

# ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW

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For Blinded British Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen

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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

### How Every St. Dunstaner Can Help the War Effort

I HAVE now been back at the B.B.C. as a member of the Governing Board for a few weeks. I am very much impressed with the immense organisation that has been built up on the foundations we laid before the war to carry the British message all over the world. We now speak all round the clock and in thirty-three languages. I am also full of admiration for the way in which war-time difficulties have been overcome.

Knowing how keenly St. Dunstaners listen to broadcasting, and what an intelligent interest they take in public affairs, it occurs to me to suggest a way in which every St. Dunstaner can help the war effort. The Board of the B.B.C. is always seeking, by every possible means, to know what the listening public thinks of our programmes. We have many elaborate and valuable methods of gauging public opinion, but we cannot have too much responsible and thoughtful guidance. How far do we succeed and how far fall short in our duty to give information, to maintain morale, and to provide entertainment and relaxation?

After consultation with officials in the Overseas and Listeners' Research Departments, I have drawn up a series of questions which I would like to ask St. Dunstaners to answer.

It may be that we St. Dunstaners are not typical listeners, because we listen more than most people, and do not see the newspapers as much as others, but in every other respect we are a cross-section of the community living all over the United Kingdom and the Empire, and representing every type of thought. The opinions of St. Dunstaners, therefore, will be a definite contribution towards making B.B.C. programmes better. Here are the questions:—

#### FOR HOME LISTENERS

1. How do the present B.B.C. programmes compare with the pre-war programmes, bearing in mind the difficulties with which the Corporation is now faced?
2. Is the allocation of programme time devoted to plays, variety, serious and light music, etc., to your liking?
3. What are your views on B.B.C. news bulletins? Have you confidence in them? If not, do you seek news elsewhere?
4. Will you listen for a week to the Overseas News Bulletin in English, which is transmitted on 373 metres at 10 a.m., 3.30 p.m., and at midnight, and then answer the following question:  
Which do you prefer—the ordinary Home bulletin sent out at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 6 p.m., and 9 p.m., and at midnight, or the Overseas news bulletin in English, sent out at 10 a.m., 3.30 p.m., and midnight?

## FOR OVERSEAS LISTENERS

5. Do you listen to the B.B.C. broadcasts on short waves, or to the re-broadcasts on medium waves?
6. What is the quality of reception in each case?
7. What kind of programmes do you listen to?
8. What is your opinion of these programmes?
9. What is the relative strength of the British and German propaganda programmes on short waves?

IAN FRASER.

## News of St. Dunstaners

W. Ruddock, of Northallerton, has raised £10 5s. 10d. for St. Dunstan's as a result of a whist drive and dance. The amount also included £1 18s. 4d., the result of raffles of goods which he had made himself.

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E. J. Summers, of Eastleigh, made a mat for the local British Legion, to be raffled for their mobile canteen.

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D. Nicol, of Edinburgh, must be added to the ranks of our Home Guards. He does duty alternate days.

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C. A. Hancock, of West Drayton Green, has given four baskets at various times to be raffled for War Weapons and Spitfire Funds. Now, as a result, about a dozen orders have come along for him.

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W. W. Walters, late of Plymouth, and now of Gunnislake, Cornwall, is a grandfather. His daughter, May, gave birth to a son on June 21st.

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A wool rug, made by R. Baker, of Chaddesden, was the prize in a competition organised by his wife on behalf of the Derby Fighter Fund. It realised £8 10s.

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C. Durkin, late of Roehampton, and now of Blackpool, has been presented with a British Legion gold badge, a gift from the members of his old Branch, accompanied by a certificate of appreciation of his work during the years 1925-1939. The presentation was made by the Blackpool Branch of the Legion.

## Masonic

St. Dunstan's members of the Craft will be interested to learn that H. Mackensie Steel has this year been elected Worshipful

Master of the "Kentish" Lodge No. 3021. He was installed on April 26th, and on June 28th presided over the Lodge for the first time.

Mackensie Steel, who paid generous tribute to the support and encouragement of St. Dunstan's, has, during his seventeen years of membership of the Lodge, passed with distinction through the various stages of promotion. We congratulate him upon this further recognition of his services to the Craft.

## St. Dunstan's Gift to the Red Cross

On July 2nd, Sir Ian Fraser handed over to the British Red Cross and St. John Fund a fully-equipped, mobile physio-therapy unit. The car was a gift from the New Jersey Elks Association to the American Red Cross for Foreign War Relief; the whole of the electrical equipment and its installation was the gift of St. Dunstan's.

The unit will be in the charge of Stephen Kelly, who for some years has practised at Leytonstone, but has recently been bombed out. He has undertaken the charge of the unit as a war-time job.

Among those present at the ceremony were Mr. A. Mace, and Messrs. W. T. Scott and S. C. Tarry, representing St. Dunstan's Massage Committee.

## Young St. Dunstan's Gift for the Comforts Fund

Stanley Hicks, son of A. E. Hicks, of New Southgate, has raised £1 16s. for our Comforts Fund by raffling an oval tray and making a collection from a picture show held at his school. Stanley has sent the money to Miss Pain, "with the best wishes of the teachers and pupils at Arnos Senior School."

## Church Stretton Notes

IT is now nearly a year since our advance guard arrived at the Longmynd; W. Anderson and R. Williams being the first St. Dunstaners to cross the threshold. Since then we have spread out our tentacles and incorporated Tiger Hall as hospital, Belmont as staff house, and Battlefield—rather incongruously named—for the Officers.

During the year we have made many friends in the district, who invite us to entertainments or trudge up the steep hill to act as daily escorts. Three teachers from Regent's Park days—Mrs. Broughton, Miss Law, and Miss MacAndrew—are helping in the Braille Room.

The Physical Training Class is held at 8.15 a.m. sharp, on the Terrace, and on Wednesday afternoons the Shrewsbury College boys cox our men on the Severn. On half holidays the lounge is deserted whilst we scale the hills and drop down for tea in remote villages.

Our Jazz Band, under the direction of Leslie White, increases in volume and variety; they play for dancing twice a week, and have been invited out to perform elsewhere.

There have been two invitations for lunch with Rotary Clubs; on June 10th twelve of us went to Ludlow, and on the 26th Shrewsbury Rotarians entertained another twelve. On June 22nd, the local regiment sent us tickets for its two Band Concerts in the grounds of the Old Rectory, and Miss Chandler has been up once more to give us an afternoon concert.

On June 22nd, Sir Ian introduced our Director of Training, Mr. Bankes-Williams, whose coming was foreshadowed in last month's REVIEW. He started work officially on Midsummer's Day, and already St. Dunstaners are appreciating his wise and friendly guidance.

Congratulations to the following, who have passed tests:—

**Braille Writing.**—P. McMartin.

**Braille Reading.**—Mr. Slatter, W. Allen.

**Typing.**—H. Wainman, Mrs. Lawson, Sergt. D. E. Pearson, R.A.F.

## Blackpool Notes

"Wee Georgie Wood" came to see us recently. He was very charming and

amusing—the "Troops" tried to outwit his witticisms, but he was too good for them. He also gave each man ten Players' cigarettes—so it will be seen how very popular he was. He and his managers have also invited us to go in parties to his very excellent show on the Central Pier—an invitation we shall readily accept.

The Mayor of Lytham, who is, by the way, a lady mayor, also called, and has invited us to tea in Lytham—a very charming offer.

The embroidered picture given by Mrs. Chalier, one of our most frequent visitors, was raffled and the proceeds—£1 15s.—sent to the Comforts Fund for sons of St. Dunstaners. The following day the proceeds of the "diddling machine" (electrical bagatelle), in the corner of the lounge, amounted to £2 12s., one-half of which is taken by the company owning the machine and the other half is sent to the Comforts Fund.

By the way, the picture was won by Mrs. Webster—the aunt of J. R. Brown—so you see it was just—and only just—kept in the family.

## Melplash News

Melplash Court and district at this time of the year is a picture.

Everyone is well and thoroughly enjoying the fresh vegetables we are fortunate to obtain. What more could one want to cover the meat shortage?

Matron Sutcliffe has catered for indoor amusements. Tuesdays, dominoes; Thursdays, whist; Fridays, darts. You should see our darts "champ," Tiger Murphy—with another first prize to his credit!

W. Spencer, C. Grey, A. Robinson, and H. Porter are the dominoe sharks, and H. Watling, o/c whist.

Sister Bradley and Head Orderly Mitchell continue with their various jobs and are as cheery as ever.

We are fortunate in having many good friends, who bring their cars to take the men for drives or perhaps to the "Half Moon"—which is our local. We also have many lady readers.

Our Vicar, Mr. Pope, and Mrs. Pope are often with us; they are very cheery.

We have the Dorset atmosphere in the dining room. Two members of our new

staff, namely, Vera and Primrose, who help with meals, are very popular with the boys. All the staff are well.

It is now eleven months since the "Western Brothers" left Brighton, and we are still thumbs up.

Best wishes to all St. Dunstaners, wives and families.

JOHN M. M.

### Help from our American Friends

The Egyptian liner, *Zamzam*, which was sunk last month, had on board an ambulance unit, manned by twenty-four Americans, all of whom had volunteered for service with the Free French Forces in the Middle East. The unit, which included an X-ray trailer, besides twenty ambulances, had been organised by Mr. William Ruxton, President of the British-American Ambulance Corps.

Mr. Ruxton, whose generosity to St. Dunstan's is already well-known—by his kindness his fine country house, Melplash Court, has been lent to us for the duration of the war—has shown great personal interest in the work done for those who have suffered as a result of the war, as well as devoting much time and energy in the organisation of public facilities, such as the ambulance unit which is now so regrettably lost.

### Result of Derby Sweepstake

The number of tickets sold this year was 995, five tickets being cancelled as a result of non-arrival. After printing and postage expenses had been deducted, £114 15s. was left for distribution, in accordance with the printed rules.

The result was as follows:—

*First Prize*—

**A. H. Kay**, Letchworth £57 7s. 6d.

*Second Prize*—

**W. Lowings**, Chandlers Ford £22 19s.

*Third Prize*—

**J. Brockerton**, Coleraine £11 9s. 6d.

With the exception of Fettes, Mr. Sawyer, and Single Court, all the horses given in last month's REVIEW ran in the race, and £1 7s. each has been sent to the holders of the tickets drawing the remaining seventeen horses.

### Young St. Dunstaners

Sapper J. A. Lomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lomas, of Walthamstow, married Miss Vera Dore, of Leyton, on May 24th.

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Lance Bombardier Arthur Lomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Lomas, of Burnley, married Miss Winnie Grayham, of Redcar, on June 21st. The bride is a member of the W.A.A.F.

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Elsie Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Harris, of Fareham, married Corporal Robert Jones, of the R.A.F., on January 8th.

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Barbara Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Cooper, of Hull, was married on May 24th, and their next daughter, Mildred, was married on June 7th. As a result of an air-raid which happened some time before the weddings, much of their homes was destroyed in the shops. However, hasty trips were made to Leeds to replace, and all went well.

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Evelyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dennick, of Bengeworth, married Driver S. H. Woolley, R.A.S.C., on May 3rd.

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Tom Sayers, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Sayers, of Northampton, who is serving with the Fleet Air Arm, married Miss Connie Sharp on May 3rd.

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Corporal Charles Hadfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Hadfield, of Ottery St. Mary, was married to Miss Margaret Hilton on March 30th.

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We have just heard that Eleavener Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Foster, of Ottery St. Mary, married David Frederick Streatfield on Christmas Day, 1940.

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Young Home Guards—Arthur Cole, Appledore, and Norman Johns, Exeter, whose school is evacuated to Northampton. He is a No. 1 machine Gunner.

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Ian Trendell is an A.R.P. messenger.

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Kenneth Fawcett has won a three-years' Scholarship for Bournemouth Municipal College, and Cedric Mellor has won a two-years' Kitchener Scholarship.

### Sons and Daughters in the Services

BAUGHN, Pte. M. W. T., R.A.O.C.

BILLINGTON, L. Bdr. H.

BONNER, Pte. W. A.

BRAMPTON, Norman (Teignmouth), Royal Air Force.

BREWER, A/c2 Leslie (Bristol), Royal Air Force.

BRIGG, Fitter A. G. (Norwich), Royal Artillery.

BRIGG, Driver W. C. (Norwich), Royal Artillery.

BURNETT, Gunner S. L., R.A.O.C.

CAPSTICK, Gunner J. B., Royal Artillery.

CAPSTICK, L/Bdr. F., Royal Artillery.

CHAMBERS, Pte. W. A., R.A.M.C.

CHAVE, Betty, W.A.A.F.

CURTIS-WILLSON, Wren Rosemary, W.R.N.S.

COLLINS, Driver A. R. (Potto), R.A., attached R.A.M.C.

COUSSINS, H. (Glasgow), Royal Air Force.

DALEY, Gunner J., Royal Artillery.

DAVIES, Sergt. J. W. (Wrexham).

DAVIES, Sapper George (Wrexham), Royal Engineers.

DURKIN, Cpl. F. T., Royal Air Force.

DURKIN, A/c2 C. O., Royal Air Force.

EDWARDS, Gunner R. D. (Denbigh), Royal Artillery.

FRANCIS, A/c2 D. (Battle), Royal Air Force.

GARRATT, A/c2 C. (Nottingham), Royal Air Force.

GEORGE, Pte. P. J., Northamptonshire Regiment.

GREENACRE, Pte. R. H., Suffolk Regiment.

GUNN, Pte. I. D. (Gravesend), R.A.S.C.

HERITAGE, A/c2 G. C., Royal Air Force.

HINTON, O/R D.F. H. W., Royal Naval Barracks.

HICKS, Gunner S. G. (New Southgate), Royal Artillery.

HICKS, Gunner A. (New Southgate), Royal Artillery, London Regt.

JONES, Gunner W. J. (Penrhyndeudreath), Royal Artillery.

JORDAN, A/c2 J. H. (Norbury), Royal Air Force V.R.

KEMPE, Driver K. B., R.E.

KIRK, Rifleman C. T. (Lancing), King's Royal Rifles.

LAKER, Gunner L. J., Royal Artillery.

LANGHAM, A/c1 C. E., Royal Air Force.

LAWLOR, Joiner T. M., R.N.

LEE, Driver J. D. (Sacriston), R.A.S.C.

LOMAS, Gunner Arthur, Royal Artillery.

LOMAS, Sapper J. A. (Walthamstow), Royal Engineers.

MACDONALD, B. J. (Stockport), Gordon Highlanders.

MILEHAM, L/Bdr. H., Royal Artillery.

MILEHAM, Gunner J., Royal Artillery.

MILLARD, W. H. (New Tredegar), Royal Naval Barracks.

MITCHELL, Pte. Hugh W. (Leith), King's Own Scottish Borderers.

MOSS, L.S.B.A. J. E., Royal Navy.

NICHOLAS, Fusilier R. I. A., Royal Fusiliers.

NOBLE, Driver F. M. (St. Albans), Command Signals.

PITT, Driver G. J., Royal Engineers.

RAYMOND, A/c2 E. J. (St. Anne's-on-Sea), Royal Air Force.

ROBINSON, Pte W. A. (Tottenham), M.G.T.C.

ROGERS, A/c2 A. H. (Barrow-in-Furness), Royal Air Force.

SHUTE, A/c1 F., Royal Air Force.

STRATTON, Pte. E. B., R.A.M.C.

THORPE, Pte., Pioneer Corps.

TRENDELL, Edith, A.T.S.

### Promotions

Clifford Curtis-Willson has been gazetted a captain and is now a gunnery instructor.

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Harry McAndrew has been promoted from the rank of 2nd lieutenant to lieutenant in the Royal Army Service Corps.

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Robert Brogan has been promoted to the rank of corporal.

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Harry Sterno is now a full bombardier and hopes to get his third stripe very soon.

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Patrick Dooley, of the R.A.F., has been promoted to the rank of corporal.

### Killed in Action

We have heard with deep regret of the death of Flight Lieutenant Douglas Tuppen.

### Reported Missing

We have heard with regret from W. Horsnell, of Chorlton Adam, Som., that his son has been reported missing.

We have also heard that Thomas Millard, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Millard, of New Tredegar, has been posted missing.

### Prisoner of War

The son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Southen, of Folkestone, who was serving on the *S.S. Orama*, and was reported missing last July, is now known to be a prisoner of war in Germany.

### Wounded in Action

G. Lawlor, of Walsall, who has six sons serving in the Forces—four in the Navy and two in the Army—has now heard that William, who was serving on *H.M.S. Kelly*, has been wounded and badly burned, but is making a wonderful recovery.

William's Captain was Lord Louis Mountbatten, to whom he was also servant, and immediately Lord Louis returned to London he wrote to our St. Dunstanet to tell them about the boy.

Now Lawlor has had a line from William saying, "Doing well; don't worry; soon home."

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### Note

As in previous years, no REVIEW will be issued for the month of August.

### Letter to the Editor

The Editor, "St. Dunstan's Review."

DEAR SIR,

In Sir Ian's notes recently, he spoke of braille magazines and the wastage and shortage of braille paper.

A considerable amount of waste is caused by the editors of the braille magazines themselves, particularly in two published in Edinburgh.

Some time ago one of W. W. Jacobs' stories appeared in one of these magazines, and a few months later it was published in the other. Following this, a short story, "The Demon King," was twice published in quick succession, first in one and then in the other. Last November or December a story, "The Reaping Race," was published in one and later in the other.

Do you consider it economy to publish the same story twice in such a short time, even if it is in two different magazines? As Sir Ian pointed out, we "swop" books, and they go a long way round, and once in the hands of the civilian deaf-blind are read till they are useless. I have these magazines to read while I am waiting for my books from the library, but when I pick up one, only to find a story I've read . . .

Yours sincerely, G. FALLOWFIELD.

As a result of this letter, and a similar one received from J. C. Robbins, of Blackpool, Sir Ian has been in touch with the Royal Blind Asylum and School, Craigmillar Park, Edinburgh, and has now received the following reply from Mr. J. B. Adshead, J.P.:

"It is quite the case that these magazines are printed at Craigmillar, but the magazine 'Hampstead' is published by Swiss Cottage School, London, who send all copy for its production to Craigmillar. It has happened that duplicates of stories published in 'Jocunda' have been sent for insertion in 'Hampstead,' but whenever this is noticed the copy is at once returned. More than one article has been returned for this reason. One story in particular was sent to the Editor at Craigmillar two months in succession. When it was sent the second time there was no time left to have matters adjusted, so the story just had to go in. I feel sure that the Editor, who is a very capable blind girl, will do all in her power to see that there is no cause for complaint in the future."

### A Fighting Young St. Dunstaner

Congratulations to Gilbert H. J. Burtenshaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burtenshaw, of Walthamstow, on winning the Amateur Middle-Weight Championship of Kent.

Gilbert, although he is only eighteen years of age, has been boxing for a good many years, having won the Light-Weight Championship of Kent for Schoolboys in 1935. His present title, gained on March 7th, 1941, was won after five fights, all of which he won on points. In addition to his achievements in boxing, he is a very good footballer. His parents are very proud of his new success, and although they will have to lose him when he is called up, we, with them, look forward to hearing of his fame continuing in the Forces, a sphere where boxing is given every encouragement.

### St. Dunstan's Bridge Club

Members of the Club have met every Saturday afternoon at Regent's Park since the first Saturday of March; and one Saturday a month, usually the first, two previously advised members are the two Captains for the day, and choose teams of four and play a match of twenty hands.

On these special days we usually have three tables of Bridge, and two or three of our sighted friends scoring and making tea. The two Captains, by the way, supply the tea and cakes, and up to the moment they have always found them from somewhere. These have been grand afternoons. Thanks, Sir Ian.

H.G.

### I Ask You

If you should hear a cobbler wail,  
Sucking his thumb, with features pale,  
"God bless that nasty little nail,"

D'you think he really means it?

And if some basket-maker tough,  
Worrying willows, white and buff,  
Says "How I love this ruddy stuff";

I wonder if he means it?

A poultry farmer, best of men,  
While wandering round his eggless pen,  
Says "Live, you clucking, broody hen";

D'you think he really means it?

And should some blind masseur advise  
A charming damsel, young and wise,  
"I see where all your trouble lies";

Well, I ask you?

R.J.V.

### National Laying Test

Report for the eighth period of four weeks, May 5th to June 1st, 1941

Position	Name	Test	Score Value
1	Campbell, John	...	826
2	Holmes, Percy	...	803
3	Fisher, T. M.	...	776
4	Fisher, T. M.	...	763
5	Smith, W. Alan	...	655
6	Hill, R. E.	...	646
7	Chaffin, A.	...	618
8	Carpenter, E. H.	...	606
9	Capper, A. H.	...	599
10	Hammett, H. A.	...	571
11	Holmes, Percy	...	567

Average per bird, 132.35

### A King's Guide

Terry Roden sends us the following, which was given to him by one of his patients:—

Hanging on the walls of the King's library is some good advice:—

"Teach me to be obedient to the rules of the game."

"Teach me to distinguish between sentiment and sentimentality, admiring the one and despising the other."

"Teach me neither to proffer nor to receive cheap praise."

"If I am called upon to suffer, let me be like a well-bred beast that goes away to suffer in silence."

"Teach me to win if I may; if I may not win, then teach me to be a good loser."

"Teach me neither to cry for the moon nor over spilt milk."

See how simple and how homely life's guiding principles can be!

The daring and the heroic find no place in them—unless you care to call it heroic to achieve self-control and mastery over your soul; or unless you are acute enough to recognise the daring involved in doing right, though all around you are doing wrong.

Most people would fail to recognise a diamond if they saw one—until it had been cut and polished by skill and hard work—and life's rather like that, if you see what I mean.

### Just a Few Lines

War Weapons Week, Church Stretton

War Weapons Week was held in Church Stretton recently, and St. Dunstan's made a magnificent contribution to it. How far the following verses by J. McDonald, of Shaw, helped in the final result will never be known, but they are well worth reproducing.

Strettonians, lend me your cars, but lend the Country your Money

Church Stretton, though you're very small,  
Just put your backs against the wall,  
And with your country stand or fall,  
Your money's what we're after.

So you can do it now, to-day,  
By lending what you've tucked away,  
You'll get it back another day,  
With interest, love, and laughter.

Money now we greatly need,  
To stop old Adolf's growing greed,  
And on to victory may God speed  
Old England and her Empire.

We're wanting planes and guns and tanks  
And much equipment for the ranks,  
So sally forth and tap your banks  
To stop this German vampire.

So let us all be patriots and let Church Stretton show

That we can do our bit, so all together, let it go!

### The Only One

If you can keep yourself from going crackers  
At all the things that you're advised to do,  
When Hitler sends his horrid air attackers  
With squibs and bombs to try and frighten you.

If you can hear that hellish banshee warning  
Without a sinking feeling in your breast,  
If you can sleep in dug-outs till the morning  
And never feel you need a better rest,

If you can laugh at every black-out stumble,  
Nor murmur when you cannot find a pub,  
If you can eat your ration and not grumble  
About the wicked price you pay for grub,

If you can keep depression down to zero  
And view it all as just a bit of fun:  
Then, sir, it's clear you'll be a blinking hero—  
And, what is more, you'll be the only one.

Author unknown.

## “ In Memory ”

HARRY RICHARD EXALL  
(8th East Kent Regiment)

WITH deep regret we record the death of H. R. Exall, of Peckham.

Exall was wounded at Guillemont in 1916, and came to us immediately afterwards. For some time he kept a poultry farm, but gave this up in 1925 to take over a business, which he carried on very successfully until just before the end of last year. His health, which had never been very good, then became much worse, and he underwent a very serious operation from which he never recovered. His death, which took place on May 26th, was not unexpected.

The cremation took place a few days later, at Blackpool, where Exall had been staying, and was attended by his wife and some of his children. Among the wreaths was one from Sir Ian and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our deep sympathy to Mrs. Exall and her children in their bereavement.

PRIVATE GEORGE LATHAM  
(2nd Cheshire Regiment)

WITH deep regret we record the death of G. Latham, of Medstead.

Latham, who was a regular soldier, joined the Cheshire Regiment in 1889, and went to South Africa; in 1902 he was sent to India, and on the outbreak of the Great War came back to England. In January, 1915, fighting in France, he was severely wounded at Ypres, losing the sight of both eyes.

He came to St. Dunstan's a year later and was trained in poultry farming and mat making. For some time past his health had not been at all good; nevertheless, his death on June 22nd, as a result of a stroke, was quite unexpected and came as a great shock to his wife, relatives, and friends.

The funeral took place at Medstead on June 25th and was attended by a large number of mourners, including two St. Dunstaners and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Boorman, of Ropley, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Kimber, of Medstead. Members of the British Legion were also present, and among the various floral tributes was a wreath from them, as well as one from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Latham and relatives.

PRIVATE THOMAS NEWMAN  
(14th Durham Light Infantry)

WITH deep regret we record the death of T. Newman, of Hove.

Newman enlisted in July, 1916, was wounded in France in April, 1917, and was for a short time a prisoner of war in Germany. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1918 and was trained in basket making, at which he worked very diligently until the end of 1939, when his health began to deteriorate. Shortly afterwards he was admitted to hospital, where he remained until he died on June 13th of this year.

The funeral took place at the Brighton and Preston Cemetery, where he was laid to rest beside his fellow St. Dunstaners. Among his St. Dunstan's friends who attended the funeral were: Messrs. Lidbetter, Dickinson, Wass, Barbour, Horsley, Cook, and Foster. A wreath was sent by Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Newman and her daughter.

PRIVATE FRANK DARWIN TOMLINSON  
(9th Sherwood Foresters)

WE record with deep regret the death of F. D. Tomlinson, of Retford, Notts.

Tomlinson was wounded in France in September, 1916, when, in addition to losing his sight, he sustained permanent injuries to his arm and hand. In spite of this added disability, however, he mastered the art of basket-making and was keenly interested in a shop which he also ran.

His health was never very good and for a long time before his death, which occurred at his home at Retford, Notts, on June 22nd, 1941, he was entirely confined to bed. During this time of acute suffering he showed great patience and fortitude, and was devotedly nursed by his wife.

A wreath was sent from Sir Ian and his comrades at St. Dunstan's. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

### Silver Weddings

Congratulations to the following, who have recently celebrated their silver wedding anniversary: Mr. and Mrs. Storer, Leicester, November 7th; Mr. and Mrs. E. Bates, Leatherhead, June 8th; Mr. and Mrs. G. Powell, Stretton, June 19th.

**DEATHS.**—Our deep sympathy is extended to H. C. Boase, whose brother, sister-in-law, and niece lost their lives as a result of an air-raid on Hull.

We also offer our deep sympathy to Mrs. C. B. Baker, of Enfield Wash, who lost her sister, brother-in-law, niece, and nephew, and other relatives, in an air-raid on London.