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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Dick Dufton Joins the Staff

MR. R. DUFTON has joined the staff of St. Dunstan's as Director of Research. When Mr. Nye left, Mr. Norman French took his place as Research Engineer and he will continue in that post in which he is doing excellent work. But Peter Nye was not only a research engineer but also our adviser on many research matters and on broad technical affairs. As Director of Research Mr. Dufton will undertake those duties as well as acting as the executive officer of our Scientific Committee and of our Development Workshops Committee under the Chairmanship of Air Commodore Dacre.

The Scientific Committee is working on a number of projects connected with reading and guiding devices and the Workshops Committee is the one that deals with inventions and gadgets to overcome the handicap of blindness and in particular, to help the doubly handicapped, at work, at play, or in the home.

Another responsibility of Dick Dufton's will be to seek information on the scientific aspects of blindness and technical aids as they are developed throughout the world, and keep us in touch with progress. He will also be available to advise on aids for use in the technical training and employment of St. Dunstaners.

A few months ago I recorded in these notes that Dick Dufton had become an Associate Member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and this attainment, together with many years of industrial experience in research and production, plus the fact that he is himself a regular sailor who was blinded in the Second War will, I have no doubt, qualify him to be of great service to our organisation and to St. Dunstaners generally.

He will have an office at Marylebone Road and letters can be addressed to him there.

Limited Telephone Calls

Every now and then the opportunity arises in Parliament to put in a word for my friends. The other day the Post Office Bill was receiving its Second Reading and I said:

"I understand that telephone calls will be cheaper—that they may even be 2d. each, but that talking for a long time on the telephone in the evening is going to be severely limited. Now some people may rejoice at that, but others will be very sorry. For example, I had a pathetic letter only two days ago from an old, blind person, who says: 'My telephone is my only friend. I live alone, and I ring up and talk to my friends, and I like to talk as long as I like.'

"Once the connections have been made and the overheads have been paid, it does not cost the Post Office anything to allow people to talk for a quarter of an hour, or even half

an hour, if they want to. I ask that sympathetic consideration be given to this point—and not especially for blind people since this may affect all lonely people.”

Lord St. Oswald, the Minister replying, said:

“Lord Fraser asked whether it was strictly necessary for local calls to be limited in time, as is the intention. I can tell him that the Postmaster-General has at heart the position of such people as he mentioned, particularly elderly people whose life rather depends on being able to carry on long conversations with each other. The noble Lord asked whether something could not be done to lengthen the set time of a local call at night and on Sundays. I cannot give him a precise answer, but I will naturally bring his thoughts on this matter to the attention of my right honourable friend, and I am sure that it will have the influence that his ideas always have on Ministers.”

I hope something may come of this.

FRASER.

REUNION PROGRAMME—1961

All Reunions will be held at 12.30 p.m. for 1 p.m. lunch, with afternoon tea, unless otherwise stated.

Date	Reunion	Member of Executive Council Presiding	Hotel
Wed. 12th April.	CHESTER (Miss Broughton).	Colonel Ansell.	Grosvenor.
Thurs. 13th April.	BLACKPOOL (Miss Everett).	Colonel Ansell.	The Casino.
Sat. 15th April.	BIRMINGHAM (Miss Blebta).	Mr. D. G. Hopewell.	Queen's.
Thurs. 27th April.	EXETER (Miss Webster).	Sir Neville Pearson.	Rougemont.
Sat. 29th April.	CARDIFF (Miss Blebta).	Sir Neville Pearson.	Park.
Sat. 13th May.	LUTON (Miss Meyer).	Lord Fraser.	George.
Sat. 27th May.	MANCHESTER (Miss Everett).	Mr. D. G. Hopewell.	Grand.
Mon. 29th May.	EDINBURGH (Mrs. King).	Mr. D. G. Hopewell.	Roxburgh.
Wed. 31st May.	NEWCASTLE (Mrs. King).	Lord Fraser.	Royal Station.
Sat. 3rd June.	DUBLIN (Mrs. Thompson).	Colonel Ansell.	Jury's.
Wed. 21st June.	IPSWICH (Miss Meyer).	Mr. D. G. Hopewell.	Great White Horse.
Thurs. 22nd June.	NOTTINGHAM (Miss Broughton).	Sir Neville Pearson.	Victoria Station.
Sat. 24th June.	LEEDS (Miss Broughton).	Lord Fraser.	Metropole.
Sat. 1st July.	WINDSOR (Miss Stevens).	Sir Brian Horrocks.	White Hart.
Wed. 12th July.	CANTERBURY (Miss Stevens).	Sir Neville Pearson.	County.
Sat. 22nd July.	BOURNEMOUTH (Miss Webster).	Lord Fraser.	Grand.
Thurs. 5th Oct.	LONDON (Miss Dodd).	Lord Fraser.	Lyons Corner House.
	<i>Evening Function.</i>	Sir Neville Pearson.	Coventry Street.
Fri. 13th Oct.	BRIGHTON (Miss Jones).	Lord Fraser.	Metropole.
	<i>Evening Function.</i>		

Welfare Week-ends at Ovingdean

Interested St. Dunstaners should note the following:

Chess Week-end: November 3rd—5th.

Bridge Week-end: November 17th—19th.

Talking Book Library

A Correction

We regret that owing to a printer's error, the Catalogue Number of "The True and the Tender," by Norah C. James, was given last month as No. 199. Will Talking Book readers make a note that this should have been *Cat. No. 299.*

Staff Retirement

Mr. F. Ralph, a St. Dunstaner of the First World War and member of the staff for more than twenty years, now leaves the service of St. Dunstan's upon reaching retirement age.

Frank Ralph joined us in August, 1940, to become a braille teacher at Church Stretton, and later became joinery instructor there and at Ovingdean.

He has made many friends, both among the hundreds of St. Dunstaners of both wars whom he has taught and on the staff, and all will join with us in wishing him the very best of good luck.

London Club Notes

Bridge.—The Harrogate Week will be held this year from September 16th—23rd. This year's event is a very special one for it is the twenty-first anniversary of our first visit to Harrogate. Arrangements have been made for our party to be accommodated again at the Dirlton Hotel, Ripon Road, and the terms per day will be 28s. 6d. inclusive.

As we must make our final reservations at the hotel, will all members who would like to join the party send in their names to Mr. Bob Willis as soon as possible.

The St. Dunstan's Bridge Congress will take place at Ovingdean during the week-end of Friday, November 17th.

Will all bridge players who are interested and wish to enter for the Sir Arthur Pearson Cup Competitions—namely, for Pairs and Teams of Four—send in their names to Mr. Willis, at the London Club, at the same time giving the name of the partner they have arranged to play with. This will enable the Committee to make the Draw and ensure the smooth running of the competitions at Brighton. If I have any single names, I am afraid I cannot guarantee a partner, but I will do my best.

G.P.B.

Lee-on-Solent Camp

Dates: Friday, August 25th, to Saturday, September 2nd. The closing date for receiving camp entries is *Saturday, April 8th.* Camp fee, £2 (payable at Lee). Fares refunded over the first £1.

5½ Mile Walk—Ewell East

Saturday, March 11th

Twelve St. Dunstaners took part in this event at the L.C.C. Ground, Ewell East, in brilliant sunshine. It was a most successful and happy afternoon and our thanks are due to the escorts from the Metropolitan Police and the Ewell Harriers and to Mr. and Mrs. Plant of the L.C.C. Sports Ground. The result was:

1st in the handicap: R. Newton.
2nd " " J. Wright.
3rd " " J. Lilley.
Fastest loser: G. Hewitt.

Braille Tests

Senior Braille Test. R. Slade, of Addiscombe.

Derby Sweepstake, 1961

Applications are once again invited from St. Dunstaners and St. Dunstan's trainees for tickets in ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW Derby Sweepstake. The attention of everyone is drawn to the new rule, that every application for tickets must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.

Tickets are 2s. 6d. each and application for them should be made as soon as possible and will be received up to the first post on Wednesday, May 17th. Each application must bear the name and full address of the sender, together with the number of tickets required, and, with a stamped addressed envelope enclosed, must be sent to the Editor, ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW, 1 South Audley Street, London, W.1.

Postal orders should be made payable to St. Dunstan's and crossed. Loose money should not be sent unless it is registered.

Tickets will be issued consecutively and will be limited to twenty-four to any one applicant.

The total money subscribed, less the cost of printing and sundry postage and stationery expenses, will be distributed as follows:

50% to the holder of the ticket drawing the winning horse;
20% to the holder of the ticket drawing the second horse;
10% to the holder of the ticket drawing the third horse;
20% to be divided equally among those drawing a horse which actually starts in the race.

No prize won in the Sweepstake will be paid to any person other than the person to whom the winning ticket was sold.

The Draw will take place at the London Club on the evening of Thursday, May 25th.

Ruby Weddings

Many congratulations to the following who are celebrating their Ruby Weddings: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harding, of Finsbury Park, N.4, March 27th; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Matthews, of Maidenhead, March 28th.

The Hon. Mrs. Anthony McDonald

From *The Times*, February 28th, 1961:

Births

MCDONALD.—On 26th February, 1961, at Wokingham, Berkshire, to Jean, wife of Anthony McDonald—a son.

This is Lord and Lady Fraser's fourth grandchild and their third grandson.

Sutton Club Notes

Owing to the indisposition of the Treasurer, Bob Giffard, our A.G.M. was postponed to February 25th, although he was still not able to be present.

Three members of the Committee—B. Daw, C. Luker and B. Miller—finished their term of office and the following new members were elected: P. Spring, E. Flynn and G. Jenrick.

Our President, Lady Onslow, was unable to be with us but one of our Vice-Presidents, Miss Stevens, at very short notice, kindly acted as Chairman.

Club members have been invited by Lady Onslow to visit Clandon Park in the summer, and Mrs. Spurway has given the Club an invitation to the Vicarage at Holmwood, dates to be verified in due course.

I, on behalf of all Club members, would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Lloyds for all the help he has given and is giving to us at Sutton.

We are still hoping that more St. Dunstaners living within reach of our Club will come along and join us at our meetings. If any information is needed, I can be contacted at Croydon 0596 any evening after 6 p.m., or at week-ends.

TED DUDLEY, *Chairman.*

Great-Grandfathers

T. Noon, of Manchester; F. G. (Freddy) Richardson, for many years a member of the Appeals Department and now of Ovingdean—his grand-daughter has given birth to a little girl.

Grandfathers

W. Lee, of Waterlooville; W. McCarthy of Manchester (for the sixteenth time); R. Meader, of Whaplode (he now has nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren); J. H. Dalton of Middlesbrough—the seventh grandchild; T. J. Floyd, of Teignmouth; (he now has four); R. G. Field, of Potters Bar (his third); A. C. Scott, of Belfast—another grand-daughter; A. Hart-hill, of Sedgley, a grandson; J. Hier, of Kenfig Hill, near Bridgend—a grandson and he arrived on March 2nd, our St. Dunstan-er's own birthday.

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With the dominoes recently sent from St. Dunstan's to G. Waterworth, of Coventry, he promptly won his Works Dominoes Tournament and was awarded a Cup and a money prize.

Olympic Gold Medallist Tests St. Dunstaner's Invention

Don Thompson, Britain's only athletics Gold Medallist at the 1960 Olympic Games, tested Les Dennis's ingenious indoor training device at the Victory Ex-Service Club on March 15th. Les Dennis, of Thornton Heath, has designed a roller-trainer on which he can walk or run for miles in his own parlour. It consists of a series of rollers over which an endless belt is stretched. It was built with the aid of a sighted friend and is equipped with a speedometer.

Les, himself a Centurion who has competed in twelve London to Brighton Walks, has raced many times against Don Thompson and wryly says, "I see Don at the start and that's the last I know of him until after the finish." When Don heard about the roller-trainer he was eager to try it out. It will be remembered that he acclimatised himself for the Rome Olympics by training in his bathroom.

The machine can be adapted for use in rehabilitating invalids or disabled persons.

The Times of March 17th gave pride of place on its sports page to a photograph of Don Thompson testing the machine with Les Dennis looking on.

From All Quarters

Ken Revis will appear on B.B.C. Television on April 5th in the programme, "It Happened to Me."

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Tommy Rogers, of Huddersfield, who was a stonemason before he lost his sight, was on December 12th made a Life Member of his craft's Union. They presented him also with an illuminated scroll recording fifty year's of unbroken membership and a medallion in gilt and enamel.

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It was the wish of our late St. Dunstan-er, G. Mitchell, of Edinburgh, that his medals and his famous dirk should be given to the Seaforth Museum at Inverness.

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Their many friends will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Harry Gover, of Leigh-on-Sea. She and Harry had been on holiday at Las Palmas, arriving home on Thursday, March 9th. Mrs. Gover passed away two days later. Paul Nuyens, accompanied by Mr. Jack Armstrong and Mr. Alf. Field, was present at the funeral.

Cottagers and Commuters

We are often being told that an overwhelming proportion of the British population lives in large industrial cities and that country life no longer exists. But this is not true and my own experiences in at least three different country places convince me that country life is not dead, it is only changing. At the same time there is a certain similarity of pattern wherever you go. Perhaps the greatest change that has come about is the wide diversity of interests that are shown by people in what used to be thought remote rural areas. Looking around the village there are a surprising number of activities taking place within a small community. Since Christmas we have had the Annual Meeting of the Horticultural Society, the British Legion Party and the Women's Institute Party. The Dramatic Society has given us a play and the Choral Society has performed in church. We have had the Parish Supper and other societies and organisations have been going full blast with lectures, discussions and entertainments too numerous to mention in detail.

Nowadays everybody travels everywhere and almost everybody comes back with quantities of colour slides. By the end of the year most of these have been developed and everybody is rushing around showing them to everybody else. This year, it seems, I am the only person for miles around who has not been to Spain. Perhaps the biggest single advantage of being blind is that one is not expected to look at other people's holiday photographs.

The sophisticated fringe have been entertaining each other at cocktail parties in their low-ceilinged cottage sitting rooms. This might suggest that the village is no longer truly rural. This is true up to a point. Such old village families as still remain nowadays live for the most part in new pink houses along the main road. The ancient labourers' cottages around the green are sold to commuters for thousands of pounds. On the whole everybody seems to be fairly satisfied with this arrangement.

Side by side with the changes other habits and institutions still remain and are sturdily holding their own. The English village may not be what it used to be but it still exists. Whether you like it or not, country life has taken a new shape and whether you live near Exeter or Ambridge, or in

the overcrowded south-east of England, the pattern is quickly changing. The amount it has changed may vary, but almost everywhere certain similarities can be found.

JOHN GRIFFIN.

The Shell-Mex Party

The tenth Annual Party which Messrs. Shell-Mex Ltd. give for their blind telephone operators was held at Shell-Mex House on Tuesday, February 28th. The programme was a cocktail party, dinner, and a visit to the Savoy Theatre to see "The Gazebo," with coffee afterwards at Shell-Mex House.

The seven St. Dunstaners present were: Messrs. J. (Tiny) Fleming, of Sudbury, who recently retired from the company's service; W. G. Phillip, of Plaistow; R. Phillips, of Shoreham-by-Sea; H. Petty, of Leeds; G. Poole, of Preston; J. E. Blackwell, of Bridgwater; and Leslie Northwood, of Plymouth.

Mr. J. H. Ruscombe, one of the directors of Shell-Mex, and Mr. A. A. E. Morgan, Establishments Manager, received the guests who also included Lord and Lady Fraser, Mr. A. D. Lloyds, Mr. C. D. Wills, Mr. and Mrs. P. Owens, Commandant L. Fawcett, Lieut. Commander and Mrs. R. G. B. Buckley and Mrs. Brown.

From the Chairman's Post-bag

When the Russian delegation representing organisations for the blind visited this country last autumn, Lord Fraser, as Chairman of St. Dunstan's, entertained them to dinner and later presented them with photographs of themselves taken with other guests on that occasion. Our Chairman has now received the following reply:

Respected Sir,

We heartily thank you for the sent photos. We remember with great affection the days spent in Great Britain and our interesting talks.

Our common work—this great and humane task, directed to improve the life of the blind.

We wish you success in your further work.

Chairman of the Main Administration for the Blind Association of All Russia.
B. ZIMIN.

Chief Engineer of the Main Administration for the Blind Association of All Russia.

A. KVITKO.

Talking Book Library

Another Spring Selection

No classics among the month's half dozen books. I can outline five of them and I have a sneaking idea that the one whose story escapes me is quite a thriller.

"Intimate Story," by Rose Franken, reader Arthur Bush, is a homely and interesting story of an American doctor's widow. The setting is usually at her home some way outside New York. The widow has a romantic attachment to a novelist whom she met whilst on a trip to Europe, but having also a married daughter in process of having a first child, she is tremendously chary about her own budding romance. An awkward son-in-law frantic from complications in his wife's pregnancy, many and varied domestic upsets, and lack of news from her novelist, practically reduce the widow to a nervous wreck. Read how she copes with it all. *Cat. No. 630.*

"In Pursuit of Perilla," by Hermina Black, reader Arthur Bush, is an uncomplicated little romance. Naturally, Perilla is a model and extremely easy on the eye. Hounded by a very rich and very persistent wolf who is not above a bit of crime, her predicament can be imagined when, engaged to a man of an old family, she has to overcome their prejudice and combat the wolf all at the same time. Again, read how she copes. *Cat. No. 256.*

"The Sunlit Isle," by Juliet Armstrong, reader Arthur Bush, has a rather ordinary beginning—young girl, eldest daughter of an Irish family looking for a job—she is offered one as secretary to a mother and son running a world-wide charitable organisation. The job involves going to a small island near Malta for several months. The family think it a fine opportunity but to a Yankee reporter friend the whole set-up stinks. She takes the job, then the shadowy corners of the 'sunlit isle' begin to show, and eventually she is happy that the reporter based himself in Malta to be near at hand just in case. *Cat. No. 174.*

"Before Lunch," by Angela Thirkell, reader Andrea Troubridge, is an account of social activities in the country, concerning mainly the inmates of two neighbouring large houses and the village affairs thrown in for good measure. A kind of gossipy outpouring. *Cat. No. 319.*

"Windsor Castle," by W. Harrison

Ainsworth, reader Eric Gillett, is a solid and interesting tome. Inset in a story in the days of Henry VIII is a detailed description and history of the castle. The legend of Herne the Hunter runs through the story and reveals the superstitious dread of people in those far-off days. The very cornerstone of our history scraped and polished by a master of the historical novel. *Cat. No. 269.*

Also released:—

"The Night the Fog came down," by John Bude, reader Arthur Bush. *Cat. No. 173.*

NELSON.

Family News

The son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lloyd, of Cardiff, has been awarded his Master's Degree Diploma at the State College, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

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Lora, daughter of R. A. Benson, of Orpington, has passed the Public Schools' Common Entrance Examination. She is thirteen and was one of only five who were successful at her previous school.

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Susan Womack, Leicester, is Head Girl of her school.

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Fourteen-year-old Pamela Bilcliff, Birmingham, has been made a Brownie Pack Leader by the local Commissioner of Girl Guides. This is an honour, for Leaders are usually appointed considerably older.

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Denise Craddock, Warrington, with other Life Guards, has been presented with a Certificate of Merit by the Chairman of the Baths Committee.

Marriages of Sons and Daughters

Gerald Horner, Holmfirth, on March 25th to Margaret Ekin.

Oliver Cromwell's Head

Will the St. Dunstaner living in Woodbridge, Suffolk, who talked to D. Batchelor, of Woodbine Cottage, Batley, near Banbury, about Oliver Cromwell's head, give him some information about its present whereabouts?

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In a letter to the Chairman, Tom Daborn, of Bexleyheath, says: "In the sea in 1960, my best fish was 34lb. 12oz., a conger taken off Dungeness in July. On that day I had seven fish weighing just over 80lb."

Births

BLACKMORE.—To the wife of S. Blackmore, of Gosport, Hants., a daughter—Christine Ann.

PARIS.—On February 28th, to the wife of E. Paris, of Tooting, a son—David William.

SOUTHALL.—To the wife of S. Southall, of Smethwick, on February 6th, a daughter—Rachel Elizabeth.

Deaths

We extend our deep sympathy to the following:

ANDREW.—To G. Andrew, of New Southgate, N.11, whose mother died on February 13th. Although she had been bedridden for several months with arthritis, her death was very sudden.

FLETCHER.—To J. W. Fletcher, of Lenton Abbey, Nottingham, in the sudden death of his wife on February 25th.

GOVER.—To Harry Gover, of Leigh-on-Sea, whose wife died on March 11th.

HOLD.—To A. A. Hold, of Yeovil, whose father passed away on February 13th. Mr. Hold senior, who was within a few weeks of his 83rd birthday, leaves a widow and our sympathy is sent also to her and to the other members of the family.

KING.—To J. R. King, of York, whose wife died in hospital on February 14th.

McCAFFREY.—To M. C. McCaffrey, of New Malden, whose brother died in Ireland shortly before Christmas.

PALFREY.—To A. Palfrey, of Barry Dock, in the recent death of his brother.

PATERSON.—To D. L. Paterson, of Rose Bay, New South Wales, Australia, who has recently lost his wife. The sad news came to us from his daughter, Mrs. Patricia Markley.

POLLITT.—To A. Pollitt, of Patricroft, near Manchester, whose father died after a long illness on February 2nd.

Personal

Mrs. Cook would like to thank all her friends of St. Dunstan's who have sent such kind expressions of sympathy and lovely flowers on the sudden death of her very dear husband.

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We have heard with regret of the deaths of the widows of a number of St. Dunstaners. They are Mrs. W. H. Conlon, of Hurstpierpoint; Mrs. R. Edwards, of Denbigh; Mrs. F. Johnson, of Derby; Mrs. A. Seal, of Portesham; and Mrs. W. Sebbage, of St. Leonards-on-Sea. Our deep sympathy is sent to their families.

"In Memory" (continued from page 8)

Lance Corporal William Ashley Robinson, 1st Lincolnshire Regiment

It is with deep regret that we record the death of W. A. Robinson, of Grimbsy, at the age of 74. He was a regular soldier, having enlisted in 1904. He was wounded on the Menin Ridge and came to St. Dunstan's in 1917. He trained as a boot-repairer and mat-maker and had a shop from 1919 until 1925. He then moved to the country to carry on mat-making. This he was able to do intermittently until a year ago when poor health forced him to give up the craft.

Our deepest sympathy is sent to Mrs. Robinson and her family.

Private Patrick Summers, 1st Royal Scots Regiment

We record with deep regret the death of P. Summers, of Burnbank, Lanarkshire. He was 86. Serving from the outbreak of war in 1914 until 1919, he came to St. Dunstan's that year. He trained in netting and rug-making and was able to work at these handicrafts until 1939 when ill-health forced him to give up. His health had been failing for the past year or so.

He was a widower and our sympathy is extended to his family.

Private Reginald Woodcock, West Yorkshire Regiment

It is with deep regret that we record the death of R. Woodcock, of Ingleton, via Carnforth, Lancashire. He was 64.

He saw service from 1915 until 1916 but did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1937. He trained in rug-making and netting and was an excellent craftsman, carrying on these occupations right up to the time of his death, which occurred at his home on March 9th.

He was a single man.

Michael Harris, Australian Forces

We have only just heard of the death in March last year of Michael Harris, of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. He came on to our lists in 1959.

The news was sent to us by his widow, to whom our deep sympathy is sent.

“In Memory”

Private Robert Brown, *Durham Light Infantry*

With deep regret we record the death of Robert Brown, of South Shields. He was 63. He served from the outbreak of the 1914-1918 war until its end and during that time suffered mustard gas injuries. He was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1954 when, on account of his health, he was not able to undertake any training. He had been in indifferent health for some time past but his death was nevertheless sudden and unexpected.

Our deep sympathy is sent to his widow and her family.

Private Richard Harry Cook, *1/4th East Lancashire Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we record the death on February 25th of R. H. (Harry) Cook, of Chingford. Enlisting at the outbreak of the 1914-18 war, he came to us in September, 1915, and trained as a physiotherapist. For many years he was with Everton Football Club, treating many internationals; he came South sixteen years ago to take up an appointment with Hackney Hospital and he remained there until his retirement at the end of last year. He also took a keen interest in the Hackney Boys' Club, giving his professional services to the lads. He was an active and popular member of St. Dunstan's Bridge Club and had been playing on the afternoon of his death. He died only an hour or so after leaving his friends there. Among those present at the funeral were St. Dunstaners A. Carrick, T. Gaygan, J. Fleming, F. Jackson, W. H. Harding, W. Lacey, P. Nuyens, T. Roden and W. T. Scott. Mrs. Sammy Webster represented her husband, who was unable to attend. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Willis were also among the mourners. All flowers were sent to Hackney Hospital. Harry was 65.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Cook in her loss.

Private Patrick Garrity, B.E.M., *Army Veterinary Corps*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of P. Garrity, of Brighton, at the age of 78. Enlisting in December, 1914, he came to St. Dunstan's in 1917, and he trained as a telephonist. In 1919 he joined the staff at the British Legion Headquarters and his kindly greetings on the telephone and his all-round efficiency made him known and liked by thousands of ex-servicemen throughout the years he was there. He was also one of the best-known St. Dunstaners. He retired from the service of the British Legion in August, 1950, and it was only recently that his health began to fail. He died on February 11th after a short illness.

We send our deep sympathy to Mrs. Garrity and her two daughters.

Private Kelvin Curtis Gatrell, *9th Royal Sussex Regiment*

With deep regret we record the death of K. C. Gatrell, of Rottingdean. He was 67. He was a regular soldier when the 1914-18 war broke out—he had enlisted in 1913—and he was discharged from the Army in August, 1917, coming to St. Dunstan's almost at once. He trained first in boot-repairing and centre cane-work, then for a time had a confectionery business. In 1940 he re-trained as a telephonist and a year later became St. Dunstan's telephonist at Longmynd, Church Stretton. He returned with us to Ovingdean, staying there until his retirement in January of last year. His health during 1959 had not been good and he underwent a serious operation, but his condition worsened and he passed away on March 7th. He leaves a widow and two daughters to whom our deep sympathy is sent.

Gunner Frank Victor Gresson, *Royal Artillery*

We record with deep regret the death of F. V. Gresson, of Thornton Heath. He died at Pearson House on February 23rd at the age of 66.

He was a Second War man, enlisting in November, 1939, but he served until October, 1945. He was admitted to St. Dunstan's the following year and trained first for a Country Life settlement. He continued with this until 1950, when he re-trained for industry. He took up assembly work and carried this on successfully until 1955, when his health began to fail. He was forced to give up but his health grew worse and in October, 1960, he was admitted to Pearson House where he became seriously ill and died on February 23rd.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Gresson and her 11 year old son, Barry.

Private Walter Heushaw, *14th London Regiment*

We record with deep regret the death of W. Heushaw, of Halstead, Sevenoaks. He was 65. He enlisted in November, 1915, and came to St. Dunstan's in September, 1917. Prior to joining the Army he had been with the Metropolitan Water Board and he returned to them as a shorthand typist. He remained with them until 1934 when he began poultry-farming in a small way. He then moved to Potters Bar where his garden and greenhouse gave him the greatest enjoyment, as also did his very beautiful garden at Halstead later. This was based on the “no digging” principle. He was most active also inside the house and had recently laid a new floor in his dining room. His death on February 21st was very sudden after a brief emergency admission to hospital.

He leaves a widow and son to whom our deep sympathy goes.

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