

# ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW

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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

### Mr. Askew—Order of the British Empire

(Civil Division) - O.B.E.

ASKEW, William George, Esq., Secretary of St. Dunstan's,  
for services to War-blinded Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen.

**T**HIS announcement appeared in the Honours List on the occasion of the King's Birthday, June 23rd, 1936.

I am sure all St. Dunstaners, as well as members of the staff, will join with me in offering Mr. Askew our hearty congratulations.

Mr. Askew came to St. Dunstan's from the War Office towards the end of the War, and became Pensions Officer to our organisation. In so far as the principles of Pensions administration generally were influenced by Sir Arthur Pearson's advocacy and the special position occupied by St. Dunstan's, a large part of the credit must go to Mr. Askew, for it was upon his advice that the representations and case of St. Dunstan's were shaped. No one in England knew more about Pensions administration, Appeal Tribunal work, and the law and regulations, than Mr. Askew, and many hundreds of blinded soldiers owe the success of their claims to his advice and skilful advocacy.

Later the business management of our great organisation became his particular task, and it was he who carried out the executive activities which consolidated St. Dunstan's on its permanent peace-time footing. Now for many years Secretary to the Council, head of the staff and counsellor and friend to the men and their families, he deserves well of the country, and, we will all agree, has more than earned the recognition which has been accorded to him. St. Dunstan's men have seen evidence of his organising ability and understanding in connection with some of our great functions like the Jubilee parties, but they will appreciate that important as these have been, they are but a small fraction of the responsibility and care which must necessarily fall upon the chief executive officer of an institution like ours. No great enterprise can go on without sound organisation and day-to-day attention to the details of staffing, accountancy and business management. Mr. Askew has combined ability to direct these activities with understanding, knowledge and personal sympathy for St. Dunstaners to a remarkable degree. We congratulate him and hope that his services will continue for many years to come.

IAN FRASER.

## The King's Birthday

ON behalf of St. Dunstan's men all over the Empire, Sir Ian Fraser sent the following telegram to our Patron, His Majesty The King, on the occasion of his birthday on June 23rd :—

The officers and men of the British Forces who were blinded in the War ask Your Majesty graciously to accept our best wishes for many happy returns of the day.

IAN FRASER,  
St. Dunstan's.

The following reply was received :—

The King commands me to convey to you and all those associated with you in your message, his sincere thanks for this expression of good wishes which His Majesty much appreciated.

WIGRAM.

## Cheaper Book Postage for the Blind

SIR WALTER WOMERSLEY, Assistant Postmaster-General, speaking at Rochdale on July 4th, announced an important concession which the Post Office has introduced in the interests of blind people.

The Post Office, he said, was a great business organisation and not merely a Government Department, but it was a business organisation with a soul. Wherever they could introduce a new facility or make a concession to help the business man or to promote social service, they did so. The latest of such concessions was in the interests of the blind. That day the limit of weight of literature for the blind sent through the post had been increased from 6½ lb. to 11 lb., and the maximum postage would be 2d. That would enable the category of "blind literature" to be considerably extended to include not only books and papers printed in Braille, but also other articles for the amusement and instruction of the blind, such as talking books which comprise gramophone records, special playing cards, relief maps, arithmetical frames, and type.

He had taken a particular interest in these new facilities and was very happy to be able to announce them, for he knew something of the great handicap blind persons had to endure. Quite recently he was in danger of losing his sight, but in January last that disability was prevented by the skill of an eminent British surgeon.

## Some Area Changes

### MISS NELSON'S RESIGNATION

TOWARDS the end of last year, Miss P. Nelson, our Social Visitor in the Midland Area, left this country on a visit to her brother in Kenya. During her absence, her friend, Mrs. Parkes, very kindly undertook to pay visits in her stead, and this arrangement proved most successful.

Now, however, the news has reached us that Miss Nelson is to be married and will make her home in Kenya, and we have had, therefore, to accept her resignation with much regret.

Mrs. Parkes, to whom St. Dunstan's expresses its sincere appreciation of her kindness in taking Miss Nelson's place for the past six months, has introduced to us Mrs. Argyle, of Dryden House, Tamworth, Staffs., and we are glad to announce that Mrs. Argyle has accepted the post of part-time Social Visitor.

A slight readjustment of the areas has been made. Mrs. Dunphy will relinquish North Shropshire and Derbyshire. Miss Gough will take the whole of Shropshire and twenty-two men living in Birmingham and district, giving up Northampton.

Mrs. Argyle will call upon the other men in Warwickshire, men in Derby and Northampton, and all other men who were previously visited by Miss Nelson and Mrs. Spurway (née Miss Hodgson).

By the resignation of Miss Nelson, St. Dunstan's has lost a most valued visitor. For many years she has given wonderful service to St. Dunstan's, and it is with deep regret that her close connection with us has been ended.

Miss Nelson is to be married in Nairobi in October to Mr. Ripley Shaw, and all St. Dunstaners and workers at St. Dunstan's will join in wishing her every happiness.

## Men's Calendars for 1937

SAMPLES of Calendars for 1937 are being sent to all those men who have in the past used this method of advertising. Any man who wishes to make a purchase and has not received the samples, please communicate direct with Headquarters, when arrangements will be made for them to be dispatched to him at once.

## Letters to the Editor

### THE TALKING BOOK

*The Editor, ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW.*

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I have just been listening to the Chairman's remarks in your last issue of the REVIEW. The suggestions of greater developments in the Talking Book I find most interesting and intriguing, and, in spite of the policy of restricting the issue of machines and records, I feel that all who have the machine have realized what a great boon has been conferred on us by St. Dunstan's and the N.I.B. Even with the restricted number of records there is an extraordinarily good and varied library of records and, if I may, I should like to congratulate "whatever powers may be" for producing the machine and the records. One must possess one's soul in patience between the deliveries of the records, but there is always Braille and that will always be a great standby. At the same time the introduction of the Talking Book with its further possibilities has made possible the effortless acquisition of the contents of all the best and most interesting books.—Yours sincerely,

Oxford.

N. A. RAMSDEN.

*The Editor, ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW.*

DEAR SIR,

I welcomed the Talking Book especially because, though I know Braille, I cannot read it. I nearly lost the use of my arms through over-persistence with it last year.

The Talking Book is a great idea. May it flourish!—Yours sincerely,

Gotherington.

A. V. LAW.

*The Editor, ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW.*

SIR,

I wish through the medium of the REVIEW to record my appreciation of the Talking Book. I have just finished reading my first book and enjoyed it immensely. It is the greatest boon that has ever come the way of the blind. I have no hesitation in saying that I am of opinion that the Talking Book for the blind has come to stay, and I venture to prophesy that at no very distant date we shall be reading our daily newspapers recorded on discs of tin foil or some such material.

We who read do not forget that we are much indebted to those who read books to make the records for the Talking Book. Some idea of the time taken to read a book aloud for this purpose may be gathered from the fact that many books consist of as many as eighteen records, each double-sided, and each side plays for about twenty-five minutes.—Yours faithfully,

Llandyssul,  
S. Wales.

J. E. DAVIES.

*The Editor, ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW.*

DEAR SIR,

The Talking Book makes us totally blind men more independent and is therefore a move in the right direction.—Yours faithfully,

Hove.

J. W. MAHONY.

### BRITISH LEGION CONFERENCE

*The Editor, ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW.*

DEAR EDITOR,

May I, through the medium of the REVIEW, express the appreciation and gratitude of Sheehy, Durkin and myself, for the extreme kindness, hospitality and comfort of the Buxton Branch of the British Legion during our stay there in connection with the National Conference.

It has truly been an experience of comradeship, and the spirit of service for others has been of the highest standard.

I have, so far, attended nine Conferences, but the hospitality given to us St. Dunstaners has been far greater than we could have dreamed of, and in one accord we can only say, Thank You, Buxton.—Yours sincerely,

W. A. MUGGERIDGE.

### UNDER THREE REIGNS

DEAR SIR,

I see that you want to know of any other St. Dunstaners who have had the distinction of serving under three sovereigns.

I, for one, can join them. I enlisted the day after Queen Victoria's Jubilee Day, in 1887. I have got the medal for the relief of Chitral, 1895, was in France in the last war and received the medals for this.

I was born in 1868, like Johnnie Walker!

W. R. RADLEY.

Chadderton, Nr. Oldham.

DEAR SIR,

I also have served under three reigns. I enlisted in 1900 and served in Africa, India, and France during the reigns of Queen Victoria, King Edward VII and King George V.

W. DAVIES.

Blockley, Glos.

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Through Mr. Macauley, D. Driscoll, of Cork, tells us that he served in South Africa under Queen Victoria, was present at Rawalpindi (India) for the Coronation ceremony of King Edward VII, and was at Whitehall for the Coronation of King George V. Now his great wish is to be in London when King Edward VIII is crowned.

## Under Three Reigns

THIS correspondence has aroused unusual interest, and many St. Dunstaners have claimed the distinction of having served under three reigns.

From the letters we have received, G. King, of Leicester, appears to hold the record for the earliest service, since he enlisted as far back as 1884.

If any St. Dunstaner can do better than that, we should like to hear from him.

### Mr. Osborne's Retirement

THE announcement that Mr. Osborne, Chief Instructor of the Mat Department, is to retire at the end of July, has been received by St. Dunstan's mat-makers with the greatest regret.

Many have asked to be allowed to show their practical appreciation of his services by means of some gift or testimonial, and it is therefore with pleasure that we announce that such a Fund has been started. All subscriptions should be addressed to Mr. Askew at Headquarters.

### Young St. Dunstaners

H. A. Simpson's son was the runner-up in the Final of the Doncaster Working Men's Club and Institute Union Billiards Championship which has just been held at Edlington.

The only daughter of J. Wood, of Grange-over-Sands, was married on June 6th.

A. A. H. Brown's sons are doing well. The eldest, John, obtained his honours degree at Oxford last June, and is now at Wycliffe Hall, and Basil is working for a history degree at Reading University.

Walter Turrell, son of A. T. Turrell, of Leeds, has won a Junior Scholarship and will begin his studies at the Leeds Cockburn High School in September.

Peggy Smith, the little daughter of A. Smith, of Wembley Park, has won a five years' Free Scholarship for the Brondesbury and Kilburn High School for Girls.

Leonard Frampton, son of H. V. Frampton, of Highams Park, has won a scholarship entitling him to attend the Sir George Monoux Grammar School, Walthamstow.

Stanley Mussell, son of A. F. Mussell, of Charfield, has been awarded a special free place in Katherine, Lady Berkeley's Grammar School, Wotton, Glos.

William Kitson, the son of A. Kitson, of Old Bosham, has won a scholarship to the value of £60 a year.

Olive Jackson, the second daughter of G. Jackson, of King's North, near Ashford, has also been successful in winning a scholarship.

J. W. Yarwood's daughter Pearl won three medals at a recent Dancing Competition: they were for Step-dancing, solo; Musical Comedy, solo; and National, solo.

Maud, the 14 years old daughter of J. Kerr, of Widnes, has won a scholarship to the Central School in that town, and Neville, who is 12, has won a swimming certificate.

### Silver Weddings

Congratulations to J. C. Owen, of Liverpool, and his wife, who celebrated their silver wedding on June 4th, and to F. W. Bull, of Worle, Weston-super-Mare, and his wife, whose anniversary was on July 9th.

### On hearing of the proposed new Annexe—

We are getting old and grey,  
Well, that is what they say,  
And our beards have covered up our old school ties.  
We have to take our time  
When the wooden hill we climb  
On the long, long trail to bedrooms 'neath the skies.

So, safe from air raid panics,  
They are building a new annexe,  
A little way along the Brighton shore,  
Where the orderlies in shifts  
Will lead us to the lifts,  
Then up and down we'll go from floor to floor.

Oh yes, we're getting old,  
And memory grows cold,  
Forgotten are the things we did of yore—  
On his words we cannot dwell  
When the soldier said farewell,  
Or what Gladstone said in eighteen sixty-four.

When his eye was fierce and ardent  
Some shouted "Good old sergeant,"  
But what the others said I cannot think,  
When we won at Brag and Banker  
And lost at Crown and Anchor,  
And not a single sou left for a drink.

But though we're tired and jaded,  
And the past is dim and faded,  
There's a memory which lingers with us yet,  
So, hats off, if you please,  
To the man who made St. D's,  
For that's a name we never can forget.

J. F. BESLEY,  
Cheltenham.

## "In Memory"

Private HENRY SPILLER  
(Royal Army Service Corps)

WITH deep regret we announce the death of H. Spiller, of Manchester. His sight damaged as a result of his services, Spiller was actually discharged from the Army in 1916, but it was not until 1928 that he finally came under St. Dunstan's care. On account of his age and health, training was impossible, and he was really only able to lead a very quiet life for practically the whole of the time he was a St. Dunstaner.

His death on May 26th, however, came as a shock to all concerned, as although he was advancing in years, he was only ill for a few days before he died. He was well-known and liked in his home town, and members of the City Council attended the funeral and sent wreaths.

A wreath in the form of St. Dunstan's badge was sent from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades, and was much admired. Spiller leaves a wife and three children, and we extend our real sympathy to them in their loss.

### Births

BACHELOR.—To the wife of D. Batchelor, of Ratley, near Banbury, a son. (See "Deaths.")  
WILKIE.—To the wife of J. Wilkie, of Horninglow, Burton-on-Trent, on May 21st, a daughter.

### Deaths

We send our sincere sympathy this month to the following:—

BACHELOR.—To D. Batchelor, of Ratley, near Banbury, and his wife, whose baby son died on June 12th.

WILSON.—To W. Wilson, of St. Helen's, whose father has recently passed away.

We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Sims, widow of our St. Dunstaner, H. Sims of Worthing. Mrs. Sims passed away on June 17th, eight months after the death of her husband.

### Holiday Apartments

**BLACKPOOL.**  
Apartments. Board optional. Five minutes from sea; pleasant situation.—Mrs. S. EVANS, 32 Eastbourne Road, Highfield Road, South Shore, Blackpool.

**MORECAMBE.**  
Mrs. Anderson, the wife of W. Anderson, of Morecambe, is always pleased to let rooms during the holiday season. All enquiries should be sent to—Mrs. ANDERSON, 16 Balmoral Avenue, Morecambe.

**RAMSGATE.**  
The wife of J. S. Bailey, of sunny Ramsgate, has furnished apartments to let. Bed-sitting rooms, bed and breakfast, or full board. Terms moderate. Apply—Mrs. J. S. BAILEY, Victor Villas, 9 Edith Road, Ramsgate, Kent.

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.**  
Furnished apartments to let. Bed and breakfast, 2s. 6d. Every attention. Children welcome.—M. H. ALBERTELLA, 102 Ruskin Avenue, Southend-on-Sea.

**SOUTHPORT.**  
Mrs. W. Moore has furnished apartments to let. Bed-sitting rooms, bed and breakfast, or full board. Terms moderate.—Mrs. W. MOORE, 5 Windsor Road, Southport.

### A Line from Canada

A. B. TAYLOR, of Vancouver, acknowledging the prize he won in Miss Warren's Competition, writes:—

As far as I can remember, this is the first and only competition in which I have been a successful competitor, and we intend to buy with it something by which we shall remember the kind thought of Miss Warren.

We are just enjoying our first days of real summer this year, and the thermometer has touched 84 degrees to-day (June 22nd). The beaches were all crowded to their utmost capacity yesterday (Sunday) and Vancouver is also busy preparing for the Jubilee, which opens officially on July 1st. There will be many festivities, including processions of various kinds, when old-time farm implements and means of road transport will be displayed.

### For Sale

DOUBLE GENT'S TANDEM in ivory white. In perfect order and almost new. Complete. Suitable for two tall riders. What offers?—R. J. WILLIAMS, 63 Mile Oak Road, Southwick, Sussex.

AMERICAN ORGAN. £2. 10s. Must sell; a real sacrifice. Purchaser must pay own carriage.—T. TOOTEL, 250 Queen's Road, Upton Park, London.

### Mrs. Hake's Loss

Many hundreds of St. Dunstan's men, particularly those in training in the early days, and those living in the Midlands, will be grieved to hear of the death of Major Hake, husband of one who was so well known to them as Sister Evers.

Our sincere sympathy is offered to Mrs. Hake in her bereavement.

### Special Note

As in past years there will be no REVIEW published in August.

## The Regent's Park Navy

[BY A CORRESPONDENT]

WHY is Regent's Park, London, N.W.1, mightier than Albania and Latvia? Because Regent's Park has a Navy, and neither of those Continental countries has so much as a solitary boat to its credit. The R.R.P.N. or Royal Regent's Park Navy (for, being a Royal park, undoubtedly its Navy must also be Royal) possesses some dozens of boats. It is true that their tonnage is not very considerable, but they need, to look after them, a First Lord (or Manager), a Second Lord (or Under-Manager), and a *personnel* of three during the week, with power to add to their numbers at week-ends and other critical periods.

Like Switzerland, which is inland but has lakes and, therefore, a Navy of sorts, Regent's Park, which is inland, also has lakes, and it is on one of these that its Navy functions admirably and ceaselessly from the beginning of May until the end of September. It is just by Hanover Gate, before one gets to the Regent's Park inland-sea proper, with a tiny island set in the middle of it, and round and round this island either in mechanically propelled craft or in boats that (theoretically, at any rate) are propelled by oars, happy children, the whole summer through, circle, and discover for the first time that they, as Britons, rule the waves—so long, of course, as they have the money to pay for their ships.

These tiny craft are so built that they are quite unsinkable, and, even if they could sink, the lake is only a few feet deep, and, even if the lake were deeper—there is still the Regent's Park Navy. The task of these hardy Tars is to be at hand to see that there are no mishaps among their infant *clientèle* and, incidentally, to make sure that they do not stay out too long.

Theirs is not too easy a job, for with the cunning due to scions of a maritime nation, it is almost invariably found that when a child's time is up (and he can tell it himself, if he wishes, from a special clock in his craft) his boat is at the extreme other end of the lake, and the Navy has to wade across it and drag the boat ignominiously back to shore.

The chief drawback of belonging to the Regent's Park Navy is that the Navy does not function throughout the winter, but

during the summer its members do not do so badly, earning a pound or so a week and getting plenty of fresh air and, perhaps, not so fresh water. In addition to dealing with clients, their duties are to clean the boats—and also, first thing every morning, to search the bottom of the pool for pennies that may have been dropped in by luckless youngsters the day before.

The Second Lord is also a busy man. He attends to the motors in the boats, does repairs, and looks after the fuelling. Incidentally, these mechanically propelled boats have lots of pretty gadgets, but, whatever the young do to them, the resultant progress seems to be nearly always about the same.

The First Lord's duties—Well! He is the First Lord (*né* the Manager), and it can be left at that!

And when the summer is over the whole of the Regent's Park Navy goes into store for the winter!

And not only the Regent's Park Navy but also the Regent's Park Ocean!

For, during the winter, the lake is drained and cleaned, and where in happier days the juvenile maritime might of Britain is to be seen disporting on the water, there is then nothing but nice clean concrete!

## St. Dunstan's Success in Lexicon Competition

OUT of an entry of many thousands, R. Gifford, of Linlithgow, was one of fifteen hundred who obtained the maximum number of points in a recent Lexicon competition, and was awarded a share in the total prize money of £1,000. Each successful competitor received 13s. 1d.

Gifford has generously asked that his prize should be handed to the "King George Memorial Fund," and adds:—

"I may say this competition gave me three months of the best mental exercise I have had for years, and when I finished the seven groups of words at their maximum counting value, I thought that surely I would do some credit to St. Dunstan's.

"I memorised the cards and found the words slowly but surely. I must admit I had some assistance from the wireless, which supplied me with some good words to work on, but had no help from dictionaries. I had hoped to win an amount which would have taken me a trip on the *Queen Mary*, but, alas, one with fifteen hundred others reduced £1,000 to small proportions."

## Silent Monarch

THE STORY OF AN IRISH GREYHOUND

MISS BOYD-ROCHFORT'S niece, Miss Beryl O'Reilly, has sent us the following. Miss O'Reilly, who will be remembered by many St. Dunstaners as a V.A.D., has a number of greyhounds in training in Ireland.

I was born on the 5th of January, 1934. I was one of a family of four. My mother was not able to feed us all, so at a week old my sister and I were given away. A Pomeranian was our new mother, but she grew tired of me, and at the age of two months I was sent away to a farm.

I lived this life until I was six months, when I was changed again to a house at a cross-roads. Here I made friends with a half-bred collie.

When I was thirteen months old I was sold and my new owner was a lady. At seventeen months I, with three other dogs, went off with Mistress in her car, to a track. Here we were muzzled and put into a box with iron bars in front. The others were in before but I stood there not knowing what was going to happen. Presently there was a noise and a rabbit came flashing past—someone opened the box and away we went. I passed the other dogs and tried hard to catch it. I thought I was getting near it at the bends but on and on it went till it disappeared, and I pulled up wondering where it had gone. My Mistress was there, took off my muzzle, put on collar and lead and we all went home. This happened a couple of times and then I was entered for my first race. When I saw all the crowd I was very excited. A boy called, "All dogs in now, please," and I was put into a kennel. It was very small and stuffy, but there I had to stay until my race came. At last a strange boy opened the door, took me out and put on a sheet with a number on it, then a muzzle, and off I went with five other dogs, to parade before everyone.

After we had paraded we were put into the box. I was drawn number 6, which is on the outside, the bell went and we all listened eagerly for the noise of the rabbit. Like a flash it went by—we all burst out and raced for the first bend. Here I got a bump but I got a far worse one at the second bend. When I got my balance again I was second last. I got down to it and went in pursuit of the other dogs and caught them at the last bend. Then I saw my chance—an opening on the rails—and made a dash to go through. One of the dogs made for me but I galloped on with my eyes glued on the rabbit and won a most exciting race by a head. When I was brought back to the kennels, my Mistress was waiting. She gave me a pat and said: "Well done, big boy!" I can tell you, I felt proud.

In my next race I got a bad fall over another dog and I hurt my shoulder. In spite of this, I took part in my first coursing meeting a week later. I beat every dog I met and got into the finals.

Perhaps, some day, you will read of Silent Monarch's great win! Racing is such fun and you don't know how we dogs love it!

(Since this was written, "Silent Monarch" has been sold to an American for £110.—ED.)

## SPORTS CLUB NOTES

### General Sports Day, 1936

THE Annual Sports were held on Saturday, June 20th, on the Sports Ground in Regent's Park, and although violent thunderstorms were experienced in other parts of the country, we had brilliant sunshine. It was, incidentally, the hottest day of the year.

Entries were as large as ever, and the performances were of the usual high standard. As handicapper I have a fine chance of seeing the progress of St. Dunstaners' children from year to year. They are a bonny crowd.

Special contests decided the Inter-Club Team Cup Competition. It will be remembered that Manchester took the points for this event last year. This year London was placed 1st, Manchester 2nd, and Birmingham 3rd.

The Band of the St. Marylebone British Legion played delightful music during the afternoon.

After sports, tea and ices were served on the lawn at Headquarters. Then Lady Fraser, accompanied by Sir Ian, presented the prizes—and what a glorious array they made! All these prizes and toys are given by our many friends, helpers, and staff, and to them we offer our very sincere thanks.

W. A. T.

### RESULTS.

#### INTER-CLUB TEAM COMPETITION.

1st, London. 2nd, Manchester. 3rd, Birmingham. 4th, Brighton.

(London Team—W. Lacey, J. Jerome, A. Crooke, W. Birchall.)

(B. Section.) (A. Section.)

75 Yards Sprint.  
1. Birchall  
2. Lacey  
3. Ap Rhys

1. McSteel

2. Scott

3. Cashmore

#### CHILDREN

Girls under 6.

1. Joyce Barrett  
2. Brenda Hazel  
3. Marjory Triggs  
4. Josephine Scott  
5. Pamela Hodgman  
6. Peggy Corns

Boys under 6.

1. John Parrick  
2. Andrew Colley  
3. Ernest Samworth  
4. John Rickaby  
5. Roy Boorman  
6. John Buchanan  
7. Colin Clamp

Girls under 9.

1. Laura Burran  
2. Ena Pimm  
3. Jill Scott  
4. June Millar  
5. Phyllis Moeller  
6. Margaret Lomas  
7. Marjory Bonner  
Cons. Gladys Smith

Boys under 9.

1. Billie Rickaby  
2. Harry Tomkinson  
3. Robin Colley  
4. Derek Kelly  
5. Jacky Clamp  
6. Neil McFarlane  
7. Ronnie Billington  
Cons. Peter Crafter

*Girls under 12.*

1. Yvonne Pearce
2. Vera Chiverton
3. Elaine Martin
4. Marjory Deegan
5. Brenda Thomas
6. Peggy Smith
7. Winnie Moeller

*Cons. Anne Carey  
Girls under 15.*

1. Joyce Tomkinson
2. Winnie Smith
3. Florence Barrett
4. Joyce Smith
5. Joan Ollington
6. Barbara Ingram
7. Joyce Peckham

*Cons. Doris Iddiols  
Ladies' Race.*

1. Mrs. Tomkinson
2. " Wiltshire
3. " Brown
4. " Meredith
5. " Roden
6. " Harding
7. " McQuirk

*Three-legged Race.*

1. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews
2. Mr. and Mrs. Parks
3. Mr. and Mrs. Ashton
4. A. Smith and Miss Smith
5. Mr. and Mrs. Tomkinson
6. Mary Burran and F. Champness
7. Miss Brown and Davies (Manchester)

*Cons. Mrs. McQuirk and Yarwood**Throwing the Cricket  
Ball.*

1. Winter
2. Meredith
3. James
4. Ap Rhys
5. Roden

*Cons. Wiltshire**Throwing the Football.*

1. Birchall
2. Lacey
3. Wass
4. Craigie

*Boys under 12.*

1. Benjamin Barnard
2. Cecil Rhodes
3. Denis Dyer
4. John Henry
5. Ivor Wylie
6. Derek Corns
7. Albert Samworth

*Cons. Tony McQuirk  
Boys under 15.*

1. Stanley Pimm
2. Kenneth Barnard
3. Terence Samworth
4. Jack James
5. Charles Durkin
6. Neville Cashmore
7. Colin Burran

*Cons. William Moeller  
Egg and Spoon Race.*

1. Miss McQuirk
2. Mrs. Ashton
3. Miss E. Lacey
4. Mrs. Ollington
5. " Matthews
6. " Webster
7. " Tomkinson

*Three-legged Race.*

1. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews
2. Mr. and Mrs. Parks
3. Mr. and Mrs. Ashton
4. A. Smith and Miss Smith
5. Mr. and Mrs. Tomkinson
6. Mary Burran and F. Champness
7. Miss Brown and Davies (Manchester)

*Cons. Mrs. McQuirk and Yarwood**Putting the Weight.*

1. Jerome
2. Cook
3. Winter
4. Coupland
5. J. Walker
6. Webster

*Cons. Craigie**Single Jump.*

1. J. Walker
2. Coupland
3. Roden
4. Brown (Cons.)

**Little Gaddesden Camp, 1936**

**A**N extract from the *Morning Post*,  
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The annual camp for the war-blinded was pitched here on Monday. It is now in full swing.

In a quiet paddock of Little Gaddesden House, far from the hustle of modern life, a group of R.A.F. tents are unfurled in this magnificent, undulating country. Ropes lead from the sleeping tents to the mess, the kitchen, and the canteen. It is by the touch of these ropes that the men find their way about.

In spite of the handicap suffered by each of these war veterans, this is one of the happiest communities in England. Each man has "learned to be blind" so successfully at St. Dunstan's that, watching them, it is hard to believe that for 18 years not one of them has known light or colour.

There are 30 of these soldiers, sailors, and airmen of the last war under canvas, in the voluntary care of a staff of ten, including Miss Bridget Talbot, Miss Ruth Dawnay (in charge of the commissariat), the Rev. F. Spurway, the Chaplain, and Sergt.-Major Tovell, of St. Dunstans.

It is the eleventh camp, and so popular that "Craigie," as he is known, has travelled all the way from Australia just for this week.

The week's programme is as entertaining as time will allow. Dances or sing-songs are held every night of the week in the neighbouring villages. Yesterday there was swimming and riding in the morning, and sports in the afternoon at the Bonar Law Memorial College, Ashridge.

To-day the entire camp motored over to Marlow, 30 miles away. I spent the afternoon with them on the lawn by the river. Between boat races, which had been arranged, we lay sunbathing or playing cards. The standard of the play was remarkable, and when, in the middle of a hand, one of them remarked, "The game's not looking as well as it did, eh, partner?" it was difficult to believe he had not used the word "look" with its full significance.

Throughout the day—and doubtless throughout every other day in camp—laughter and joking were never ending.

Captain Sir Ian Fraser attended the Church Parade which was held on Sunday morning at the Parish Church of Little Gaddesden.

In a speech to the campers at luncheon, he expressed the thanks of all concerned to Miss Bridget Talbot for the splendid way in which she had organised and carried through the camp; to the Rev. and Mrs. F. Spurway for their invaluable help and advice; to the Hon. Ruth Dawnay, Miss Agatha Halsey, Miss Helen Cowdell, Sqrd.-Ldr. Fowler, Mr. J. H. Wood, Mr. Fanshawe, Mr. L. Kenney, and Mr. S. G. Wells, and to Corporal-Major Tovell, who were all in camp, and so greatly contributed towards its success; to the officials of Halton Camp, Royal Air Force, for their great help, and to all those who by means of transport facilities, gifts, and in countless other ways had made the 1936 camp such an enjoyable one.

**MRS. SPURWAY**

We are sorry that Mrs. Spurway has resigned from the position of Honorary Sports Secretary at Headquarters, and are grateful to Miss Morris for having undertaken this appointment in addition to her work as Superintendent of the Netting and Wool Rug Department at the Raglan Street Stores. Mrs. Spurway, we are glad to say, will retain her long continued interest in the many sporting activities of St. Dunstan's.