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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Listening to TV

DURING the last year or two I have been asked by St. Dunstaners at Pearson House and at Ovingdean if they can have the TV sound on the circuit which feeds radio programmes to the various loudspeakers and earphones in the Homes.

Some say they are used to listening to television in their own homes and like their familiar programmes; others say that they like the racing commentaries. Some even go so far as to affirm that the racing commentaries are better than the racing commentaries on sound. I am not a very strong racing man so I would hesitate to be dogmatic about this, but frankly I would doubt it. It seems to me that a programme that is especially designed for the ordinary sound listener who, for all practical purposes, is in the same position as a blind person, must be better than a programme that is designed to accompany a picture.

However, radio is so important to St. Dunstaners that we have arranged for the B.B.C. television programme to be supplied on the circuits most of the time, and especially when racing is on.

I myself have listened to TV a little in recent weeks. My favourite programmes are plays and commentaries, and I am bound to say that I find the sound programme infinitely preferable for the very good reason that the producers, writers and speakers are all operating in my medium, namely sound, and I do not feel that I am missing the picture.

I should be interested to know what other St. Dunstaners feel about this matter.

Retirement

I was talking to a St. Dunstaner who had recently retired and he told me that he had planned his occupations. He had brushed up his braille, studied the radio programmes, taken an even greater interest in his garden and maintained and even improved his contacts with his neighbours and a local club.

What a wise man to have learned and put into practice so admirable a programme, instead of finding the hours hanging so heavily when the daily routine work was no longer there.

Women St. Dunstaners

On another page you will read about the women St. Dunstaners' first Reunion.

I thought this was splendid and was especially pleased when some of my friends told me how much they had enjoyed it.

One source of particular pleasure to them was meeting fellow St. Dunstaners whom they had not been in touch with since they were together at Church Stretton so long ago.

FRASER.

Reunions, 1963

Edinburgh

The 1963 Reunions were inaugurated at Edinburgh on Tuesday, 2nd April, when 13 St. Dunstaners from all over Scotland assembled at the Roxburghe Hotel where Colonel Mike Ansell presided over a very happy gathering. Miss M. T. Wood came in during the afternoon to renew old acquaintanceships and, of course, Mrs. King and Mr. Wills were both present.

Newcastle

Mr. Donald Hopewell presided at the Newcastle Reunion on Thursday, 4th April, which was attended by only 21 St. Dunstaners, a much lower number than normal but, nevertheless, it was a very cheerful party.

Leeds

Colonel Ansell also presided over the Reunion of 50 St. Dunstaners at the Metro-pole Hotel, Leeds, on Saturday, 6th April, which was also somewhat smaller than usual.

Exeter

Lord and Lady Fraser, only recently returned from South Africa, presided at the Exeter Reunion on Friday, 19th April, and renewed an acquaintance, made on the voyage home, with Mr. and Mrs. Morgan-Jones, proprietors of the Rougemont Hotel. There were 30 St. Dunstaners present and the weather, as always for this Reunion, was well nigh perfect.

Bournemouth

The next day, however, at Bournemouth, our guests had to struggle through pouring rain and half a gale to get to the Pavilion for the Reunion; there they had an opportunity of meeting Mr. Alan Pitt Robbins, who presided, and old friends like Mr. Banks, Mr. Ferguson and Miss Oliphant. There were 31 St. Dunstaners at the Reunion, several fewer than usual.

Swansea

Our Welsh St. Dunstaners this year asked for a Reunion in Swansea and 22 of them met at the Mackworth Hotel on the Saturday, 4th May, with Mr. Hopewell presiding. Our old friend, Miss Lloyd, just recovering from an operation, was present and afterwards went on to spend a period convalescing with her relatives in Wales. Un-

happily, Miss A. F. Stockwood was in hospital and unable to come.

Canterbury

Our President, Sir Neville Pearson, accompanied by Lady Pearson, attended the Canterbury Reunion on Wednesday, 8th May, at the County Hotel, where 29 St. Dunstaners were present. Mr. Percy Lale and Miss Woolrych were warmly received and Lady Pearson presented the prizes for the draw, after lunch.

Reunion Announcement

The Reverend F. Darrell Bunt will preside at the BLACKPOOL REUNION on Wednesday, 12th June, at the Savoy Hotel, instead of Lord Fraser, who unfortunately will not now be able to attend.

Scottish Bowlers Come South

The Scottish bowls team from Linburn, home of the Scottish National Institution for the War-blinded, visited London on May 15th for their annual match with St. Dunstan's. Both teams were entertained to lunch by Lord and Lady Fraser who arranged for them later to see over the Palace of Westminster. A full report of the match will appear next month.

Council Honours Miss Ramshaw

On May 13th, Sir Neville Pearson, Bt., presided at a luncheon held at the Royal Albion Hotel, Brighton, in honour of Miss Frances Ramshaw, who retired at the end of March.

Sir Neville was accompanied by Lady Pearson and Lord and Lady Fraser were among those present.

Sir Neville paid tribute to Miss Ramshaw's long association with us and presented her with a portable transistor radio set as a memento from the Council of St. Dunstan's.

Re-elected

Many congratulations to Leslie Webber, of Tewkesbury, who, standing as a Liberal, was re-elected a member of the Borough Council in the local elections on May 10th. Mr. Webber, who was fourth in 1960, this time took third place.

Stop Press

The Derby Sweepstake

The result of the Draw for the Derby Sweepstake will be found as a Stop Press item on page 10.

London Club Notes

Bridge. The St. Dunstan's Bridge Congress will take place at Ovingdean during the week-end of November 16th, the Annual General Meeting being on Friday, the 15th.

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. If I have any single names, I cannot guarantee a partner, but I will do my best.

G.P.B.

Ewell Walk

In spite of the very poor weather conditions, eight of the eleven St. Dunstaners who turned up at the start of the last Ewell Walk took to the road and completed the course.

A pleasant surprise awaited us. Matron Blackford appeared among us, many of us meeting her for the first time. From all the walkers we most cordially welcome her and wish her well in her new office as our Matron.

The results of the Walk were as follows:

M. Burns	...	44.28	18.50	63.18
J. Wright	...	49.40	14.50	64.40
R. Young	...	49.57	9.30	59.27
W. Miller	...	50.25	.30	50.55
R. Mendham	...	50.57	scratch	50.57
R. Cookson	...	51.46	18.00	69.46
C. Stafford	...	52.21	5.00	57.21
J. Simpson	...	52.29	scratch	52.29

REG. NEWTON.

Coincidence

George Fallowfield and Wally Thomas were talking the other day and they thought (and we most certainly agree) that the following coincidence will interest St. Dunstaners.

George and Wally are both deaf St. Dunstaners. Wally's son, Geoffrey, is an electrician, and George's daughter, Marjorie, is a stewardess, and they are both on the Cunard liner, *Queen Elizabeth*.

Women St. Dunstaners' Weekend

The first-ever women St. Dunstaners' Reunion was held at the Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych, London, from the 10th to 13th May, and most certainly seems to have been a resounding success. Many of our women members had never met one another, or had not met since their training days at Church Stretton or Ovingdean, and this week-end was, therefore, a wonderful opportunity for them all to get together.

Twenty-five St. Dunstaners attended, each with their escort, and the programme for the week-end included dinner with Sir Neville and Lady Pearson, lunch with Lord and Lady Fraser, a shopping expedition to Kensington High Street, individual theatre visits on the Saturday evening and a trip to Hampton Court Palace, followed by dinner at the Astor Country Club, East Molesey, on the Sunday. In addition, of course a great deal of time was taken up with the exchange of gossip.

It was a great pleasure to arrange this Reunion and to see the girls looking so well and happy and enjoying it all. The following ladies were present:

Miss Elsie Aldred; Mrs. Sally Ashurst; Miss Marjorie Ball; Miss Barbara Bell; Mrs. Dorothy Edwards; Miss Marion Elias; Mrs. Jane Farrant; Mrs. Violet Formstone; Miss Una Greenwood; Miss Anne Hodges; Miss Vera Kemmish; Mrs. Maureen Lees; Mrs. Emily McClarnan; Mrs. Eileen Maynard; Miss Thelma Meredith; Mrs. Gwennie Obern; Miss Margaret Paterson; Mrs. Nellie Robinson; Miss Blodwyn Simon; Miss Beryl Sleigh; Mrs. Margaret Stanway; Mrs. Sadie Stokes; Miss Ethel Whiteman; Mrs. Eileen Williams; and Mrs. Frances Williams.

Liverpool Club Notes

The twelfth Annual General Meeting of the Club took place on April 16th, in the presence of a good number of members.

Mr. Frank Brooks was re-elected as Chairman again for the coming year, as also was Mr. J. Blakeley as Treasurer.

Violet Formstone continues as Secretary, and Mr. Jimmy Owen was elected Vice-Chairman. Mr. John Davies was asked to serve on the Committee and accepted.

A good welcome awaits any St. Dunstaner who would like to come along and join us at Derby House, Lece Street, on Club days.

V. FORMSTONE.

Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

In today's *Daily Express* there is a report of an action brought by a blind man who fell into a hole in the pavement which had been excavated by a Gas Board. As a result of the fall he is now also deaf. The court dismissed his claim for damages on the ground that the hole was adequately guarded as far as sighted people are concerned.

A year ago I had a similar experience, fortunately without such serious consequences. Both could have been avoided by a simple trestle across the pavement a short distance from the hole. As there are many people in this country who are either blind or with defective sight, is it not high time there was legislation compelling such safeguards? We do have to pay the same rates and taxes as sighted people, and there are many of us who walk alone.

Of the many sonic devices in development at the moment, do any of them indicate approach to a void? Obstructions can be found with a stick, a void can't.

But to return to the main reason for this letter. Why is the safety of blind pedestrians considered unnecessary as opposed to that of the sighted pedestrian?

Yours sincerely,

R. C. POINTON, *Bexhill-on-Sea.*

DEAR EDITOR,

I noticed recently that certain indentations on some cigarette packets helped me in finding out which was the top or bottom.

This has set me thinking that there might be many useful tips which St. Dunstaners may have picked up, such as finding the top of a match box or the difference between a £5 and a £1 note.

Perhaps through the REVIEW St. Dunstaners will pass on such tips which could be very useful to others.

Yours sincerely,

G. WATERWORTH, *Coventry.*

Great-Grandfather

E. Read, of Portchester.

Grandfathers

J. Irvine, of Glasgow; F. W. Bell, of Porthcawl; B. R. Cole, of Tiverton; G. Moore, of Blackpool, a grandson on February 28th, but we are sad to say that a little grand-daughter born on March 28th only survived for four days.

The Deaf Reunion

Once again the deaf men of St. Dunstan's have had their Reunion. There are only six left now—three from the First War and three from the Second War. One man, Joe Jordan, was in the Boer War too and is still going strong.

We started off with dinner with our new Matron and her staff. Unfortunately, Commandant Fawcett was away. Matron Blackford soon had us chatting on our hands. She has picked up our signs very quickly. It was a lovely dinner, well cooked and well served.

On Friday we went up to London and had lunch with Lady Fraser, Miss Midgley and Miss Rogers at the Grosvenor Hotel, then we were off to see why Guinness is good for you (but most of us knew already). We had a grand tour around and missed nothing and we sampled it before we left. We were due to go back at 6 p.m. and Miss Carlton and Mrs. Macdonald soon had us moving. At night it was Bingo, but no luck for us. On Saturday afternoon we went sailing, Miss White being our pilot. We had tea on the beach then back for supper and dominoes, which Cliff won. On Sunday afternoon we went to Pearson House and had tea with Matron Avison and the Sick Ward staff (the best cup of tea in Brighton). We met George and were very sorry he could not be with us all the time, but we understood.

I was very pleased to find so many of the hearing men coming to speak to us. It is a great help.

On Monday we had to fire our course and under Jack Jarrold we were safe. We were trying out the new idea for deaf men—a little vibrator in the hand. I don't know if Jack gave me some start because I won and Jack was on duty next day.

Our final dinner was held at Stroods with our escorts. We really enjoyed it. Wally Thomas presented Mrs. Ramshaw with a gift from the deaf. She was very happy about it.

We had a wonderful Reunion, thanks to Matron Blackford, Miss Carlton and Mrs. Macdonald.

The best of luck to all of our deaf men, looking forward to seeing you all again.

BILLY BELL.

Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. F. Whyte, of Gainsborough, April 25th. Congratulations.

From All Quarters

E. M. Goundrill, of Keyingham, Yorkshire, has been elected President of his local branch of the British Legion.

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Dickie Richardson and Jimmy Wright are among the "guinea pigs" mentioned in a book that has just been published—"The Guinea Pig Club," by Edward Bishop (Macmillan, 21s.).

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A cheery letter from J. S. Martin, of Durban, Natal, who hopes to be coming to England soon to visit all his friends here. His eldest daughter is now married.

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H. Cooke, of Birmingham, and his wife have won First Prize for their front garden, the prize being donated by the Birmingham Estates Department. Their garden was massed with red and yellow tulips, daffodils and narcissi, with a rockery filled with crocuses and aubretia.

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At Farnborough Show P. A. P. Webberley took a Silver Cup for onions in the Novices Section. Mr. Webberley hopes to show again this year.

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Ray Charles, the American jazz singer who came to this country this month, has been called by Sammy Davis, junior, "the most exciting artist in a decade." Ray Charles is a 32 year old negro who lost his sight when he was six years old. He learned braille and music in a blind school in Florida.

Heard and Seen

On Tuesday morning, April 30th, Dickie Richardson and Wally Thomas took part in the B.B.C. Home Service programme, "Today," when a recording of rifle shooting on the range at Ovingdean was included.

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Wally was to have featured in the "People Today" programme on May 10th, as announced in last month's REVIEW, but this was cancelled by the B.B.C. Instead Wally was interviewed by Leigh Crutchley in the same programme on Sunday night, May 26th, too late, unfortunately, for us to let his St. Dunstan's friends know.

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A programme on Charities was put out by Independent Television on May 13th when Lord Fraser spoke about St. Dunstan's and shots of our Ovingdean Home were shown.

Demonstration Darts Team

The St. Dunstan's Darts Team consisting of D. Parmenter (captain), R. Brett, W. Chapman (all from Brighton) and J. Dix, of High Wycombe, visited Worcester on May 1st to play against the City of Worcester team. The matches, which were held at the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, were against a team of men and a team of ladies, a Challenge Cup being at stake for both events.

The men's team beat our team by two straight games of 501 so the Worcester men's team retained the Cup. Our team beat the ladies' team by two straight games so our team holds the Cup for 1963.

The winning shot for our team was made by W. Chapman, who finished on a five after quite a number of attempts had been made by the other members of the team. The second winning shot was made by Dickie Brett. The previous player to Dickie needed 60 to win but he only scored 30. This left 30 for Dickie to score and win the game plus the Challenge Cup. Dickie's first dart landed in the double nine, leaving twelve to score. His second dart landed just outside the nine. He was then instructed to throw straight away at the same mark and much to everyone's delight landed in the twelve, the required number.

The ladies' team was well on our heels at the finish of each game; in the second game they only wanted double 16.

A grand evening was enjoyed by all those present. The event was arranged by C. Durkin, who lives at Worcester, assisted by a wonderful Committee.

J.J.

Mr. Ernest Stanford, C.B.E.

Mr. Ernest Stanford, who was St. Dunstan's outstanding Appeals Organiser from the outbreak of war in 1939 until December, 1957, and retired in 1958, has been doubly honoured.

Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to sanction his admittance as a Serving Brother of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem for his work in connection with the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

He has also been awarded the Silver Acorn for distinguished services to Scouting. He has been a keen and active member and Officer of the movement since 1908.

The Onlooker

I sat alone with my thoughts in the Winter Garden, thinking of the past when a voice brought me back to the present and, at the same time, further to the past. It was the Onlooker who used to watch our activities in the old West House from the tapestry in the Quiet Lounge—which was anything but, in those days.

"I have never ceased to keep a vigil on you all since the first time you occupied the place," he said, "and I have seen many changes and many new faces. The new ones from the last holocaust, young and energetic and full of ambition, with a somewhat different outlook to you of yesterday. There seemed at first a firm line of demarcation between them and you, but of late this has become very much fainter. I have heard at times in the past when you older ones have bumped into a bunch of the youngsters and they have asked who you were, and the reply when told, 'Smith of the First World War,' just a plain unconcerned, 'Oh! but now it is a bit different.' It is, of course, slightly understandable in one way as there is so much more to attract them forty years later, although as a whole they cannot get together with you in all the activities that you have maintained all these years, particularly in bridge. I am happy, however, to see that quite a number have answered your leader's appeal to join the instruction classes some of your kind outside friends are so generously arranging.

"Your thoughts were on your departed friends, weren't they? I have watched them at the work and play. Joe, the patient and industrious one with his hesitant braille pupils and his mellow singing voice which gave so much pleasure to many. And there was also Jock or 'Johnny,' the philosophical and uncomplaining one, with never a grouse about his unenviable physical condition. And Freddy, the imperturbable, the one who let the world revolve around him instead of the reverse, the quiet, the peaceful one, the poker face at cards. Yes, they are gone from you but are with me, and together we will watch your comings and goings, your joys and sorrows, the progress of both young and old, the betterment of the young, the eventide of the old, and I shall continue to watch as I have done since the old days, when Ray, the cynic, and

Tommy, the stiff-legged one, and Terry, the Canadian who longed for world government, and you who with many others discussed much on philosophical and other lines with cries and poignant comment from Bill, the redheaded one.

"Farewell, my friend, and I wish you all well."

E. SLAUGHTER.

Presentation

A. F. Cooke, of Allensmore, Hereford, has been in the employ of British Bakeries, Ltd., in various capacities since 1937 (he is now employed at Burton's Bakery, Hereford). On March 7th there was a presentation ceremony for members of the company with long and distinguished service and our St. Dunstaner was among them. In appreciation of his twenty-six years with the company, he was presented with a silver braille wristlet watch, a silver cigarette case, and a scroll signed personally by Lord Rank, head of the organisation. The actual presentation was made at the Albany Hotel, Birmingham, by Mr. L. C. Gayer, Midland Regional Director, and it subsequently transpired that Mr. Gayer and Mr. Cooke served in Naples during the war in neighbouring army units of the L.A.A.; in fact, they must have used each other's services, our St. Dunstaner being in the Gun Operations Room.

Family News

John Palfrey, Osterley, has gained Honours in Grade III (Ballet) from the British Association of Teachers of Dancing.

J. C. Howe's grand-daughter won the Great Britain Junior Roller Figure Skating Championship and not the Ice Skating Championship as we thought.

Elizabeth Theobald, Ipswich, won the School Cup for Fencing last term and has been chosen to represent her School at the British Schoolgirl Fencing Competition to be held at Wellington Barracks.

Marriages of Sons and Daughters

Lily Dennison, York, on March 28th, to J. W. Worsick, at the Catholic Church, York.

Terence Mills, Tavistock, on May 9th, to Miss Prudence Wills.

On March 30th, Joan Trevelion, daughter of our late St. Dunstaner, L. Trevelion, of Eastbourne, to Alan Bartlam, of Birmingham.

On the Pleasures of Postal Chess

by H. H. COHN,

Hon. Secretary, Braille Chess Association

It would be pointless and unrewarding to compile a priority list of games most suitable for the blind, we all have our own favourites. But nearly all games by their very nature require the presence of one or more persons; this is not always easy to arrange, but I would like to present to you in this article a pastime which, though a game, is free from the necessity of "finding someone to play with." For, though over-the-board chess requires the physical presence of your opponent on the opposite side of the board, chess by correspondence does not, and can be, and is in fact, played with an invisible and unknown opponent anywhere on God's earth. Indeed it has been suggested that the first astronaut to land on the moon should be equipped with a knowledge of chess and a board and pieces, and should include among his messages chess moves to one of his terrestrial pals to help him while away the long hours of lunar solitude (should he be a Russian, this would seem almost self-evident).

The basic requirements for pursuing this absorbing hobby are a Braille chess board and set of pieces and a pamphlet, "First Steps in Chess"—all obtainable from the R.N.I.B. This pamphlet will also teach you how to write your chess moves in Braille; when you are ready to be launched into the postal chess world you need a Braille writer—an upward writer is the most convenient, but a pocket frame is quite adequate—and a liberal supply of strong Braille paper, window envelopes and halfpenny stamps (these can now be bought in £1 rolls which are much more convenient to handle than sheets). By using window envelopes you can accomplish the otherwise tedious operation of addressing your moves by a single operation: you simply enclose a postcard with your address on one side and your opponent's on the other which you turn over before posting your next move. You can get double value for your postage by playing two games at once—one with either colour—clearly marked A and B on the move card. Be sure always to repeat your opponent's last move before writing

your next in any game because that is the only check he has that he has written, and you have read, his move correctly. According to the time limit rule governing correspondence chess you must post your move within 48 hours of receiving your opponent's (Sundays and Bank Holidays excluded) which should give you time enough to consider your reply. Under this rule provision is also made for adjournments on account of holidays. If you are a tidy person and have enough room at your disposal you can keep your opponent's cards in move order as a record while the game is in progress, but it would be safer to keep a separate Braille record, especially as the number of games you are playing against different people at one and the same time may grow as you get into the swing. It is nothing for members of the Braille Chess Association to have two dozen games running simultaneously.

It is about this Association that I want to devote the rest of this article because in it you will find your natural habit as a postal chess player. It was founded in 1931 by E. A. H. Eaton who was also largely instrumental, together with Merrick, the inventor of our Braille chess sets, and the writer of the pamphlet mentioned above, in starting the Braille Chess magazine published quarterly by the R.N.I.B. At its inception the Association had 13 members, now it has 60 and has steadily increased its numbers and range of activities which I will now briefly enumerate.

Handicap Tournament. This, as the name implies, is open to all players, from the very strongest to the complete novices; it is this tournament which provides our weaker members with the opportunity of developing their play without feeling in any way overawed by the experts. In this competition all players are graded into one of three classes according to strength, with a differential points system awarded for wins against players in the same class or above or below as the case may be. Each year there are prizes for first and second and as scores accumulate there is a chance for everyone to get to the top of the table. There is also promotion and relegation from class to class worked out by a scientific system operated by two of our members who, among others, help to run the Association.

Championship. This is held every two years and is open to the 36 strongest players decided by a selection committee. It is a knock-out competition, the eventual winner having his name inscribed in the Tylor Shield—a trophy presented to the Association by Mr. T. H. Tylor, present Chairman of the R.N.I.B., and himself a chess master of international reputation.

Minor Tourney. This is also held every two years, alternating with the championship and is reserved for those excluded from the championship with a prize for the winner.

Swiss Tourney. This is a competition open to all members lasting eight rounds. In each subsequent round (after the first) players are matched so that winner plays winner, loser plays loser, etc. The eventual winner is the player with the highest number of points.

Matches. These form a very important part of our activities since they make our existence known to the outside chess world. There are matches against teams of sighted players. We run a team of eight in the British Correspondence Chess League, the strongest competition of this kind in the country; this team achieved promotion from the second to the first division in its first year of competing. There are also matches against County teams and other organisations for postal chess. This side of our activities needs sighted help in reading and writing the moves on a score sheet, but the writing of chess moves can be mastered by anyone not familiar with the game itself. There are also matches against teams of blind players abroad. At present we have running matches against the U.S.S.R. on 15 boards and against West Germany on 35 boards.

Competitions. These are held every year and are designed to stimulate our members to ever greater heights of skill. There is a brilliancy competition as well as best-played-game competition held in two classes, all with prizes.

I hope that you have read enough to realise what a fascinating hobby postal chess can be, and that our association provides fertile soil for all of you who wish to plumb the almost inexhaustible depths of enjoyment and instruction offered by this form of leisure.

(A number of St. Dunstaners are already members of the Braille Chess Association, the annual subscription for which is 3s. 0d., and Mr. Cohn adds that he will be very glad to give further information to any other St. Dunstaners who may be interested. His address is: H. M. Cohn, 128 Walm Lane, London, N.W.2.—ED.)

In the Can!

I don't suppose I am the only St. Dunstaner without a sense of smell and although it can be a great handicap, it can also cause some amusing situations.

For example, I once opened a tin of peas, put them in a fruit dish and placed the dish and contents on the tea table thinking I had opened a tin of fruit.

But my "latest" was my "greatest." On Saturdays, daughter Pat and myself have a make-shift lunch and on this particular day we were having tinned steak-and-kidney puddings, which had to be in boiling water for 35 minutes with the lids removed but covered with a saucer. The first pudding I gave to Pat—a lovely piping-hot pudding, running with gravy, and I licked my lips in anticipation. But my pudding came out of the tin with a splosh, and on my plate was a mound of thick, whitish substance, not at all appetising. After howls of laughter, it turned out I had boiled a tin of thick cream, which was the same size as the other tin. Apart from my having to go hungry for another half-hour or so, we found the cream was still eatable after it had cooled.

MARGARET STANWAY.

Alec Templeton

One of the most outstanding blind musicians in the world died last month and the early age of 52. He was Alec Templeton, who was born in Cardiff in 1910, was educated at Worcester College for the Blind and made his concert debut at the Aeolian Hall in London. Jack Hylton introduced him to American audiences and in 1941 he became an American citizen.

Marriage

DONBAVAND—WILCOX.—On April 20th, J. Donbavand, recently of Ovingdean, to Mrs. F. Wilcox. Mr. and Mrs. Donbavand will live at Swindon.

Freddy Winter

W. T. Scott writes:

"Fred Winter, unmarried, was the youngest of thirteen children. He was already working as a masseur at a military hospital when I met him for the first time at the College Annexe in Regent's Park in January, 1919. His fortitude has been an inspiration to me ever since. His life personified our Chairman's book, 'The Story of St. Dunstan's,' and indeed, a book could be written about Freddy Winter and how he challenged the handicap of blindness. I was happy to share my residue of sight with him. Keen and thoughtful and independent, he had a very full life. We used to visit the Old Vic together. It was he and Jumbo Toft, with Mrs. Delves Broughton, who taught me to play bridge as long ago as 1920. A great sportsman, he could put the shot and throw a cricket ball as well as any who attended our sports in the park on Tuesday evenings. He was a good camper and loved a cricket match and would read into the description given to him more detail than the average on-looker would ever observe.

"Just one story about him. When in digs he told me how he was in the habit of enjoying an apple before breakfast. One morning he dropped the apple. He said to me, 'I could not find it. Where do you think it was, I got down and spread myself out on the floor. I went over every square inch of the room. It was just inside the leg of the bed.' This, from a fellow who could have snapped up a ball in the slips with the greatest enjoyment.

"Good old Freddy, thank you for all you have done for me."

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Paul Nuyens writes:

"Freddy (Monsieur Hiver, as I christened him in the early days) was one of the first I met when I came to St. Dunstan's in 1921. Our association after our training was to continue until the middle thirties, as we stayed at the same diggings. After this we used to meet almost every week at the sports or reunions. When eventually bridge developed into our main recreation, he became a member of our bridge team in the London Business Houses League, contributing with his skill and knowledge to achieve our present standing amongst the sighted teams. He was a great sports-

man and keenly interested in all that was going on. As he became older he developed that slow and easy way so peculiar to him. Although totally blind and yet independent, he never refused the offer of a friendly helping hand. Travelling mostly alone, 'Good Old Faithful' used to turn up at the most unexpected times. Never to be hurried, never to be angry or ruffled, always seemingly content, he never showed exterior emotion and yet inwardly nothing escaped him as he so often proved by his little kindnesses to his friends. In the little churchyard at Penshurst, under the apple trees, in that lovely Kentish country which he had known and cherished since his childhood, he now rests in peace, while we, his friends, will always remember him in our thoughts."

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Sid Tarry writes:

"Freddy Winter's passing has left behind a crowd of sorrowing friends. Freddy over many years had endeared himself to many; for honesty, courage and determination he had no superior. I speak for dozens of others when I say, 'Carry on, Freddy. We shall be at all times and in all ways thinking of you.'"

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Mr. J. Sherratt

St. Dunstaners and members of the staff will hear with the deepest regret of the death on May 3rd, of Mr. James Sherratt, Basket Instructor from February, 1919, until his retirement at the end of 1955. Mr. Sherratt had been very ill for two weeks prior to his death.

During the long time he was with us, Mr. Sherratt had made very many friends both amongst his basket-makers and among the members of the staff, and all will grieve at his passing.

Deaths

Our deep sympathy is sent to the following:—

GADD.—To A. W. Gadd, of Hastings, whose son by a previous marriage, George Robert Gadd, died on April 11th.

GLASSPOOL.—To C. A. Glasspool, of London, S.W., whose wife died in hospital on April 24th after a long illness.

PARKER.—To C. D. Parker, of Grantham, in the loss of a brother who died on April 27th.

Derby Sweepstake

The Draw for the Derby Sweepstake took place at the London Club on the evening of Thursday, May 23rd. Publication of the printed REVIEW has been held up to include the result of the Draw, which is given below.

All those drawing horses have also been notified by post.

	<i>Ticket No.</i>
African Drum	
S. J. JORDAN, Luston, nr. Leominster	2469
Caravaggio	
F. WARD, Northampton	1461
Coliseum	
H. SCAIFE, York	2209
Coffre Fort	
E. SQUIRES, Ringwood	2494
Corpora	
UNA GREENWOOD, Manchester	2977
Count Albany	
C. J. STAFFORD, King's Langley	1484
Credo	
G. FISK, Clacton-on-Sea	1162
Deep Gulf	
E. F. LEWIS, Mitcham	355
Doudance	
C. LUKER, Hampton	1100
Duplation	
J. C. DUNKLEY, Blackpool	126
Fair Decision	
W. C. BRUGGEMEYER, London, S.E.24	2051
Fern	
S. K. JEROME, Cookham	214
Fighting Ship	
J. C. DOUGHTY, Great Yarmouth	922
Final Move	
A. MORGAN, York	823
Guenbri	
D. J. GRIFFITHS, Llechryd	1720
Hanassi	
H. SIMPSON, Ovingdean	3022
Happy Omen	
E. FLYNN, Merstham	1621
Hullabaloo	
A. G. RELF, Tunbridge Wells	2916
Hyacinthe	
B. INGREY, Rottingdean	685
Iron Peg	
G. WATERWORTH, Coventry	411
Merchant Venturer	
W. J. ROSE, Pearson House	458
Neverlone	
G. H. AUSTWICK, Coventry	1209
Nil Desperandum III	
E. F. LEWIS, Mitcham	360

Paper Boy	
H. HOWARD, Portslade	311
Partholon	
S. J. LETCH, Hatfield Peverel	2465
Portofino	
A. J. RADFORD, Castle Cary	2627
Prado	
J. GRIFFITHS, Woodingdean, Brighton	159
Ragusa	
J. JONES, Ovingdean	573
Relko	
J. TRIGGS, Ashford	1225
Singer	
F. PALFREY, Isleworth	2808
Tarqogan	
B. A. JOSEY, Windsor	2514
The Bo'sun	
A. C. COOK, Nottingham	1281
The Willies	
G. B. WOOD, Northampton	2076
Tudor Gay	
C. COOPER, Worthing	899
Vakil Ul Muik	
H. NELSON, Bakewell	844
The Field	
F. W. SETTERFIELD, Slough	178

The Draw was made by Messrs. R. Bickley and C. Luker.

Miss Margaret Gray

Older St. Dunstaners will hear with deep regret of the death of Miss Margaret Gray, a V.A.D. for many years at Cornwall Terrace and later at St. John's Lodge. Miss Gray was found dead at her London flat on April 6th, after friends became alarmed when she did not answer. It is thought that she died on April 4th.

Miss A. C. Monro

We have heard with deep regret of the death of Miss A. C. Monro. For seventeen years, Miss Monro, who taught at St. Dunstan's Music Department, was the accompanist for the St. Dunstan's Singers and it was her great sense of rhythm and magnificent playing which contributed so much to their success. Miss Monro was in her 98th year and her friends will be glad to know that she was confined to her bed for only two days and that she passed peacefully away, without fear or pain.

Mrs. Hodson, from whom we heard the sad news, tells us that at the age of 91, Miss Monro went to a reunion of the St. Dunstan's Singers held at Mrs. Hodson's home and played for them their old part-songs, mostly from memory.

"In Memory"

Private William Owen Bithell, 1/4th Cheshire Regiment

It is with deep regret that we record the death in hospital on May 4th of W. O. Bithell, of Chester. He was 64.

He served with the 1/4th Cheshire Regiment from 1917 until 1919. He was the victim of a mustard gas attack and he was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1937 when on account of his very poor health, he was not able to take up any occupation. He was never robust but he was only taken seriously ill at the beginning of this year. Our St. Dunstaner was a Freeman of the City of Chester.

To Mrs. Bithell and her daughter, Nora, we send an expression of very sincere sympathy.

Private Wilfred Arthur Burtenshaw, Royal Army Medical Corps

With deep regret we record the death of W. A. Burtenshaw, of Wimborne, Dorset. He was 66.

He enlisted in January, 1918, and was discharged from the Army in February, 1920, coming to St. Dunstan's the following year. He trained in basket-making and poultry-keeping and continued with both these occupations for most of his life. Up to the time of his death he was making various types of baskets, specialising in linen baskets and fancy baskets for exhibitions. He died suddenly in the evening of April 23rd.

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

Private James Fleming, 3rd Coldstream Guards

The deeply regretted death of J. (Tiny) Fleming, of Sudbury, Middlesex, briefly reported in last month's REVIEW, occurred on April 23rd, a week after his 66th birthday.

"Tiny" enlisted in July, 1915, and came to St. Dunstan's in January, 1917, upon his discharge from the Army. He trained as a telephonist and after working with a number of firms, he joined Shell-Mex, retiring from there in January, 1961.

A prominent member of the London Club—he was a member of the Indoor Activities Committee when the Club began in 1948, and took office a number of times afterwards—"Tiny" was also a keen bridge player. He was well-known at Ovingdean which he had visited frequently. He had been suffering from bronchial trouble and was admitted to hospital, but he died there a week later.

At the Cremation at Golders Green on April 26th, were his St. Dunstaner friends, Messrs. G. P. (Jock) Brown and Terry Roden, with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Willis and Mr. Jack Armstrong. There were also two representatives from Shell-Mex, Ltd.

Our deep sympathy goes to Mrs. Fleming and her married daughter.

Private Charles Ernest Hutchings, King's Regiment

We have to record with deep regret the death of C. E. Hutchings, of Sutton, Surrey, at the age of 70.

An old soldier—he had enlisted in May, 1908—he served throughout the First War but did not come to St. Dunstan's until July, 1954, when his age ruled out any general training. His wife was already ill when our St. Dunstaner joined us and she died in 1957. He lived with his youngest son until his marriage. He had, meanwhile, taken up full time joinery work.

Our sympathy is sent to all the members of his family.

Private Ethelbert Walter Jarman, 29th Middlesex Regiment

We have to record with deep regret the death in hospital on April 30th of E. W. Jarman, of Llandudno. He was aged 77 years.

He served with his regiment from 1914 until 1917 and came to St. Dunstan's the following year, being trained as a physiotherapist and he followed his profession until quite recently, when ill-health compelled him to give it up. He had, however, only been gravely ill since his admittance to hospital a week before his death.

We send an expression of deep sympathy to his wife and family.

Private Ernest James, 1/5th King's Own Royal Lancashire Regiment

We have to record with deep regret the death in hospital on April 18th, of Ernest James, of Darlington. He was 68.

He served from 1914 until 1917, being wounded at Ypres. He came to St. Dunstan's in that same year, being trained as a boot repairer and mat-maker. He gave up boot repairing after a short time, concentrating on mat-making, and this he continued until 1961. In March of this year he had a serious accident, being badly burned, and from this he did not recover.

To all his relatives we send our sincere sympathy.

Driver James Maloney, Royal Field Artillery

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death on April 15th of J. Maloney, of Doon, Co. Limerick, Eire. He was 65.

He served with the R.F.A. from 1916 until 1920 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1944, when his vision had begun to deteriorate.

He trained to make mats and string bags but due to poor health, he was not able to carry on these occupations for very long. Although he had not been at all well recently, his death, nevertheless, was sudden and unexpected.

Our deep sympathy is sent to his widow and family.

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"In Memory"—continued

Private Charles William Matthews, *Royal Army Service Corps*

We have to record with deep regret the death of C. W. Matthews, of Maidenhead. He was 67. Enlisting on November 5th, 1914, he was blinded in 1915 and came to St. Dunstan's in May of that year. He trained as a bootmaker and mat-maker and continued with boots for many years, but gave them up when in 1946 Mrs. Matthews' sight became affected. He changed then to wool rugs and string bags as hobbies; he was also a very keen gardener. During the past few years his health had shown some signs of strain, but it was not until April that he was taken into hospital where he died on May 6th.

Our deep sympathy is sent to Mrs. Matthews and to her daughter-in-law, the widow of Mr. and Mrs. Matthews' only son who died six years ago. She has been like a daughter to them both.

Private William Millward, *Norfolk Regiment*

With deep regret we record the death of W. Millward, of Wooburn Green, Buckinghamshire. He was within a few weeks of his 66th birthday.

Enlisting in September, 1914, he received his discharge in December, 1919, coming to St. Dunstan's in November, 1928. He trained as a mat-maker and continued his craft almost up to the time of his death. He was also a very keen gardener and his garden was kept superbly. He was taken ill and admitted to Stoke Mandeville Hospital where he died almost immediately, on April 30th.

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

Private Percy W. Richardson, *2/4th City of London Regiment*

We record with deep regret the death at Pearson House, on April 23rd, of Percy W. Richardson, at the age of 68.

His war service was from 1914 until 1916 when he was wounded at Cape Hellas, and he came to St. Dunstan's the same year. He trained as a physiotherapist and followed his profession for a considerable number of years. He was a bachelor and lived until recently with a married brother at St. Alban's.

To all his relatives we send an expression of our sincere sympathy.

Private William Martin Sherwood, *Royal Army Service Corps*

We have to record with deep regret the death at his home on May 6th, of W. M. Sherwood, of Trimley St. Mary, near Ipswich. He was 54.

A St. Dunstan's of the Second War, he served from 1940 until 1944 and was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1952, when he trained as a joiner and made excellent goods for our stores. Although not in robust health, his death was, nevertheless, sudden and unexpected.

We send an expression of deep sympathy to his widow and the members of his family.

Private Frederick Winter, *18th King's Royal Rifles*

As announced in last month's REVIEW, Freddy Winter, of Ovingdean, died very suddenly on April 18th. The news will have come as a great shock to his many friends, for Freddy was one of St. Dunstan's greatest and most popular characters—quiet, gentle, and soft of voice, but with immense strength of mind and purpose.

He joined the Army in July, 1915, and came to St. Dunstan's in February, 1917, when he trained as a masseur. For very many years he had been a physiotherapist with British Drug Houses in London, where again his independence, in spite of his total blindness, brought him the affection of his colleagues on the staff.

He had been at work on the day he died, but instead of returning to Ovingdean as he usually did, he went to Tonbridge to spend a few days with his nephew and his wife. He had had supper and was sitting in the little country inn a few yards from the place where he was born when he collapsed and died immediately.

A founder-member of the London Bridge Club and a member for many years of the successful London Business Houses team, Freddy was equally well known at Ovingdean among the bridge players.

The funeral took place at the lovely little church at Peshurst. There were present his friends of the Bridge Club—Messrs. H. Gover, P. Nuyens, Terry Roden, W. T. Scott, with Mr. Jack Armstrong and Mrs. Gover; Mr. and Mrs. P. Ashton, from Balcombe; Mr. H. McLeod Steel, from Woodford Green; the Rev. and Mrs. F. Spurway; Mr. Colin Rogers, representing Broadhurst Gardens; Mrs. Macdonald, representing the Commandant and Matron at Ovingdean, who was with the following party from our Home: Messrs. C. Kelk, Frank Davies, R. Giffard, A. Hodgman, T. North, Alf Smith, Frank Rhodes and A. Woollen, with Mrs. Rhodes and Mrs. Woollen. Dr. Roy, Medical Officer at British Drug Houses, with Mrs. Roy, Mr. H. Causer, Personnel Manager, and Mr. Jack Watt, one of Freddy's colleagues there, were also present.

Freddy was a single man and to his nearest relatives, his two sisters and his nephews and nieces, our deep sympathy is sent.

Corporal Harry Wordsworth, *Lincoln Regiment*

We have to record with deep regret the death at his home, on May 6th, of Harry Wordsworth, of Gainsborough. He was aged 71 years.

He served in the First World War from 1914 until 1919, being wounded at Loos. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1930 and trained as a boot repairer but gave this up a few years later. He had been in indifferent health for some time although his death was sudden and unexpected. His eldest daughter was called urgently from the United States and was able to see her father before he died.

To Mrs. Wordsworth and her family we send our sincere sympathy.