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## SIR ARTHUR PEARSON

### A Birthday Tribute

**M**ANY St. Dunstaners will have heard Sir Neville Pearson's broadcast on Sunday, February 24th, the birthday of the late Sir Arthur Pearson.

St. Dunstan's will celebrate its own birthday—its 48th—on March 26th and as appropriate to this occasion, we reproduce for other St. Dunstaners throughout the world who were not able to listen to the broadcast, Sir Neville's tribute to his father, our Founder.

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"A prophet is not without honour"—although I am a great believer in the Bible, there must be exceptions to every rule and when my father prophesied a happy and successful future for the war-blinded, his prophecy that their lives could and would become full again was abundantly fulfilled. He was a vital and light-hearted man. He always believed in keeping closely in touch with those he was working with. In his office there was a strip of carpet from the door leading directly to his desk—that was to help his blind friends. One day, owing, I suppose, to a slip-up in the P.R.O. arrangements, somebody came into his room and as was his habit, he sang out, "Keep straight on until you bump your shins on my desk, then you'll know where you are." On that occasion it happened to be Princess Mary.

Not many sons have the pleasure and the privilege of extolling the virtues of their fathers. A great many fathers don't make the grade, but I knew him in my young life and for a large part of his. It ended abruptly because he died in an accident at the age of 55. However, I'm glad to have this opportunity of reminding you of the active publisher and newspaper proprietor who suddenly found himself in the dark world but who was determined to make it a world which could be just as full of the good things of life as is the world of the sighted. "Always remember," he used to say to the newly blinded, "you're still just ordinary men. The only difference is that you don't happen to be able to see."

Towards the end of 1912 his rapidly declining sight had ended and he was campaigning hard for the welfare of the blind. Soon the present building for the Royal National Institute for the Blind had come into being and the blind beggar had practically disappeared from the streets of London.

The 1914 war brought a new challenge and a new type of blind person. Suddenly, thousands of young servicemen, in the prime of their lives, had lost their sight and their numbers grew rapidly. This plunge into darkness presented a new problem but in the end it led to a new appreciation of the things which a blind person could do. They found occupations which had previously been considered impossible for them and the public took the cause of the blind to its heart in a new way, and that really is how St. Dunstan's started.

For these things I feel sure that the blind world will always remember with gratitude the name of my father, Arthur Pearson.



### Royal Tournament and Trooping the Colour Ceremony

We have once again this year been fortunate enough to receive complimentary tickets for the Trooping the Colour Ceremony, which is to be held on the morning of Saturday, June 8th, and it is hoped that we shall also receive tickets for the Private View of the Royal Tournament, to be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 12th.

Any St. Dunstaner wishing to attend should apply to me for tickets not later than April 30th.

C. D. WILLS.

### Derby Sweepstake, 1963

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 rule that every application for tickets made in the British Isles 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 15th**. 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, 191 Marylebone Road, London, N.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 23rd.

### London Club Notes

Bridge.

The *Harrogate Week* will be held this year from September 14th-21st. Arrangements have been made for our party to be accommodated again at the Dirlton Hotel, Ripon Road, and the terms per day will be 32s. 6d., inclusive of all meals.

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.

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The first Bridge Drive of the year took place on February 16th. There were six tables and the winners were W. Bishop and partner with S. Webster and partner second.

The next Drive will be on April 27th. Will anyone who would like to take part please let me know. If they have not already got a partner, I will try and get one for them.

G.P.B.

### Sutton Club Notes

The last meeting was our A.G.M. We had with us our three Vice-Presidents—Miss Stevens, Mrs. Spurway and Diana. Lady Pamela was unable to attend so Miss Stevens was asked to take the Chair.

The committee was re-voted back except for Ernie Flynn who had to retire owing to illness. Reg Newton was voted in, in his place. We hope to see Ernie back at the Club when the weather gets a bit better.

New members are always welcome.

P. SPRING,  
(Committee).

### Windsor Reunion—May 18th

Will any St. Dunstaner in the *Kingston* area wishing to travel to the Windsor Reunion by coach get in touch with George Eustace, 170 Tolworth Rise South, Tolworth (Tel. DER 6471) not later than April 28th.

A coach will be run from *Guildford* to Windsor for the Reunion on May 18th. Will anyone interested in joining this coach please contact A. C. Mitchell, 7 Ellis Avenue, Onslow Village, Guildford (Tel. 67687) before the end of April.

The coach will pick up at points in Addlestone/Woking en route to Windsor.

### St. Dunstaner Awarded Diploma of Royal Life Saving Society

Many congratulations to J. M. O. Barstow, of Hampstead, who has passed the most difficult test of the Royal Life Saving Society and has been awarded its Diploma. This test entails some very complicated swimming and life-saving, and a three-hour written examination. A special concession was granted by the R.L.S.S. to allow Mr. Barstow to dictate his answers to his daughter.

His success, of which all the family are naturally very proud, was noted in the local paper, the *Hampstead and Highgate Express*.

### An Easter Competition

Each of the following words or phrases gives a clue to a single word; when the second word of each pair is subtracted from the first, the result is an anagram of the number from one to ten. Thus, *Feeling* minus *Materials* might be read as *Sensation* minus *Satins*, giving the remainder *e, n, o, or one*.

Can you discover these words, which will give, by this process, all the ten numbers?

LIVING minus TINT  
GIVING minus PACKAGES  
ASSEMBLY minus WHAT THE BELL DID  
AMUSE minus ENTERTAINMENT  
FLAT-FISH minus WHAT BANKERS WILL DO  
SOMEBODY minus FRUIT  
IMITATION minus MOVE STEALTHILY  
SPIRITUAL minus BEVERAGE  
DIVISION minus NATIONALITY  
JOYOUS CELEBRATION minus ENDURE

When you have the answers, send your list to the Editor of the ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW, 191 Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1, not later than Tuesday, April 16th. There will be three prizes of five guineas each to the senders of the first correct lists opened after that date. Please mark your envelopes, "Competition."

### Camp Reminder

The Lee-on-Solent Camp will be held this year from Friday, August 23rd, to Saturday, August 31st.

Closing date for entries: Tuesday, April 30th.

AVIS SPURWAY,  
*The Vicarage, Holmwood, Dorking.*

### Ovingdean Notes

#### Wonderful Evening Out!

After weeks of snow and ice, and a somewhat chilly—to use an Englishman's power of understatement—wind, the St. Dunstan's bus left for a foray to the village of Hassocks on Saturday, March 2nd.

For some of the older men of Ovingdean, it was their first trip out since Christmas and perhaps this was the reason why the evening started in a party spirit. Our hosts, the Clayton-Keymer branch of the British Legion, who had had to postpone their invitation owing to the condition of the tarmac (and I don't mean thanks to Macmillan) were anxiously awaiting our arrival with a grand assortment of alcoholic beverages. They quickly showed us to our seats while we showed our willingness to co-operate.

After the basic thirst quenching, the assembly was addressed by the Branch President, Dr. Eggar, after which the entertainment began. St. Dunstaners soon showed that Jack Frost had not affected their voices as they burst into song to the accompaniment of Messrs. Brayen and Clayton—accordion and banjo. Then there was silence to listen to the excellent voices of Miss Edna Williams, soprano, and Mr. Frank Childs, tenor. The St. Dunstaner who ended the evening by singing "Bless this House" thought himself lucky to escape with his life after the hitherto excellent entertainment, but, fortunately, they were a mellow and merciful audience.

Our oldest member present, Mr. H. S. Love, spoke for us all when he thanked the Branch for a splendid evening.

F.H.

#### Shooting

During the past two months a shooting competition has been run amongst the Trainees and the Blind Staff. There were eighteen entries which meant that each man had to fire against seventeen opponents. This also meant that any one man could have scored seventeen wins. However, the result ended as follows:

1st A. DOBSON	with 11 wins and 1 draw.
2nd D. FRASER	„ 11 wins.
3rd G. KILLINGBECK	„ 10 wins and 2 draws.
4th D. BINGHAM	„ 10 wins and 1 draw each.
W. RICHARDSON	
5th J. BLAKE	„ 10 wins each.
J. ALLAN	



### Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

The gathering concern amongst St. Dunstaners about the increasing cost of the telephone service might well be drawn to the attention of the Minister of Pensions and the Postmaster General. With the imminent introduction of the S.T.D. system, anxiety is growing, particularly among the unemployable disabled. It can be pointed out that the phone has now, in this day and age, become a real necessity, especially to the latter.

Under the S.T.D. system, the disabled will find a trebled if not quadrupled account for local calls on which he depends for outside contact.

Personally, with such slow and deliberate speech, I can visualize that by the time I have greeted my listener with normal politeness and remembered his name, I shall have clocked up sixpence;

Yours faithfully,

STEWART SPENCE,

Hillingdon.

DEAR EDITOR,

Lord Fraser says in his book that the education of the men of the First War was below that of the Second War men, who "took braille in their stride." Since I learnt braille it has been revised twice and on each occasion we were told it was "to make English braille easier to learn and more enjoyable to read." In the old days we had not the transport that we have today with the result that there were small villages where one teacher had about twenty pupils to teach between the ages of 5 and 14. Even in towns where there were three schools—R.C., C. of E. and a Council school, they were each three teacher affairs. We worked 10½ hours a day for five days and 7½ on Saturdays, (when not on overtime), but yet managed to go five miles and start a game of football or cricket at 2.30. Whether it was in a garden or a factory or on a farm, you worked with your hands and it was hard work that made your hands rough and hard, which did not help when learning braille.

We walked miles and miles and were far more observant, and what we did not learn in the class-room was more than made up for when we were outside.

Yours sincerely,

GEORGE FALLOWFIELD,

Pearson House.

### Cold Shoulder for Centigrade

Frank A. Rhodes, of Ovingdean, writes: "Can the REVIEW give us the formula for converting Fahrenheit into Centigrade; for myself I can never remember it. It's too much like a problem in algebra."

The *Daily Express* recently answered this one for us. Donald Gomery wrote:

"I keep trying to make sense of it all by muttering to myself: Multiply by nine, divide by five, then add 32. But it's no good. I shall never make head or tail of this foreign centigrade system.

Nor have I heard anyone in the half-heated train coming to work say something like this: 'I say, old boy, it must be at least minus three degrees centigrade this morning.' (Why, I'd be at London Bridge before I had worked it out).

It is a year since the Met. Office introduced the centigrade system. In three years, it was said, the old fellow, Fahrenheit, would be out of work.

Oh yes?

Yesterday the manager of a shop specialising in the sale of thermometers told me: 'In the past 12 months we have sold merely a gross of centigrade-only thermometers. In the previous 12 months we sold between 10,000 and 20,000 Fahrenheit thermometers. Now we sell mainly a dual scale.'

A spokesman for a big firm manufacturing thermometers said: 'The public is certainly still very much against centigrade—frankly, I don't understand it myself.'

It was the Swedish astronomer, Celsius, way back in the 18th century, who introduced the centigrade thermometer.

Fahrenheit, from Danzig, was living in England when he brought out his mercury thermometer. He knew what was best for us, obviously."

### Ruby Wedding

Many congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. Apps, of Farnborough, Hants., who celebrated their Ruby Wedding on February 11th; and to Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Meredith, of Wroxall, Isle of Wight, whose 40th anniversary was on February 3rd.

### Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. B. Fitzpatrick, of Barrow in Furness, March 9th; congratulations to you.

### De-Tour of Inspection

Not being able to walk well or for any distance for some time now, when the nearby I.C.I. threw open its doors and allowed the general public to have a look round, and having friends who work there, I decided it was something I could not miss. With daughter Pat and her pal, we arrived at the main gates and joined one of the parties.

Firstly the guide took us to the Safety First shed, then to the First Aid room with its white-coated nurses handling the shining instruments and looking so efficient.

Outside again, where the Fire Brigade was giving a demonstration, and then it was time to see the sheds where the men worked; this meant a walk of about half a mile.

Soon I was feeling very tired and my daughter told the guide that we were turning back but he insisted on returning to the First Aid Department for transport. In a few minutes he was back in a small ambulance, I was assisted on to a low seat, and off we went to the First Aid Department. A wheel chair was awaiting me and kindly ambulance men put me into it with a blanket around my shoulders. Then I was wheeled away, past other parties who, no doubt, had not expected to see the ambulance and First Aid staff with a real-life patient, to the First Aid room where I was helped on to a bed. A pillow was put at my head and more blankets were wrapped round me. A nurse brought me a cup of sweet tea (to allay shock, I suppose); felt my pulse and forehead and told me to rest quietly for a while. After about half an hour I thought I had recovered enough to go home on my own two legs and so, after being taken to the gates in the ambulance, we caught the bus for home.

And I am still no wiser as to what the sheds where my friends work are like.

MARGARET STANWAY.

### Family News

Heather Richardson, Peacehaven, has won her bronze medal for dancing.

### Marriages of Sons and Daughters

Ann Moseley, Halesowen, on February 23rd, to Michael Cross.

Mary Chamberlain, Gloucester, on December 26th, to Anthony Vaughan-Davis.

### Library of Tape Recordings

Mr. Ronald E. Hall, of Radlett, and his friends have built up a library of tape recordings ranging from ten minutes to seventy-five minutes, the subjects including visits to such places of interest as Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London, Wormwood Scrubs Prison, and Scotland Yard, interviews with Captain Bader, Vic Oliver, Richard Dimbleby, John Snagge, a group of test pilots, etc., a visit to the P. and O. liner *Arcadia*, a visit to the R.N.I.B., and so on.

Anyone who is interested in this service provided by Mr. Hall is invited to write to him at 40, Willow Way, Radlett, Herts.

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Another generous offer has come to us from a lady living in Cornwall who would be glad to read on to tapes technical or other books.

If any St. Dunstaner is interested, will he please send full details to Mr. Wills at Headquarters.

### Liverpool Club Notes

On the 26th January, 1963, the members of the Liverpool Club, together with their wives and escorts, went to the Matinee at the Empire Theatre to see the Christmas pantomime.

It was an excellent show and was enjoyed very much by everyone.

After the performance we made our way to a nearby restaurant where a good hot meal was greatly appreciated.

The weather was atrocious and we were very sorry that some of our friends were unable to make the journey. A good time, however, was had by the thirty-one who came along.

The next meeting will be on March 23rd and every following fortnight at 3 p.m. at Derby House, Leece Street.

We should be very pleased to welcome any St. Dunstaner who would like to join us.

V.F.

### Great-Grandfather

J. Healy, of Blackpool (for the eighth time).

### Grandfathers

J. Marlow, of Boreham Wood; A. Dembenski, of Gloucester (the tenth grandchild); H. Gover, of Leigh-on-Sea (a son was born on February 22nd to his step-daughter).



### From All Quarters

E. A. West, of Syderstone, King's Lynn, has just completed fifty years in his village shop. Edgar took over the business in 1912 (when beer was 1½d a pint, Woodbines 1d. a packet and matches 1½d. a dozen boxes). He was wounded in France in 1917, came to St. Dunstan's, and after training with us returned to his shop in Syderstone to carry on where he left off—except that he gave up his baking. He married Grace, his wife, in 1920.

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A Bridge and Canasta Tournament, together with a Tombola, organised by Paul Nuyens, of St. John's Wood, resulted in £321 6s. 0d. being sent to the French Hospital and Dispensary in London. The list of Tombola prizewinners included three St. Dunstaners—A. Hazel, of S.W.19; F. Matthewman, of Northampton; and W. J. Voss, of Yeovil.

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We learn with regret from Maureen Lees of the death of Mr. Robertson, the President of the Weavers' Guild in Australia. Mr. Robertson had taken the greatest interest in St. Dunstaners who had started their weaving at Ovingdean.

Maureen also tells us that B.O.A.C. have this year an air trip from the U.S.A. which will bring American and Canadian weavers (hand loom) to the Scandinavian countries, to England and to Scotland.

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J. S. Holden, of Salford, sends us a Canadian newspaper cutting which his cousin has sent him showing a stick-torch designed by a 77 year old near-blind Canadian. A pencil type flashlamp showing red and white is taped to his walking stick just below the handle, a shallow notch having been cut in the stick to take it. When he wants to use a crossing he turns on the lamp and waves the stick. He says the traffic always stops.

(NOTE: The cutting doesn't indicate the town).

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The good work for bedfast radio amateurs carried on by our late St. Dunstaner, Bill Harris, of Ipswich, and his son until their regretted deaths, is being continued by their friends and we learn from "Radial," the journal of the Radio Amateur Invalid

and Bedfast Club, that Mrs. Bill Harris, junior, is helping as Assistant Secretary. Good luck to the Club (and our thanks for sending "Radial" each month).

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We have heard with regret of the death of Mrs. H. Manning, widow of our late St. Dunstaner, H. Manning, of Brighton. Mrs. Manning died on March 9th.

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Her many friends will be delighted to know that Miss Frances Lloyd, R.R.C. (Sister "Lloydie"), is now back at her home after a successful operation. Miss Lloyd was helping in the Dining Room at Headquarters right up to a month or so ago.

### The Shell-Mex Party

The Annual Shell-Mex and B.P. Party for their blind telephonists was held on Tuesday, March 19th, at Shell-Mex House. The principal guest was our President, Sir Neville Pearson, who was accompanied by Lady Pearson.

After the dinner the guests attended a performance of Agatha Christie's play, "The Mousetrap."

### Miss Mary Powell

St. Dunstaners will hear with deepest regret of the premature death on March 1st of Miss Mary Powell who was a V.A.D. at Ovingdean from 1950 until 1955. Miss Powell was very much liked by all St. Dunstaners; she was a most able member of the staff who will be especially remembered for her very successful part in our play-readings.

### You Write—or you don't

I have been asked about "plot-finding." You don't find them. They are worked for. Plots depend upon literary taste. Copy-cat and faint paraphrase is literary suicide. The great Bible stories will give you the full gamut of the spear and the distaff sides of the human emotions. You can work out all your plots from these wonderful pen-etchings of human life.

These stories may seem cloistered and ecclesiastical. Yes, they are that. But they are also a store-house of knowledge of the machinery of the human mind.

"BROOKIE."

### Marriage

LUKER—GOODMAN.—On February 14th, C. A. Luker, of Hampton, Middlesex, to Mrs. Goodman, an escort at Ovingdean.

### Deaths

Our deep sympathy is sent to the following:

DANIELS.—To E. Daniels, of Norwich, whose wife died in hospital on March 9th.

DONNARUMMA.—To D. Donnarumma, of Southampton, whose mother died in Italy on January 10th. Our St. Dunstaner has spent much time with her there but had returned to England at the time of her death, leaving his sister with her. He at once flew back.

FILBY.—To W. E. Filby, of Streatham, who has recently lost his aged father.

HENMAN.—To N. Henman, of Feltham, whose mother died on January 10th after a long illness.

JAMES.—To T. James, of Preston, whose father died in February at the age of 98.

PALMER.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Palmer, of Grove Park, London, S.E.12, whose daughter, Florence, has died at the age of 35 leaving a husband and three young children. Our sympathy goes to them all, and to Florence's brothers and sisters.

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

#### Sapper Charles (Cooper) Ray, 3rd Canadian Railway Transport

We have to record with deep regret the death in hospital on March 4th of Charles Ray (sometimes known as Cooper Ray), of Clacton-on-Sea. He was 80 years old.

He served with the 3rd Canadian Railway Transport from 1916 until 1919, and was wounded in France. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1919. For some time he and Mrs. Ray ran a boarding house but this was given up on his wife's death in 1954. He had been in poor health recently.

We send an expression of very deep sympathy to his son and daughter.

#### Private John Peel, 27th Northumberland Fusiliers

We have to record with deep regret the death at his home on March 5th of John Peel, of Bradford, Yorkshire, at the age of 72.

He served with his regiment from 1916 until 1917, being wounded at Ypres; he came immediately to St. Dunstan's where he trained first of all as a repairer of boots and clogs. He carried on this craft for some years, eventually giving up these occupations in favour of making mats and string-bags for Headquarters. He had not, however, been in very good health for some time but nevertheless his death was sudden and unexpected.

We send sincere sympathy to Mrs. Peel.

#### Ivan James Hamilton, 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force

We have heard with deep regret of the death of I. J. Hamilton, of Papatotoe, New Zealand. He died in hospital on February 1st at the age of 58, following a prolonged illness.

He enlisted with the 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force in January, 1942, and was discharged in October, 1944. Mr. Jim May and many other St. Dunstaners in New Zealand attended the funeral.

Our deep sympathy goes to Mrs. Hamilton and her fourteen-year old daughter, Margaret Emma Ann.

#### Corporal Robert Johnston, Australian Imperial Forces

We have also heard with deep regret of the death of Robert Johnston, of Narrabeen, New South Wales, Australia. He died in a hospital at Concord at the age of 70 after many years of ill health.

He served in both World Wars—as a private from January, 1916, to March, 1920, with the 17th Bn. A.I.F., and from October, 1939, to September, 1944, as Corporal with the 2nd Garrison Bn., A.I.F. After becoming blind, he received a little training in weaving but was not able to do a great deal. During the past years he spent a great deal of time in hospital.

He leaves a widow and three children to whom is sent our most sincere sympathy.



## “In Memory”

### Private Vernon Alderson, *Royal Scots Regiment*

We have to record with deep regret the death at his home, on February 19th, of Vernon Alderson, of Baildon, Yorkshire, aged 66 years.

He served with the Royal Scots Regiment from 1915 until 1919 but did not come to us until 1937. He was able to do wool rugs for some time but the ill-health which he suffered later prohibited this in recent years. Although he had been very ill throughout the winter, nevertheless his death was very sudden.

To his widow and grown-up daughter we send an expression of our very deep sympathy.

### Sergeant Charles Edward Bolton, *1st Rifle Brigade*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of C. E. Bolton, of Belvedere, Kent. He was 77.

He enlisted on the day war broke out in 1918—August 4th—and he came to St. Dunstan's immediately upon his discharge in April, 1915. He trained in joinery and poultry-farming and continued with his carpentry work until 1931 when his health began to fail. Later he was able to do only a small amount of handicraft work more or less as a hobby. He had for some time lived in semi-retirement, spending frequent holidays at Brighton. He became seriously ill in December last and was admitted to hospital where he died on February 19th.

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

### Major Herbert John Crassweller, T.D., *Royal Engineers*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of H. J. Crassweller, of Cosham, Portsmouth, at the age of 76.

Major Crassweller had a long record of service with the Royal Engineers and held the Territorial Decoration with three bars. He became a St. Dunstaner in 1960 but did not enjoy very good health and he was taken seriously ill when on his first visit to Ovingdean. He was transferred to hospital and died there a few days later on March 6th.

We send our deep sympathy to his widow, and to the other members of his family.

### Private Edward Irons, *King's Own Scottish Borderers*

We have to record with deep regret the death in hospital on March 8th of Edward Irons, of Hoscar, near Ormskirk, Lancashire. He was aged 50 years.

He came to St. Dunstan's in 1949 having served from 1940 to 1946 in the King's Own Scottish Borderers. He trained in poultry farming and carried on this occupation until 1957 when ill-health compelled him to give it up. He had been ill in hospital for some considerable time before his death.

We send an expression of very deep sympathy to Mrs. Irons.

### Sergeant John Lomas, *4th Royal Fusiliers*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of John Lomas, of Walthamstow, at the age of 75.

An old soldier at the outbreak of the 1914-1918 war—he had enlisted in 1905—he left the Army in April, 1915, and came to St. Dunstan's the following year where he trained as a mat-maker. He continued with this craft until 1952 when his health began to show signs of deteriorating. In 1961 he went into hospital and afterwards had convalescence at Pearson House, making a splendid recovery. He continued to be moderately well until this winter when his bronchitis became more serious. He died suddenly after a severe fit of coughing on the evening of March 5th.

Our deep sympathy is sent to Mrs. Lomas and her sons and daughters. One son is at home, her other children live nearby.

### Private Alfred William Percy Lock, *Middlesex Regiment—9th London Rifle Brigade*

We have to record with deep regret the death at his home, on February 24th, of A. W. P. Lock, of Felixstowe. He was 68.

He served in the First World War from 1914 but did not come to St. Dunstan's until as recently as January 18th, 1963. He was then in rather poor health but had hoped to have a holiday at Pearson House a little later in the year.

We send an expression of very sincere sympathy to his sister, Miss M. Lock, with whom he lived, and to the other members of the family.

### Private Henry Alfred Thomas Pearce, *Royal Scots Fusiliers*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of H. A. T. Pearce, of Bournemouth. He was 67.

His war service was from June, 1916, until October, 1917, and he entered St. Dunstan's the following year. He trained in boot-repairing and mat-making and for a time had a shop. Later he did mats only and continued with this work until, on health grounds, he retired in 1960. He had been living in Leighton Buzzard until then but mainly for health reasons, he moved to Bournemouth. He died on March 11th in Boscombe Hospital after a short illness.

He leaves a widow and a family of one son and three daughters, all of whom are married, and to whom we send an expression of our deep sympathy in their loss.

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