GOODERHAM FAMILY (Dates shown are years at Framlingham)



George Edward Gooderham's family own Snape Maltings and originally bought it in order to have a river outlet for crops. He is a very very distant cousin of the other 4 brothers – their great, great grandfathers were brothers.

Seventeen years after founding the Aldeburgh Festival, Benjamin Britten had the vision of converting the largest of the Malthouses into a world-class Concert Hall. He negotiated the lease of the site with **George Gooderham (K45-53)** who, at the age of just 28, had bought the site in 1965.



Forty years on, and with the hall having risen Phoenix-like from the aftermath of a severe fire on the opening night of the 1969 season, George's son, **Johnny Gooderham (BH75-80)**, is now very much the man in charge, and, having been born on site, is determined to secure a bright future for

Snape Maltings. The proposals for the regeneration include a new 999 year lease for Aldeburgh Productions that will permit the further development of the musical activities into one of the finest centres of musical excellence in the world. The over-all cost of the music project is £12 million, and the plan is to make the Aldeburgh Productions development a European creative centre, welcoming the world's best musical and artistic talent. This photo is of Johnny and George.

Of course, 999 years is effectively a freehold, but the Gooderham Family remain 'landlords', and will themselves be developing 120,000 square feet into residential accommodation, a heritage centre and enhancing their retail offering. For some time now, the granary block has been used as a popular destination, with a gallery, tearooms and craft shops, and the flagship House and Garden store opening in 1991. Open throughout the year, the site now attracts some half a million visitors a year. There is more to come,



but Johnny is determined not to make Snape Maltings an uncomfortably busy place, but to create a balance, maximising the appeal of the glorious riverside site.

John Creasy Gooderham has farmed the family farm at Bacton since he left the College in 1953. He is also a past President of the SOF. He married **John Thurlow's (K48-55)** sister – see Thurlow family chart.

Paul Frederick Charles Gooderham has been a partner with Cheffins, Auctioneers in Cambridge since 1963, but has recently retired and is now a Consultant with the firm.



Andrew Richard Gooderham has worked most of his career with Thurlow Nunn Standen, Agricultural Engineers for some 30 years and has also recently retired.

Peter Thomas Gooderham sadly died in 1981 and at the time was lecturing at Wye College, Kent.

