.

He started on time. At 6am he would start walking and it was up to everyone to follow him. If you arrived at 6.02 everyone



*Richard Goddard in the uniform of the
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
"The Bajan, March 1957"*

would have left. If you were lucky you could see his group in the distance and then run to catch up, because he would not wait.

As the years passed and he was no longer able to hike I would visit his home at Bleak House. We would always find things to discuss on the history and places and people of the island. He was

always interested in the National Trust walks and asked about the older members who started with him so many years ago.

His interests spanned many different topics. We spent many hours discussing the trails and tracks that we both knew so well. He was a successful pig and chicken farmer. When I returned from an overseas trip I would bring the pictures to show him. Sometimes I would print off an interesting article for him to read. The last one was a few weeks before he died on the reopening of Joes River Bridge.

I thank him for starting and encouraging me to develop my backpacking skills. Through him I have met many interesting people. Richard was a proud Bajan (Barbadian).

A national hero and treasure. He was a walking encyclopaedia of all things Bajan. He would freely offer advice and encouragement but was not afraid to speak his mind no matter whose toes he stepped on. Without his efforts we would have a garbage dump at Greenland today.

May you rest in peace and one day we will meet on a trail.

Richard Goddard

A tribute by Shirley Carrington

Richard Goddard will be remembered for his large contribution through the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme to the youth of Barbados. He taught the participants courage, endurance and thoughtfulness with his famous hikes in Barbados and the other Islands.

The Sunday hikes were varied and adventurous. There was always a sense of achievement after participating in a hike, hair-raising things like swinging across Back River on a liana or walking along a narrow cliff edge by Pico Tenerife and learning about local plants and geology.

No one could get lost because there was always a Duke of Edinburgh youngster at the back to look after stragglers and drinks were there at the finish provided by the youngsters to raise funds for the scheme.

Richard knew so many interesting things to talk about on the hike when passing through places and villages, he had a wealth of knowledge about place names and incidents that had happened there in the past.

Thanks to Richard the hikes have gone from strength to strength as more and more people realise the benefits and the camaraderie of being in the open air with friends. May he Rest In Peace.

Richard Bruce Goddard, aged 85, of "Bleak House", St. Andrew departed this life on 18th February 2021.

A private memorial service of thanksgiving took place on Wednesday 17th March 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Among his many contributions to National Public Service:

- Member of the Advisory Board of The Salvation Army, Barbados and St. Lucia Division.
- Chairman and Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Barbados. Past Chairman of the Caribbean Award Sub-Regional Council. Past International Council Member of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Association.
- Council Member of The Barbados National Trust and served as Second Vice President.
- Board Member of the Bush Hill Tourism Trust and heavily involved in the restoration of George Washington House. Spearheaded and played an integral part in the restoration of the historic Morgan Lewis Mill.
- Council Member of The Barbados Museum and Historical Society (BMHS) 1975-1989 and Honorary Treasurer from early 1980s-1989. Vastly contributed to the development of the BMHS particularly during the redevelopment of the core galleries and public image.
- Under the auspices of The Barbados Agricultural Society (BAS): President of The Barbados Egg and Poultry Producers Association (BEPPA). President of The Barbados Association of Pig Farmers. Board Member of The Poultry and Egg Production Marketing Committee.
- Director of Goddard Enterprises.
- Husband of the late Ignacia Van den Branden de Goddard.
- Father of Rene Bruce (Vanessa) Goddard (Sydney, Australia).

[See additional articles on Richard Goddard in newsletters 132, 133, 135 & 144].

GODDARD vs GODDARD

Two Newbury Families At War Again

This constitutes the last contribution for the Association's Newsletters from Brian and Julie of Newbury, and we thank them most warmly for their input over some thirty years. Under the heading A Publican Entertaining his Friends, it chronicles the ongoing feud between two Newbury families (see Newsletter 93) and is taken from the pages of the *Newbury Weekly News* for 27 August 1874 describing the Borough Police Court case heard before three magistrates (the Mayor and J.H. Mason and C.S. Slocock Esqs.). The defendant was Richard Goddard junior and the chief police witness Superintendent George Goddard. *Richard of Malvern*

"Richard Goddard, landlord of the New Market Inn, was summonsed for allowing intoxicating liquor to be consumed on his premises on the night of Saturday, August 1st. at 11.45pm. Mr. Lucas, appearing for the prosecution, stated that the delay in bringing the matter forward was owing to a change in the Act, which had received the Royal sanction only on the day previous, and it was thought better to hold over the information until the new Act had been received.

Superintendent Goddard said that on Saturday evening August 1st. he was standing in Cheap-street and heard three men come up from the railway and rap at the 'Pigeons', but as they got no answer he went and found them railway employees in charge of a train of empties, and entitled to refreshment. He then took them to the 'Weaver's Arms' and getting no response went with them to the 'New Market Inn', where he saw a light. Knocked several times and no one came. A window was opened upstairs. He knocked again, and defendant came to the door and asked who was there. Witness replied 'Police', and he asked again the same question and received the same answer. Knocked again and defendant came to the door, which he opened. Told him, that the three railway men were working up a train, and wanted refreshments. Walked into the smoking room, which was in darkness. One of the railway men had a lantern, and he could see that there were three men. Told by defendant he had a party and asked why he had put the gas out. He replied that he had not put it out; but he thereupon lit the gas. Defendant said the men were lodgers. Witness said, 'But Mr. Rowles is not a lodger.' Defendant replied, 'But this is Mr. Rowles' brother.' Did not know him or the other man. There were four glasses, all contained liquor. Found beer in one glass, and by the smell judged the other to be whiskey. The others were apparently spirits. There were several empty glasses and cups on the table.

The train which these men came by arrived at the station at 11.45.

Mr. King, who appeared for the defendant, said that there was no strict proof of the liquor being consumed, and submitted that his client should be acquitted, as he was only entertaining at his own expense an old friend and his brother, under exceedingly natural circumstances, and this the 30th section of the new Act provided for, and which by a coincidence had come into operation only on the previous day. He would call witnesses to show what were the facts.

Mr. Rowles, dyer of Cheap-street, said: 'I have a brother living in Banbury, and engaged quarters for him, and his horse and trap at defendant's house. My brother arrived on the Saturday night in question between ten and half-past, having driven the distance about 50 miles. He drove up to my house and the ostler took his horse. After supper we went across to Goddard's just before the closing time. We had whiskey and water, but this was brought in before 11. I did not pay for it, nor did I see it paid for. After some rapping the landlord got up and went to the door. A young man, who was a lodger, turned out the light, and defendant, when he came back, said how foolish it was. Cross-examined: When my brother has come to Newbury he has gone across to see the defendant, and they were no doubt friendly. My brother stayed till Thursday; he was my guest, but he put his horse in Mr. Goddard's stable. My brother gave orders for three pennyworths of whiskey, for myself, for brother and the landlord, and it was supplied before 11 o'clock. My brother told the ostler he could have a quart of beer and drink it there or take it home. Don't know who the lodger was who put the gas out. My brother had supper at my house, but slept according to arrangement at the defendant's because it was not convenient to sleep at my house that night.

By Mr. King – I have no very distinct recollection what was said when the whiskey was ordered.

Richard Goddard, the defendant, said: 'I am the landlord of the 'New Market' house. In conjunction with my father I have been in the trade 15 years. I have been in the police force, and never had anything of this kind against me before. Mr. Rowles and his brother came in just before 11. Asked what they were going to have, and they replied a drop of cold whiskey and in addition I took a glass for myself.. Never got paid for it, nor did I expect it when I entertain old friends. Didn't go to the door the first time as people often knock to get in. While at the door the light was put out, and the lodger said he did it and would not have done so only he has had a glass too many.

Mr. Rowles and his brother were my friends. Had no thought of taking money from them. The strange lodger was about a directory, but he had nothing to drink after 11.

The Mayor, after deliberation with his fellow Magistrates, said that this was a proper case to be brought before the Bench, but as Mr. Rowles was a bona fide lodger and there was a friendly feeling between the parties, the case would be dismissed. The Court, which was crowded, cheered the result. Mr. Slocock remarked that there was no occasion for any demonstration, as it was a case which decidedly ought to have been investigated. The man who put the light out quite threw suspicion upon the matter.

Mr. King – I quite agree that this did make it suspicious, and was very stupid. Mr. Lucas applied for the usual solicitor's fee to be allowed. The Mayor remarked that it was a proper case in which the people should be advised and the Superintendent would moreover have neglected his duty had he not brought it forward. The application would be granted".

Brian & Julie of Newbury

EDMUND GODDARD

Submariner awarded Conspicuous Gallantry Medal

Artificer Edmund Goddard was on a midget submarine that sneaked under the fearsome German ship the *Tirpitz* in a Norwegian fjord to lay depth charges.

The medals of this war hero who survived a suicidal raid on the German battleship and a notorious Nazi death march have emerged at a sale for £50,000.

The X6 sub was spotted by the Germans who attacked it and the four-man crew were quickly captured. The men were dragged on board the 43,000-tonne ship when it was lifted out of the water by the huge explosion they had caused. The survivors initially feared they would be summarily executed as at one point they were lined up in front of armed guards. But they were to be well treated by the enemy who admired their bravery. Of the 12 men that took part in the daring raid in Sept. 1943, six drowned and six were captured.



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The *Tirpitz*, the sister ship to the *Bismarck*, was so badly damaged in the attack it was put out of action for six months, bringing relief to allied Arctic convoys it had terrorised. Goddard was sent to a PoW camp in Germany but escaped captivity during a notorious death march in April 1945. He managed to avoid detection for over a week before swimming across a river to freedom. The 23-year-old old was awarded the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal for his part in "Operation Source". His medals have now been put up for sale with London auctioneers Dix Noonan Webb.



His medal group consists of the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal; 1939-45 Star; Atlantic Star and War Medal. The sale took place on February 27, 2019.

Nimrod Dix, deputy chairman of Dix Noonan Webb, said: 'We are delighted to be offering this prestigious Conspicuous Gallantry Medal that was awarded to 4th Class Edmund Goddard, helmsman of X6, for his heroic feats during the Second World War. 'This is the only Conspicuous Gallantry Medal for the attack on the *Tirpitz* and one of only two for X-craft.'

Goddard, from Oxford, worked as an apprentice tool maker in Coventry before enlisting in the Royal Navy in 1941. He volunteered for 'special and hazardous service', not knowing what that might entail, and found himself on the early X-craft submarine training programme. The 50ft long subs were small enough to penetrate the fjord defences yet large enough to carry a four tonne charge and operate unsupported for several days.

"Operation Source", regarded to this day as one of the most courageous acts of the war, involved three midget submarines - X5, X6 and X7. On Sept. 21, 1943, after being towed over 1,000 miles, the subs embarked on a dangerous 50 mile journey to

Kaafjord, northern Norway, where the *Tirpitz* was located. Goddard's submarine got within 80 yards of it when it broke the surface and was spotted.

While the German sailors rushed to battle stations, the X6 dived beneath a 50ft anti torpedo net, and positioned herself under *Tirpitz's* port bow before unleashing four depth charges. X7 also managed to deliver its depth charges before being sunk, with only two out of the four-man crew managing to get out in time. But the X5 was blown out of the water while approaching the *Tirpitz*, killing the entire crew. The surviving crew members were taken on board the *Tirpitz* to be interrogated, not knowing whether or not they would be executed under Adolf Hitler's controversial 'Commando Order'.

Reliving the ordeal years later, Goddard said: 'We were taken on board *Tirpitz* and told to empty all our pockets. 'Then we were taken below, and put in a corridor. 'Eventually our charges went off, which shook us a bit; all the lights went out, one German guard grabbed me by the neck, and we went up on deck, and I was very disturbed the ship didn't appear to be sinking. 'They lined us up before a group of guards with Tommy guns; they were all very hostile. 'Then an interpreter came along and asked us how many boats were there, but we just gave them our names and numbers. 'He got very annoyed and said that if we didn't play, he'd have to shoot us. 'He pointed at (Commander John) Lorimer and said to me, if you don't give me the information, I shall have to shoot your comrade too. Oh, well, I said, you just go ahead and shoot him.' The survivors were transported to Marlag-Milag Nord PoW camp, near Bremen, on Nov. 28. Here, they were kept until March 1945, when the prisoners were marched to Lubeck on the Baltic coast, in the face of the Russian advance.

Goddard and two friends took advantage on the march of a bend in the road to break away unseen. After surviving for more than a week on the run, they passed through the German lines, having swum the Wummer River, and were found by advancing British troops.

Following the war, Goddard worked as an engineer at the Newbury Diesel Company in Berkshire.

He died in Tilehurst, Berkshire, aged 71 in 1992.

By Alexander Robertson, The Daily Mail, 7 Feb. 2019

[Ed. If any member has knowledge of Edward Goddard, please contact the Research Coord., details on p8]

The BRIMPTON GODDARD's

There are so many Goddards and in particular Richard Goddards in Brimpton in Berkshire that it has been a real puzzle to try and sort them out. Some are wealthy landowners while others are agricultural labourers. I'd like to think my ancestors are on the rich side but I suspect they are not.

Anyway, I have been trying to untangle all the different Richard Goddards and have hit a brick wall. I need to spend a lot more time at the Berkshire Record Office but I have found the Goddard newsletters (nos. 89, 90 and 91) to be a very useful source of information as well as FamilySearch.org

My ancestor is Richard Michael Goddard born in 1797 in Brimpton (parents Richard and Catharine). He was a school teacher in Aldermaston (1824-31) before becoming the landlord of the Pineapple pub which was part of the Blacknest Estate in Brimpton Common and working as a land measurer in the 1840s. He eventually became a publican in the Old Cattle Market in Newbury (see the Feuding Goddards, newsletter 92).

The Blacknest Estate came into the Goddard family in 1732 when George Goddard bought it. George was the younger son of Richard Goddard (b.1655) of Hampstead Norreys, he had been baptised at Brimpton in 1685 and his grandfather John Goddard (b.1615) had owned property in both Brimpton and Chieveley. Richard died in 1716 leaving property in Chieveley and George died in 1750 leaving Blacknest to his youngest son Richard.

Richard (b.1740) married Catherine Cane in 1767 and died in 1804 leaving Blacknest to his elder son William and property in Brimpton his younger son George. William stayed at Blacknest until his death in 1838. The property was then left to his eldest son William Roger who sold it in 1839.

I know that my Richard Goddard is distantly related to the Blacknest Goddards and I'm trying to work out how. The original John Goddard (1615-1671) was married to a woman called Andrea about 1654. They had four children: Richard (b.1655), Mary (b.1657) Michael (b.1660) and George (b.1665). Richard's descendants became the Blacknest Goddards and I think George is my ancestor. He had a son George (b.1701) in Brimpton, who had a son Richard (b.1746) in Brimpton, who had a son Richard (b.1768) in Thatcham who was Richard,

Michael's father.

As you can see there an awful lot of Richards and I may be completely wrong but I'm just putting it out there in case anyone has some more or better information or can help me anyway.

Karen Bell

[If any member has knowledge of or links with this family, please contact the Research Coord., details on p8]

WILTSHIRE RECORD SOCIETY – 30

The Wiltshire Record Society's volume 37 for 1981, *The Justicing Notebook of William Hunt 1744-1749*, might never have seen the light of day had it not been for Canon E.H. Goddard (grandfather of the Association's first Treasurer John) who was alerted to its existence in a Devizes bookshop in 1897 and bought it for the princely sum of five shillings (25p) for the Library of the Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society of which he happened at the time to be the Librarian. It was subsequently (1979) transferred to the Wiltshire Record Office in Trowbridge. It has no other Goddard connection. The same is true for the Society's volume 38 for 1982 – no Goddard connection.

However, No. 39 for 1983 is a different matter. It is entitled the Register of John Chandler 1404-17 and contains four Goddard references. John Chandler was in turn a Canon of Salisbury Cathedral 1383-1404, Dean 1404-17, and finally Bishop of Salisbury 1417 to his death in 1426, and The Register is the official record of the legal business he undertook when on parish visitation as Dean. Three of the four references concern the same William Goddarde of Ogbourne St. Andrew.

On 18th September 1405 the Dean made peace between him and his Vicar to whom he was refusing to pay a tithe of two marks (a mark was 13 shillings and 4 pence or 67p). And on the same date William and some of his fellow parishioners testified as to the accuracy of the list of artefacts and land belonging to the church. On 8th May 1409 William acted as witness to various affairs enquired into by the Dean. And the fourth reference is on 19 July 1412 at Blewbury to Thomas Godard who was plaintiff in a perjury case with John Frankelayne. The latter lost the case as he failed to turn up to the hearing and it was eventually dismissed.

Richard of Malvern

Prof. CLIFF WILLIAM GODDARD PhD

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Cliff Goddard was born in Canberra Australia.

His research interests lie at the intersection of language, meaning, and culture. He has published extensively in theoretical and descriptive semantics, language description and typology, pragmatics and ethnopragmatics, intercultural communication, and Australian English.



He works mainly in the Natural Semantic Metalanguage framework. A recent work is the collection *Minimal English For a Global World: Improved Communication Using Fewer Words* (2018).

<https://www.griffith.edu.au/griffith-centre-social-cultural-research/our-centre/cliff-goddard>

[If anyone knows of Prof. Cliff Goddard, please contact the Research Coord., details on p8]

ALFRED HENRY ERNEST GODDARD

Watchmaker and Soldier

My grandfather Alfred Henry Ernest Goddard was born 10th April 1895, and died 2nd November 1966 at Croydon, Surrey. He had a brother Reginald born 7th October 1903 also in Croydon. their mother Catherine Annie Langley was born 16th January 1875 at 3, Swallow Cottages, Gillett Road, Croydon. Sadly his mother died unfortunately with stomach cancer, at St. Thomas Hospital, London on 3rd June 1913. Alfred had been sent down to his uncles farm in Sway, Hampshire to work at Kings Farm. When their mother died Reginald was also sent down to the farm.

When the first world war came, Alfred Henry Ernest Goddard enlisted and gave his address as 15 Southstone Road, Hammersmith West. On the 14th April 1915 aged 19 years, he was posted to the 3/7th Battalion of the London Regiment, a unit of the Territorial Force with their HQ at the Hammersmith Drill Hall, 190 Hammersmith Road. He gave his next of kin as Reginald Arthur Goddard of Kings Farm Hampshire (his brother). After enlistment he was transferred to a basic training camp at Sutton Mandeville, Buckinghamshire.

The 3/7th was a battalion that at that time dealt with the enlistment documentation of recruits and issue of basic military clothing and equipment. With the exception of fitness training and drill, Alfred would have done very little military training with 7th (City of London) Battalion, until the 4th June 1915 when he was transferred to the 2/7th Battalion, The London Regiment stationed at Ipswich in the County of Suffolk.

The 2/7th was a training battalion where Alfred would have been subject to tough military training in preparation for active service. However, Alfred was found to be unfit for active duty and did not serve overseas. He was discharged from the Army in London on the 1st October 1916 having served for 1 year and 171 days.

Alfred was discharged from the Territorial Army under Kings Regulations 392 XV1. This simply means that through no fault of his own, his physical condition would in the opinion of the Army Doctors, not stand up to the rigours of service life under any conditions. He is described as being with a group of recruits in the 7th Londons, at Sutton Mandeville Camp – April 1915 ‘of such poor physique and shortness of breath’ and had a long term record of suffering from Anaemia.

It is questionable as to why Alfred was not rejected for military service after the initial medical examination that he would have undertaken on enlistment. In 1915 there was an urgent need to enlist the thousands of young men still flocking to the recruiting offices as quickly as possible. Therefore it could have been that overworked medical staff allowed Alfred to slip through the net.

After discharge from the Army, Alfred wisely applied for and was awarded the Silver War Service Badge. This badge worn on the lapel in civilian clothing indicated that you had served in the army and had for whatever reason, received an honourable discharge.

Pte. Alfred Goddard enlisted to serve King and Country with the same good intention as thousands of other recruits to the forces of the crown in 1914. In the latter part of his service Alfred was placed on light duties. This was an attempt by the army to retain his services but in the end it was decided that his physical condition would put him at risk by remaining and he was given an honourable discharge. At some time in or around 1920 Alfred would have been awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

He married my grandmother Rose May Fry on 16th August 1919 in West Clandon. It was a joint wedding with Rose's brother Charles Fry to Clara Penn. Alfred went on to work most of his life as a watchmaker in Croydon, a profession which my father Dennis William Goddard took up as well.

Most of this information is supplied by D. Harwood from Reserve Forces and Cadets Association, for Greater London. *Anne Goddard Offor of Tasmania.*
[See article on Alfred H. E. Goddard's father in newsletter 146]

NEW MEMBER

The following new member has recently joined the Association. He is, of course, warmly welcomed and his family information below is to enable members to contact him if they appear to belong to the same branch. Please do so via the Membership Secretary, details on p.8.

Marcus Kennedy of Albert Park in Victoria, Australia is investigating his Goddard ancestors from Wiltshire in the 17th century and prior.

AGM

The 37th AGM was held, Sunday 28 May 2023 at 12:00 noon, 15 members attended via Zoom. The Agenda followed the usual format. A full copy of the minutes is available on the GAE website members only section. If you require a copy or can not access the minutes online, please contact the website administrator Malcolm at the following address. admin@goddard-association.org.uk

Highlights from the AGM were as follows.

Goddard Association Surplus Funds.

Richard explained that the Association has accumulated significant funds over the years, the constitution is a not for profit organisation and suggested use of the funds should be considered. The Committee has previously discussed possible use for this surplus and making donations in lines with the goals of the Association.

Suggestions included:

1. Find a Grave was suggested as a possible donation benefactor. Malcolm outlined a number of groups/individuals who will go and find graves in the UK, USA and New Zealand. It was suggested to make donations to these groups that could support searching for Goddard graves, this list could then go on the website. Richard suggested a cap be placed on this. All voted in favour and agreed limited funding in principle.

2. Burial indexes were noted, but not the grave location. There are existing burial records on the GAE. Further work could be done on this.
3. Website re-design was suggested, i.e. to keep the content, but change to a more modern style and improve use. Provision has already been made for this. A request will be made for quotes to modernise the website and link to relevant systems e.g. Paypal. A sum of £1,000 was suggested. All voted in favour and agreed in principle.
4. Janet asked if there are additional resources researchers could use, e.g.: online newspapers. Beth indicated the British Newspaper Archive is on Find My Past. Various GAE Committee Members have access to a number of sites, and this was outlined, although some fund their own subscription. Fees were noted. It was suggested to pay Malcolm's Ancestry World-Wide Membership. All voted in favour to pay this subscription.

Research & Website Co-ordinator's Reports:

John noted that there was nothing to report, other than a number of international enquiries to a James Goddard in Wiltshire. John wondered whether Co-ordinator is the right description of the post. A better name might be Research Assistant. John will alert new members to contacts they might have. Janet noted the support Joan gave her with their family.

Janet is a moderator on the GAE Facebook, and helps share information. Janet commented on her role and there is now limited support needed for membership, newsletters, fees etc. Helena suggested to offering Research Assistance via John for the UK, and Janet for Canada and USA, via the website.

Action – Malcolm amend on website.

Malcolm outlined his report of the website usage. There are about 4042 hits per month and 4500 individuals visited the website over the past year. Most visitors are from UK, USA, Canada and Australia. People read the newsletters and some of the resources. 82% of members open their newsletter within 24 hours, but 9% do not open the newsletter at all. Over 460 members are on the Facebook page; and are encouraged by Janet and Joan to join the full Association.

Every post is individually approved by a moderator. Alex asked if there could be some thought to linking Facebook and the website. Better integration could be considered.

The Goddard Association Constitution:

Karen advised that the current GAE constitution needs to be reviewed and revised to reflect the current status and circumstances. It was noted that the Constitution can be agreed at the AGM. Changes were discussed by the attendees and agreed during the meeting. The amended Constitution was voted on and all were in favour of accepting the changes. A full copy of those changes will be posted on the GAE website.

The Thousandth Member:

The GAE is currently at the 999th member. A gift of a box of Goddard related items was suggested to be presented, for when we have the next new member.

Election of Officers:

The following members were due to retire from the GAE Committee by rotation pending re-election, or alternative nominations:

Chairman – Karen Bell. Karen had agreed to taking over the post for another one year, All voted in favour.

Treasurer – Richard Morris. Richard agreed to stand for a further term, all voted in favour.

Secretary – Denise of Solihull Denise wished to stand down. A nomination was not agreed at this meeting. Denise was thanked for her work over many years. *Action – to request a volunteer in the newsletter.*

Committee Members. Malcolm was due for re-election for a 3-year period. Karen nominated him for re-election, which was seconded by Richard. All voted in favour. Milly has decided to stand down but offered to help as requested. She was thanked for all her help.

Other Business:

1. Encouraging Facebook members to join, by offering discounted membership was considered. This is our main source of new members, and the individuals are keen researchers. David suggested a half price for a year for Facebook members obtaining full membership. Amelia explained how she became a member. Family history fairs promoted by family history societies were noted. Her use of the GAE website was discussed. *Action – Amelia to look into promoting the GAE at East Surrey. Action - Malcolm to offer half price membership to GAE Facebook members.*

2. General Data Protection Regulations was raised. Malcolm asked if this still applies in Britain after Brexit, which it was confirmed still does.

3. As always, Malcolm would welcome new Newsletter articles from members.

Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial Award:

This year's recipient is John Dymond for his work as Curator of the Aldbourne Heritage Centre, and significant research on the Goddards of Wiltshire. His presentation is on the website.

Date of Next AGM:

The next meeting will be on *Sunday 19th May 2024 at 12.00 noon GMT*, via zoom.

JUST STOP OIL

Over the last few months the environmental protest group 'Just Stop Oil' has successfully been raising its profile by disrupting major national events. Thus orange powder has been sprayed over the table at the World Snooker Championships and similar treatment has been meted out to some of the horses at the Grand National; there has also been disruption at the second Ashes test match at Lords.

On 26 May it was the turn of the Royal Horticultural Society Show at Chelsea – notable because one of the three protesters wilfully damaging a prize garden was Naomi Goddard, aged 58, a former landscape engineer. Before she could be arrested, a quick-thinking member of the public turned one of the many hoses on her, seemingly a far more fitting punishment than the one likely to await her return to Hebden Bridge in Yorkshire, where she has been threatened with the loss of her job as clerk to Wadsworth parish council. This protest would seem to be something of an own goal if ever there was one; but Naomi was unrepentant, shouting "But it's what I have to do right now" as she was doused from head to toe. Does any member claim her as a relative?

Richard of Malvern

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