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## H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester at St. Dunstan's

ON Thursday, January 21st, St. Dunstan's, Ovingdean, was honoured by a visit from His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester.

On his arrival at the Centre at half past two, His Royal Highness was received by Sir Neville Pearson, B.T., President of St. Dunstan's, and Lady Pearson. With the Duke, who was accompanied by his Private Secretary, Major M. Hawkins, M.V.O., M.B.E., was the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Sussex, His Grace the Duke of Norfolk, K.G., P.C., G.C.V.O., His Worship the Mayor of Brighton, Alderman E. W. Kippin, J.P., and the Town Clerk, Mr. W. O. Dodd, LL.B.

Sir Neville Pearson then presented to His Royal Highness Mr. A. D. Lloyds, Secretary of St. Dunstan's, Commandant L. Fawcett, Matron F. Ramshaw, Matron R. Avison and Dr. J. O'Hara, Medical Officer to the Brighton Homes.

Conducted by our President and the Commandant, the Duke made a detailed tour of the Ovingdean Centre, first examining the model of the Home on the ground floor, then going up to the Winter Garden where he saw St. Dunstaners playing darts, bridge and dominoes and where Mr. George Fallowfield, Mr. Peter Harris, and Miss L. Carlton, Assistant Matron, were presented to him. On the fourth floor he watched St. Dunstaners reading and writing braille, typewriting and working at handicrafts, and here three St. Dunstaner Instructors were presented to His Royal Highness—Messrs. E. Killingbeck, B.E.M., Leslie White and J. Walch—and two sighted teachers, Miss M. Byolin and Mrs. M. K. Austin.

Our Royal visitor then saw the Dormitories and the Engineering and Joinery Workshops where Mr. F. Ralph, St. Dunstaner Instructor, Mr. D. Brett, a handless St. Dunstaner who is a joiner, Mr. R. Dow, who is now re-training for industry, and Mr. F. J. Hawkins, Instructor, were presented to him.

Parties from Pearson House and the Girls' Hostel awaited His Royal Highness in the Lounge and our oldest St. Dunstaner in this country, 90 years-old Mr. S. Wain, and Mr. J. Evans, both from Pearson House, and Miss E. Whiteman, St. Dunstaner of the First War and now living permanently at Port Hall, with Matron E. T. Babonau, were all presented. The Duke then moved forward to speak to Mr. J. Boyd, First War St. Dunstaner, in his chair, and Mr. M. Aldridge, who is only twenty-three and is preparing for entrance to a University.

Lastly the Duke inspected an exhibition of devices and aids and before he left the building, met again Mr. George Rees, Hall Porter at Ovingdean, who was his mess sergeant when they were serving with the 20th Armoured Brigade in East Anglia in 1941-43.

His Royal Highness expressed to our President, Sir Neville Pearson, his great pleasure and interest in his visit and Sir Neville has since received the following message from the Duke's Private Secretary, Major Hawkins:

"The Duke of Gloucester was most impressed by all he saw at Ovingdean yesterday. I might add that he was genuinely disappointed he was not able to stay longer and see more of the wonderful work that St. Dunstan's is carrying out."

### The Royal Tournament and Trooping the Colour Ceremony

We are hoping that a few complimentary tickets for the Royal Tournament and the Trooping the Colour ceremony will be presented to St. Dunstan's and I shall be pleased to receive applications from any men who wish to attend this year should tickets again be forthcoming. As usual, if there are more applications than tickets, we will hold a ballot and notify everybody concerned nearer the time.

The tickets we receive for the Royal Tournament are usually for an afternoon performance in the middle of the week.

C. D. WILLS.

### St. Dunstan's Camp The Royal Naval Barracks, Lee-on-Solent, Hants.

The invitation to a party of fifty St. Dunstaners to spend a week at the Royal Naval Barracks, Lee-on-Solent, has just come through. The date: Friday, August 19th, to Saturday, August 27th. I shall be glad to have your entries as soon as possible. Camp fee: £2. Rail fares refunded over first £1.

(Mrs.) A. SPURWAY,

*The Vicarage, Holmwood, Dorking.*  
Tel. Dorking 73191.

### Windsor Reunion, April 9th

Don't forget G. Eustace and myself will be running coaches as last year from *Kingston* and *Croydon* for the Windsor Reunion on April 9th. Anyone wishing to come on these coaches please telephone either George at DERwent 6471 or myself at CROydon 0596 after 6 p.m. any evening.

E. DUDLEY.

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To any St. Dunstaner living in or around the *Guildford/Woking* district who would like to join a coach which is being run from Guildford for the Windsor Reunion on April 9th—arrangements will be made to pick up at strategic points along the

route. If you are interested please contact A. C. Mitchell, 7 Ellis Avenue, Onslow Village, Guildford (Telephone Guildford 67687).

### Retirement

Kelvin Gatrell, St. Dunstaner, and a member of St. Dunstan's staff for nineteen years, retired on January 31st.

Mr. Gatrell, who came to St. Dunstan's in 1917 and trained originally as a home craftsman, took up telephony soon after the outbreak of the 1939-45 war and in February, 1941, became telephonist first at Ovingdean, then at Longmynd, Church Stretton, and again at Ovingdean on our return there.

In recent months he has not enjoyed good health and he is, in fact, in hospital as we write.

His St. Dunstaner friends everywhere, and his fellow members on the staff, will send him good wishes for a speedy recovery and for many years of quiet contentment and happiness in the retirement which he has so well earned.

### Sutton Club Notes

The Sutton Club is now in full swing again for the New Year and I should like to remind all members that the games are now in progress. If any new members care to come along to the Adult School Hall we shall be pleased to see them and give them the full "gen." on the games and other matters which were discussed at the A.G.M.

TED DUDLEY, *Chairman.*

### Two Mile Walk

There will be a Two Mile Walk on Saturday, March 12th, from the L.C.C. Sports Ground, Ewell East, starting at 3 p.m. Entries from novices welcomed.

(Mrs.) A. SPURWAY.

### Braille Reading Tests

*Repeat Senior Braille Test:* Beryl Sleight, Hampstead, N.W.3.

*Senior Braille Test:* W. Robinson, Welby, Grantham.

### London Club Notes

The 13th Annual General Meeting of the London Club was held at 191 Marylebone Road, on Thursday, January 28th. The meeting was presided over by Mr. A. D. Lloyds.

The Committee Members were elected as follows: Messrs. G. P. Brown, W. Harding, W. Miller, S. Webster.

### From Mr. Peter Nye

I wish to thank all my St. Dunstaner friends for the very nice travelling clock which was given to me on leaving St. Dunstan's service. The kind thoughts of everybody, and the many good wishes which have been sent to me are very much appreciated.

I have been very happy in my work at St. Dunstan's and I shall always be proud of having worked for such a grand set of chaps.

I hope to keep in touch with St. Dunstan's in the future and would be pleased to hear from any of my friends at any time.

PETER B. NYE.

*Longmynd, Leek Wootton, Warwick.*

### The Youngest Great-Grandfather?

H. Driver, of Colne, has two great-grandchildren at the age of 66. This beats A. C. Brignall (69).

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Three increases in the E. Boswell, of Gainsborough, family recently—two great-grandchildren and a grand-child.

### Grandfathers

H. Morris, of Welling—his younger son's wife gave birth to a baby in France on December 27th; a second daughter has been born to the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hedger, of Chatham. Josephine lives in Ottawa; J. C. Whitley, of East Wellow, near Romsey, a grandson; J. Roden, of Blackpool (the seventh grand-child); A. Anderson, of Lethum, Angus, his daughter in Canada has had a little girl—a sister for three brothers.

### Family News

Our sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. W. Matthews, of Mitcham, in the loss of Mrs. Matthew's father on December 23rd.

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At twelve years old, Barbara, the granddaughter of J. G. Howes, of Thornaby-on-Tees, holds three cups and several medals for roller-skating.

### From All Quarters

J. A. Dix, of Cryers Hill, Buckinghamshire, one of our poultry farmers, was in the B.B.C. programme, "In Town Tonight," on Saturday, January 30th. The story of "Jock's" success in running his farm was described in the *Guardian* on January 18th.

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E. M. Goundrill, of Keyingham, near Hull, has been elected Chairman of the local branch of the British Legion.

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H. W. Greatrex, of Peacehaven, has been invited by the Minister of Power to become a member of the South Eastern Gas Consultative Committee and he has accepted. This is a tribute to our St. Dunstaner's public work, for it is the Minister's personal duty under the Gas Act, 1948, to make such appointments.

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G. W. R. Shepherd, of Pangbourne, is Vice-President of the local branch of the British Legion and his wife, June, is Vice-Chairman and Standard-Bearer of the Women's Branch.

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W. (Dicky) Richardson, our handless St. Dunstaner, succeeds Kel Gatrell as telephonist at Ovingdean.

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Frank Hawes, who is County Appeals Organiser for the R.N.I.B. (Derbyshire), was the subject of a long article in the *Derby Evening Telegraph* on January 29th.

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Among those present at the funeral of our old friend, Drummer, was Dennis Deacon, who will be remembered as a boy scout at the Bungalow and who subsequently became a special friend and escort of Drummer, particularly at Camps.

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W. E. Harris, of Ipswich, who is bed-ridden, and has for many years acted as Secretary of the Radio Amateur Invalids and Bedfast Club, and Editor of the Club's magazine, has now given up this office and his son, Bill, has taken over his duties. In recognition of Mr. Harris's past services he has been elected Vice-President of the Club, which brings so much interest and pleasure to severely handicapped radio amateurs in all parts of the United Kingdom. (An article of interest to prospective "hams" appears on page 6).

### Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

I was very sorry to hear about my old pal, Drummer Downs, as we went to the same school—Netley Street, Hampstead Road, and we were both in the same choir together—St. James' Church, Hampstead Road, which was bombed during the last war. He was my best friend and a great help to me when I was in the Bungalow in Regent's Park.

Yours sincerely,

Addlestone, Surrey. JIMMY MOELLER.

DEAR EDITOR,

It is with profound regret I read of the passing of an old friend and comrade, "Drummer Downs." He was a great and likeable fellow, very ready to help and cheer one along a sometimes stormy passage. I shall always remember him for the sound advice he gave me when I first became a St. Dunstaner, and have at all times tried to line up to it—a high standard indeed. Goodbye, old pal. Rest in peace.

Falmouth. CHARLIE H. G. COSTER.

DEAR EDITOR,

Our Chairman's fine tribute to the late Drummer Downs brings back memories to me of many years ago. My sisters knew Drummer quite well in his schoolboy days, particularly as a choir boy at the old St. James' Church, Hampstead Road, N.W.1. He joined the Army at the age of 16 and was not heard of again until one day in 1916 my sister met one of Drummer's relations who gave her a leaflet, the heading of which read, "Stand aside—a hero is passing," and then followed in poetical verse the story of how Drummer Downs, through war injuries, lost sight and limbs for freedom.

I wonder if there are any St. Dunstaners of those early days who remember this leaflet, which takes my mind back to that tribute in life and now also in death. Both were so well deserved.

Yours sincerely,

Saltdean, Sussex. W. SEYMOUR.

DEAR EDITOR,

I suppose I knew Drummer when he first came to St. Dunstan's, as well as, or better than anyone, as he was in my Ward—No. 2—where most of the men with one

arm and head injuries were put. He was a most cheerful and lovable character and I don't ever remember seeing him in a bad temper, or even losing his temper.

When he first arrived, Drummer could do very little for himself and had to be bathed, washed, dressed and generally looked after as the stumps on what we called his good arm were very tender, but as time passed, he was able to do little things for himself, and as you know eventually became almost independent.

He was never any trouble and most grateful for what was done for him, and he was so likeable that it was a great pleasure to do things for him. (*Mr. Taylor goes on to tell of examples of Drummer's cheerfulness and courage*).

I could go on talking about Drummer for hours but must not take up any more of your time. I know you will excuse this rather long letter but writing it has brought back many memories, some of which were very happy ones.

Yours sincerely,

A. E. TAYLOR.

(*Mr. Ernie Taylor came to St. Dunstan's in 1915 as a Red Cross orderly, was appointed to the Settlement Department in 1919 and was Shop Visitor (later Superintendent) from 1924 until his resignation in 1945*).

DEAR EDITOR,

You were kind enough to insert an article recently about electric blankets, telling us all the details of the offer made by the Ex-Service Welfare Society, and as we were interested, we contacted Mr. Frank Pawson, as directed.

I am very happy to be able to tell you that the two electric blankets which we purchased have given every possible satisfaction, not only to my wife and I, but also to my daughter and son-in-law, with whom we live.

We would like to place on record our very deep appreciation of the kindness and help given to us by Mr. Pawson and to thank both him and his company for the lovely warmth they have provided us with on these cold winter nights.

Yours sincerely,

Worcester. C. DURKIN.

### Talking Book Library

#### Two Companions for Influenza

There are only two books to offer this month and although neither of them is an epic, I found both readable enough.

"Bid the Soldiers Shoot," by John Lodwick, reader Eric Gillett, is a rather casual account of the author's war-time experiences. Starting in the Foreign Legion, he is pushed into Vichy France after avoiding capture in the early defeat. Eventually he scrambles into Spain, from which country, if my confused memory serves me aright, he manages to join the Commando Service. Captured at last in a Mediterranean island, he passes to Greece and ends the war somewhere in Central Europe *en route* for a p.o.w. camp in the Fatherland. Grim reality occasionally peeps through this racy account and though, as I have said, it is no epic, yet it manages to present a refreshingly different angle to the usual average war-time existence. *Cat. No. 528*.

"Memoirs of a Fox-hunting Man," by Siegfried Sassoon, reader Eric Gillett, is exactly what the title says. The author, a sensitive poet, whom the 1914-18 war reduced to a state of neurosis, writes nostalgically when he has recovered, of the happy, uncomplicated years before the holocaust hit the world, and himself in particular.

To me the book finished too soon and too abruptly but I rather think the previous sentence explains why quite adequately. *Cat. No. 488*.

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#### Canon Walter Gilbert Speight

A Memorial Service for the late Canon W. G. Speight, whose death is reported on page 8, was conducted by the Archdeacon of Oakham, the Ven. E. N. Millard, at Canon Speight's own Church at Braunston.

The Archdeacon described Canon Speight not only as a faithful pastor, but as a man of marked courage and determination. "To lose sight would have daunted almost anyone and defeated a great number. Not so with Canon Speight—he was determined to win through and serve others who were blind."

#### Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wilkinson, of Hull, February 23rd. Congratulations.

### In the News

Tom Denmead, telephone operator at Brentford and Chiswick Borough Employment Exchange, had a long chat with the Mayor of Brentford and Chiswick when His Worship visited the Exchange during its 50th Jubilee celebrations. A report and a photograph of Tommy at his board appeared in the local newspaper—"Cheery Tommy Denmead," it called him.

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From the *Hastings Evening Argus*, February 11th:

"George Hewett, 60-year-old partially-blind ex-St. Dunstaner, of Peacehaven, intends taking up the Billy Butlin challenge and walk from John o'Groats to Land's End. 'I am anxious to do what I can to prove the value of the training at St. Dunstan's and the work of Brighton Athletic Club where I am a member,' he says.

George, a tall, powerfully-built man, only took up walking when he joined the Brighton Club three years ago. Since then he has twice taken part in London to Brighton Walks, and three Hastings to Brighton events. He has a number of fine performances to his credit.

Mr. Butlin has offered three large cash prizes for the Walk, which is due to start later this month.

What does his wife, Muriel, think about this? When she heard of Billy Butlin's challenge at their home, she looked across at her husband and said, 'Why not have a go?'

And that's exactly what the big-hearted sportsman intends doing."

#### Captain "Jock" Scott

Jock never missed an opportunity to have a word with a deaf comrade and he was liked by them all in the old days of West House. He had a keen sense of humour, slow in telling his story, but there was nothing I liked better than his quiet ways and I shall miss him in the future.

G. FALLOWFIELD.

#### Pianola Available

A St. Dunstaner has informed me that he has a pianola, with a large number of rolls, which he is prepared to pass on to anyone who would like to have such an instrument.

St. Dunstaners who are interested should write to me as soon as possible.

C. D. WILLS.

## How to Become a "Ham"

Amateur radio has been referred to several times in the REVIEW in the last few years, and I would like to offer one or two hints and tips to any fellow St. Dunstaners who are thinking of taking up this fascinating and exciting hobby.

To those who are taking up amateur radio for the first time I would say at once that at least twelve to eighteen months of hard graft lie ahead of you before you can hope to obtain the necessary licence. But do not let this deter you. Look upon the task as a challenge, and remember that anything worth having is worth a bit of time and trouble to achieve.

Owing to the increasing demand for amateur licences the General Post Office, which is responsible for these matters, decided to tighten up in the granting of such licences about two years ago, and it is necessary for all applicants to pass an examination in elementary electricity and to pass a morse test of not less than twelve words a minute.

When you realise that there are now over 8,000 licensed amateurs in this country alone it becomes obvious that a certain amount of training is really necessary if we want to avoid utter chaos and confusion on the air. You must at least know what you are doing and adhere strictly to all the rules and regulations laid down for the common good.

To acquire this knowledge everybody needs a course of training in several subjects, but don't let this worry you. There are literally hundreds of people all over the country who will be only too willing to help you in every way possible. The brotherhood which exists between all "Hams" has to be experienced before it can be believed.

How to get in touch with these wonderful people? Write in the first instance to the Radio Society of Great Britain, New Ruskin House, Little Russell Street, London, W.C.1, who will gladly put you in touch with members living in your district, and unless I am sadly mistaken these people will come round and see you and help you to iron out all your difficulties and problems.

You will then be on the way to taking up a hobby that is unique in itself. It is a hobby that you can share with hundreds of people in all parts of the world, irrespec-

tive of their race, colour, creed, sex, or social position. Yes, all barriers are down in amateur radio. They have even dented the language barrier and all "Hams" and "Hamettes" have devised a universal language of their own so that it is quite easy to make contact with someone even if you do not know a single word of his language.

Now a word of warning. If you once get bitten by the radio bug there is no cure for it, and your wife might curse the day you ever started meddling with radio.

Never mind, it is a very infectious complaint and before you know where you are she too might get bitten and two licences will be needed. One thing about it, when she hears you creeping back to bed at three o'clock in the morning she will at least know where you have been. She will know that you have not been on the razzle with the boys nor have you been chasing another woman. No sir, you are in the clear this time. Have a go now, and the best of luck to you all.

JOHN MARTIN,  
London, W.11.

## Brighton Club Notes

On December 10th we held the Annual General Meeting. Thirty St. Dunstaners were present. After the Chairman/Secretary's report and the financial position had been explained and approved, nominations were received for election to the 1960 Committee, the result being as follows:—

*Chairman*, F. Rhodes. *Vice-Chairman*, J. Walch, supported by Messrs. Griffiths, Martin, and a new member, S. Pike.

In thanking our various helpers, special mention was made of Mrs. Griffiths who through organising the raffle at our monthly meetings, made a very valuable addition to Club funds; also to Mrs. Comer, Miss de Pree and last but by no means least, Mr. J. Jarrold.

On January 20th we held our Annual Dinner at the Norfolk Hotel, Brighton, when eighty sat down to an excellent dinner and thoroughly enjoyed musical items by Mr. Joe Walch, the "Osborne Trio," and Mr. Killingbeck.

It was a great pleasure to welcome Miss Rogers, Welfare Superintendent for the Southern Area, and Commandant and Mrs. Fawcett as principal guests. There were also our Bowls friends as guests.

FRANK A. RHODES, *Chairman*.

## Mr. Alfred Mace

His many friends will learn with deep regret of the death in Australia of Mr Alfred Mace, for twenty-eight years St. Dunstan's Physiotherapy Superintendent.

Mr. Mace, who had served as an officer in the 2/5th Gloucesters, joined us in 1919 and became one of the small staff which then formed the newly-created After-Care Department. He resigned in 1947 and in May of that year sailed for Australia, taking with him the good wishes of hundreds of physiotherapists of the two wars, with many of whom he corresponded right up to the time of his death. Some had the pleasure of meeting him again when he came back to this country for a holiday a few years ago.

Lord Fraser spoke to Mr. Mace on the telephone during his visit to Australia in November. He was then recovering from a heart attack. Two months later he was again taken ill and he died peacefully in hospital on January 27th.

Physiotherapists of two wars will remember Mr. Mace with affection and gratitude and will join his friends on St. Dunstan's staff in sending their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Mace and her son and daughter.

## Births

HODDER.—On January 31st, to the wife of W. H. Hodder, of Hull, a son—Philip.

MILLER.—On January 27th, to the wife of W. Miller, of Perivale, a daughter—Yvette Rosemary. Mr. and Mrs. Miller already have eight year old twin daughters.

## Marriage

POTTER-POCOCK.—On January 30th, H. Potter, of Hastings, to Mrs. Pocock. They have been family friends for many years. They were married at the Salvation Army Hall and the bride wore her Salvation Army uniform.

## Deaths

Our deep sympathy goes out to the following:—

BECKHAM.—To E. Beckham, of British Columbia, Canada, who has lost his wife.

HEELEY.—To G. H. Heeley, of Leeds, whose sister died on January 18th.

McNICHOLLS.—To J. McNicholls, of Manchester, who has recently lost his sister.

NORTH.—To T. North, of Walsall, in the loss of his sister on January 27th, after a short illness.

PRYOR.—To J. Pryor, of Maidstone, whose mother passed away just before Christmas at the age of 80.

ROBINSON.—To Mrs. R. Robinson, of Stoke-on-Trent, whose father died on January 21st.

SMITH.—To G. Smith, of Guildford, whose sister died in January.

WOOLLEN.—To A. Woollen, of North Lancing, whose eldest brother died very suddenly on January 25th. He had gone to Grays to take up a new post when he collapsed and died immediately.

## "In Memory" (continued from page 8)

**Lieutenant John Scott, M.M., 5th Royal Scots**

We deeply regret to announce the death of John ("Jock") Scott, of Brighton, on January 25th. He served in World War I, came to St. Dunstan's in 1926, and subsequently worked as a joiner at home. He was a keen chess player and will be remembered by many friends at Ovingdean.

He had had poor health for many years and had recently been seriously ill in hospital, but he had been home again for some weeks when he suddenly collapsed and died.

He leaves a widow and married daughter, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

**J. W. N. McIntosh, New Zealand Rifle Brigade**

It is with deep regret that we have learned of the death of J. W. N. McIntosh, of Christchurch, New Zealand; he was 67.

He enlisted in March, 1917, was wounded at Bapaume in August, 1918, and came to St. Dunstan's in October of that year. He was trained as a masseur and returned to New Zealand in December, 1920, where he had a successful practice in Christchurch until his retirement two years ago. He visited England again in 1936 with his wife for a holiday. For many years Mr. McIntosh served on the Executive of the St. Dunstan's New Zealand Blinded Servicemen's Association, including a term of three years as President. He was later honoured with Life Membership of the Association. "His cheery personality and keen sense of humour was always a feature at our reunions. He will be very much missed," writes Mr. Donald McPhee.

Our deep sympathy goes to Mrs. McIntosh and her daughters.

## "In Memory"

### Private William Henry, *4th Gordon Highlanders*

With deep regret we record the death of W. H. ("Jock") Henry, of Southfields, London, S.W.18. He was 66.

Enlisting in November, 1916, he came to St. Dunstan's upon his discharge from the Army in November, 1918; he trained as a shorthand-typist, and as such was employed first by the Board of Trade and later at the offices of H.M. Inspector of Taxes until early 1955 when his health began to fail. He was a well-known and well-liked member of the London Club and of the Bridge Club where, in spite of his indifferent health, he was a regular attender. His St. Dunstaner friends, Mr. F. Jackson, Mr. Sammy Webster, Mr. P. Nuyens and Mr. T. Roden were among those at the funeral. Mrs. H. Cook and Mrs. Willis were also present.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Henry and her son.

### Private John Henry Hawkins, *Loyal North Lancs, Regiment*

We record with deep regret the death of J. H. Hawkins, of Sidcup. He was 54. He died in hospital on February 4th.

A regular soldier—he had served from December, 1924, until his discharge in May, 1946—he saw active service abroad and was a prisoner of war in the Far East from 1942-1945. As a result of his experiences his nervous system was badly shocked. He came to St. Dunstan's in February, 1948, and learned woodwork which he eventually followed at home, and he also did wool rugs and leather-work.

He leaves a widow and grown-up family to whom our deep sympathy goes.

### Lieutenant Samuel Charles Jackson, *1/6th South Staffordshire Regiment*

We deeply regret to announce the death in hospital of S. C. Jackson, of Southwick, on January 22nd. He served in World War I, sustaining mustard gas poisoning, and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1951. He moved to the Brighton area in 1953.

He leaves a widow and married son, to whom we extend our deep sympathy.

### A.C.2 Royston John Kittle, *Royal Air Force*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of R. J. Kittle, of Ilford, at the age of 59. He was a St. Dunstaner of the Second War.

Enlisting in October, 1942, he left the Royal Air Force in July, 1945, but it was not until ten years later that he entered St. Dunstan's. His state of health then ruled out any training and his condition had slowly deteriorated although he was still able to get about the house. He died at his home on January 21st.

Our deep sympathy is sent to his widow and her family. Mrs. Kittle's son has entered hospital since the death of his father and our thoughts go out to Mrs. Kittle and her daughter-in-law in this further anxiety.

### Driver Arthur Lane, *Royal Engineers Signal Corps*

We have to record with deep regret the death at his home of Arthur Lane, of Cardiff. He was 64. He served with his regiment from April, 1916, until April, 1918, and he entered St. Dunstan's that year.

He trained as a poultry-keeper and also took small-scale farming and netting, and in fact, was a small-holder from 1922 until 1948. He then made rugs for our Stores and it was not until ill-health compelled him to do so in 1959 that he gave this up. He had been very ill for many months.

Our deep sympathy is sent to his wife and grown-up family.

### Lance Sergeant Stewart Horace Manning, *Machine Gun Corps*

We deeply regret to announce the death of S. H. Manning, of Northampton, at the age of 64.

Enlisting in May, 1915, he was a victim of mustard gas in 1918 and was discharged the following year. It was not until January, 1954, that he came to St. Dunstan's when, on account of his age and indifferent health, serious training was ruled out. He did, however, enjoy hobby training on wool rugs and string bags.

Whilst on holiday in Brighton last year he was taken seriously ill but on his return home two months later, seemed better. His last illness was of short duration, in fact, only three days.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his widow and her daughter, who is in this country, and to her son in Australia.

### Lance Corporal Walter Gilbert Speight, *4th Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Canon W. G. Speight, of Braunston Vicarage, Oakham, Rutland. He was 65.

He enlisted in August, 1914, and after being wounded at Boesinge, was discharged from the Army in October, 1915, and he came straight to St. Dunstan's. He first settled as a poultry-farmer but became drawn to the Church as a vocation. In 1918 he was appointed by the Church Missionary Society as Principal of their School for the Blind in Palamcottah, India, where he stayed for twenty-eight years, first as a layman and then as an ordained missionary. He was awarded the Kaiser-i-Hind Medal by the Viceroy in January, 1942, for his work at Palamcottah.

On his return to England he was inducted to the living of Stockton-on-Teme, Worcestershire, where he stayed until 1951, when he accepted the living at Braunston.

He was one of St. Dunstan's Chaplains and had officiated at several of the Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Services.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Speight and her family. (continued on previous page)