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## SPORTS WEEK-END 1965

For Golden Jubilee Year, Brighton produced some golden weather for the Sports Week-end. The plans of the Commandant and his staff went so well that we felt they must have organised the Meteorological Office as well, to add a final ingredient to this very successful sporting occasion.

This year a Trophy was awarded to the Sports Weekend Champion, the individual who was most successful in the whole competition. Points were awarded for each event, and the Champion is Freddy Barratt, who scored 12 points.

About 30 St. Dunstaners competed in the varied programme, which covered field events, track walking, ten pin bowling, rifle shooting, and the Braille Car Rally, organised by the Brighton and District Group of the Institute of Advanced Motorists. It also took competitors into the water at Brighton College for swimming, and on to the water at Newhaven for fishing.

Full results appear elsewhere in the *Review*.

### COVER PICTURE:

**Sportsman of the Year—Freddy Barratt of West Ham with the Trophy presented to him by Commandant Fawcett, as Sports Weekend Champion, 1965.**



At Newhaven, Mike Tetley displays part of 17½ lbs. catch landed by seven St. Dunstaners competing in the Fishing Competition.



(Photo—Brighton Gazette)

St. Dunstaners with their escorts at the start of the three mile walk at Hove Stadium. In the picture can be seen (left to right) Jimmy Wright, Ernest Cookson, Jerry Lynch, Charles Stafford, Bob Young and Jack Fulling

### CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

## CANADIAN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Lady Fraser and I have just returned from a visit to Vancouver to attend our Canadian St. Dunstaners' Grand Reunion in celebration of our 50th birthday. This is the last of our reunions that will fall in this year, although there are still two to come, namely New Zealand and Australia; which will take place early in 1967 and to which I hope to go.

We estimate that 75 per cent of St. Dunstaners attended the reunions in the United Kingdom, whereas only about 53 per cent are able to come to our normal gatherings; there will always be some who are ill, or too old, or unfit to travel, and I think the turnout for the jubilee reunions was very satisfactory indeed.

Sir Neville Pearson and I each went to all but one and other members of the Council joined us at many of them. I thought they were a great success.

The Canadians do not have regular annual reunions but a gathering once every eight or ten years, and the meeting I have just been to in Vancouver was a splendid affair. Considering that the distances for most of the men to any one centre in Canada are, perhaps, ten times greater than those in the United Kingdom, it was a remarkable turnout from all parts of that enormous country, and it reflects the greatest possible credit upon Fred Woodcock, the principal organiser, and upon John Doucet, President of the Sir Arthur Pearson Association for the War Blinded, and Judge F. G. J. McDonagh, President of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and their associates.

There is no St. Dunstan's as such in Canada, but the 300 St. Dunstaners are banded together in the Sir Arthur Pearson Association for the War Blinded (A.P.A.) which operates under the auspices of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (C.N.I.B.) so that taken together these organisations may be said to act for blinded ex-servicemen in Canada as St. Dunstan's does here for our own men.

A substantial proportion of the First War Canadians and a lesser proportion of the Second War men came to St. Dunstan's in Regents Park or Church Stretton, and I met many old friends, including in particular a few of the very first St. Dunstaners, namely, E. A. Baker, M. C. Robinson, W. Dies and Harris Turner.

I had the honour, on behalf of the party, of planting a maple tree in the garden of the Lieutenant-Governor, Major General the Hon. George Pearkes, V.C., D.S.O., M.C., an unusual and interesting event.

I was guest speaker at their banquet, and I naturally referred with pride to the fact that it was E. A. Baker and the late A. G. Viets and Harvey Lynes who, returning to Toronto from St. Dunstan's, took the spirit and the message there and inspired the starting of the A.P.A. and the C.N.I.B. The C.N.I.B. now covers the whole of Canada and provides a service second to none for all the blind.

It was particularly gratifying to hear from the lips of a number of men I met—some who had been to St. Dunstan's and some who had not—that, to use their own words, "There is something about a St. Dunstaner which distinguishes him." Without vain-glory, I think this is true and it was certainly generally recognised by the Canadians; and I repeated and emphasised an invitation, which is a long standing one, to any of them to come over to St. Dunstan's, provided they are fit to benefit from the visit and their journey is sponsored by their own organisation. I said, "Any one of you will be welcome to St. Dunstan's for a period of training, or re-training or merely for a courtesy visit, entirely as our guests while you are in the United Kingdom."

In their lives St. Dunstaners in Canada follow much the same pattern as elsewhere, and there is a wonderful spirit of comradeship and friendly feeling amongst them.

I took greetings to them from St. Dunstaners in the Old Country and they warmly reciprocated these.

Lady Fraser was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by Mrs. Ogilvy and her Committee to meet St. Dunstaners' wives, and she was presented with a beautiful silver dog-wood brooch.



### PACIFIC SALMON

After the reunion in Vancouver, I took a weekend off to fish for Pacific salmon at a place called the Campbell River on Vancouver Island. My wife and I fished for about 10 hours, spread over three days, and killed ten fish including a 31½ pounder and three others over 20 lbs. The Pacific salmon is not the same fish or even the same species—though he does belong to the same family as the Atlantic salmon which is found on the east coast of Canada, in the Arctic, in the British Isles, Iceland, Norway and other parts of Europe, but he is very similar and a splendid creature. Normally one fishes for him from a boat, and you catch him in the sea and not in the river.

### SILK FLAG FOR OvingDEAN

I not only brought back warm-hearted messages but also the first replica of the silk flag given to A.P.A. by Sir Arthur himself, nearly fifty years ago. This is a flag for indoor use, and we will put it in a place of honour at Ovingdean.

### THANKS TO BRITISH RAIL

I have always thought that blind people should be as mobile as possible if they are to attain a good measure of happiness in life and avoid a feeling of frustration. St. Dunstan's has, therefore, helped in the mobility problems by making it easy for St. Dunstaners to obtain Guide Dogs where it is advisable and should they want them. We also advise about daily travel to and from work, and now are sponsoring for the second time the production of a guidance aid. Many St. Dunstaners are extremely independent in their travels, relying on their hearing, a good sense of direction and usually some knowledge of the district in which they are travelling, plus an intelligent use of a stick or dog, whilst others are more dependent on sighted assistance. From time to time, however, we all rely on officials of transportation systems or the casual passer-by. In particular reports come to me of the very helpful attitude of the officials of British Rail who have helped St. Dunstaners in ways quite outside their ordinary run of duty. I think readers would like to know that this help has been noted and appreciated, and I give below the text of a letter which I wrote and which was published in the *Daily Telegraph* and railway papers.

25th June, 1965

SIR—In St. Dunstan's Fiftieth Anniversary Year I would like to pay tribute to the staff of British Rail for the consideration our war-blinded men and women receive when they are travelling. Over the years it has always been the policy of our organisation to encourage St. Dunstaners to attain as high a degree of independence as possible, and the Council of St. Dunstan's is very much aware that the helpfulness of railwaymen all over the country has enabled the war-blinded confidently to undertake journeys, sometimes unaccompanied. This is particularly true of the lines to Brighton, which are much used by our people travelling to St. Dunstan's homes in the Brighton area.

I have no doubt that I am expressing the views of many hundreds of St. Dunstaners in formally and publicly thanking our friends in all ranks of British Rail.

Yours faithfully,

FRASER OF LONSDALE,

Chairman.

### COMMEMORATIVE WREATH

Whilst visiting Canada, Lord and Lady Fraser attended a service at the Cenotaph at the Legislative Buildings in Victoria, Vancouver Island, for the laying of a commemorative wreath. The wreath was held by John Doucet, Terry Mann and W. Dies for the Padre to bless before the ceremony.

### CONGRATULATIONS

We offer warm congratulations to our St. Dunstaner, Henry Petty, who was awarded the B.E.M. in the Queen's Birthday Honour's List for twenty years service as a telephonist at the Leeds Installation of Shell-Mex and B.P. Limited.

## REUNIONS

The last two special Jubilee Reunions for 1965 were held at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on the 19th June, and at the Hotel Metropole, Brighton, on 26th June. They were both unusually large affairs, with a total of about 400 people at Liverpool and 550 at Brighton.

At Liverpool, Sir Neville Pearson, Bart., President of St. Dunstan's, accompanied by Lady Pearson, was joined by Sir James Pitman, K.B.E., M.A., a member of the Council. Sir Fredrick Lister, C.B.E., a former member of the Council, was also present. Both Sir Neville and Sir James spoke at the luncheon, and Mr. Alf Abram, of Redditch, Lanes., proposed the vote of thanks on behalf of St. Dunstaners.

At Brighton, Sir Neville and Lady Pearson, Lord and Lady Fraser, Colonel M. P. Ansell, C.B.E., D.S.O., and the Rev. F. Darrell Bunt, C.B., O.B.E., M.A., represented the Council of St. Dunstan's and a vote of thanks on behalf of St. Dunstaners was proposed by Mr. S. C. Tarry, O.B.E.

We were greatly honoured by the presence of His Worship the Mayor of Brighton, Alderman Dudley Baker, and the Mayoress at tea, whilst the Chief Constable, Mr. T. W. Cavey, attended the luncheon.

Among the principal guests at Brighton were Mr. Nigel Pearson (son of Sir Neville) and Lady Frances Pearson, Mrs. E. F. Dacre, Lady Onslow, Mr. W. H. Warren and Mrs. M. G. Lillie, representing the Grocers' Association, Mr. W. G. Stephens of the Brighton and Hove Omnibus Company, and Mr. J. A. Leuvre, Stationmaster at Brighton.

These two Reunions follow the now traditional pattern set by the previous 1965 Reunions, namely the reception at which members of St. Dunstan's Council welcome the guests, the luncheon, after which there is dancing, the entertainment and tea, followed by more dancing, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

The artistes who entertained the company at Liverpool were Tex Davies as compere; June Glenn, a singer; Jackie Allen and Barbara, who play the xylo-

phone; and at Brighton, May Fisher sang for us, and Bill Pertwee acted as compere, entertaining us with impressions.

### Points from the Speeches

At Liverpool, Sir James Pitman spoke of man's ability to adjust to changing circumstances. Although in many physical attributes animals were greatly superior to man—some were stronger or could run faster, see further, hear better, etc. Nevertheless, man could outwit them mainly because with his superior brain he had developed two things—the power of communication through speech and the development of machinery. This, Sir James said, could be summarised as tongue and tools or head and hand to which must be added heart, the ability to sympathise and help others in their problems. The whole world today, he said, regarded St. Dunstan's as the greatest of all human examples of the capacity to readjust.

At Brighton, Lord Fraser reminded his listeners that our association with the Town was as old as St. Dunstan's itself, and that Pearson House has been the gift from the Brighton, Hove and District Grocers' and Provision Merchants' Association.

Lord Fraser thanked successive Mayors, Town Clerks and Chief Constables and, indeed, all officials of the twin towns of Brighton and Hove, the hotel and entertainment industry and many hundreds of volunteers for the welcome that they have always given to St. Dunstan's and to St. Dunstaners.

We feel sure that St. Dunstaners will all be most grateful to Mr. C. D. Wills, Welfare Superintendent, and to members of the Welfare Department concerned, for the excellent arrangements made which ensured the success of all the six special Reunions held this year.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**From Margaret Stanway of Morecambe**

My new dress for the Liverpool Reunion was not quite a Paris model, a Manchester one, if the truth were known, but it looked and felt very, very chic. Mainly dark blue, it had a pale green binding round the neck and armholes and a similar coloured motif high on the right shoulder. The skirt was made of three panels, a wide one at the front, and two smaller ones at the rear, to show a generous expanse of pale green underskirt when I walked. Certainly a most unusual dress and I felt like a dog with two tails.

Until late in the afternoon when a waitress came to me and whispered, "Hope you don't mind my telling you luv, but your dress has split from waist to hem and all your petticoat is showing!"

**From Maureen Lees of Birkenhead**

June started our busy six months of shows and exhibitions. On Whit Monday we sallied forth in a wagon to the Cheshire Show site, with a caravan and goods for St. Dunstan's stand and a special display in the marquee the British Legion was having this year.

The weather was wonderful, I was *hors de combat*, so I tidied the caravan and was onlooker for both displays.

**REV. G. L. TREGLOWN'S APPEAL**

In last month's issue of the *Review* we included a note on the Whit-Sunday Broadcast Appeal by our St. Dunstaner, the Rev. Geoffrey Treglown, M.B.E. made on behalf of the Churches of St. Sampson and St. Mary's in the Parish of Cricklade with Latton, Wiltshire, of which he is the vicar.

Mr. Treglown informs us that up to the time of going to press, the appeal has raised £308 0s. 0d. which he considers to be fairly good. The sum urgently required for the restoration work to the churches is £1,000.

Eight o'clock came on Thursday and we were all glad. Plastic tablecloths were placed over St. Dunstan's furniture, the caravan was stacked with smaller items; the lorry loaded with furniture; a minibus rolled up to take some helpers as far as Port Sunlight.

Show over? Not on your life!

Mail opened; out hop the tickets and publicity for the Liverpool Show. Never a dull moment for us show-wallahs!

I was glad a St. Dunstaner and his wife looked me up.

**From Bernard Leete of Stanmore.**

On a journey from Fenchurch Street Station to Grays, the porter refused to let me climb the stairs and insisted on taking me to the platform level in the luggage lift. He obtained a seat for me in a compartment opposite a passenger also bound for the same station. Despite all my efforts to coax him otherwise, he bluntly refused to take a tip.

**Editor's Note**

Other St. Dunstaners have also written in appreciation of help received from the staff of British Rail and Lord Fraser's tribute appearing in the National papers and Railway Magazines is reproduced in this issue.

**LES WHITE**

My grateful thanks go out to all my friends for their good wishes on the occasion of my retirement. To the trainees for the very nice and cheekily inscribed pewter mug, to the staff at Ovingdean for the beautiful suitcase and to the many other St. Dunstaners who subscribed towards the cheque which I intend to spend on new standard roses and garden chairs. From all these things I shall get great pleasure and I thank you all very much.

The wife of Mr. L. Thompson of Gateshead has taken up the Presidency of the Gateshead Inner Wheel this month.

**Midland Club Notes**

On Sunday, 27th June, a small number of our members, with their wives, were the guests of the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen, who held their annual outing for the limbless and disabled ex-servicemen on this day.

It took the form of a visit to Trentham Gardens with tea and a very welcome stop for refreshments on the return journey. This occasion is always very well organised, and we thank them for giving us, once more, the opportunity of joining them on this trip.

We should also like to take this opportunity of thanking the Committee and Members of this grand Association for all they are doing for the disabled.

Our usual meeting was held on Sunday, 11th July, but unfortunately it was a very wet and miserable day and this depleted our numbers considerably—only 11 St. Dunstaners being present.

We talked over details about our own outing which will take place on Sunday, 5th September. There are still a few seats left if anyone is interested in joining us. You may telephone me at my home any evening after 5.30 p.m. (Selly Oak 1432).

Mrs. M. Jones arranged tea for us this month, and it was a pity that more members were not present to enjoy it.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, 8th August.

D. E. CASHMORE,  
*Hon. Secretary.*



Our St. Dunstaner, John McNicholl's son who bears the same name as his father, is a Ministry of Labour Disablement Resettlement Officer, whose work brings hope to so many. His task is to find jobs in which handicapped workers compete as equals with the non-handicapped. He visits the 13 hospitals in Manchester to talk to the injured to reassure them that their bread-winning days are not over and even if they are unable to return to their old jobs, they can be trained to utilise their talents in the best possible way, rather than just take up some mundane employment.

**Sutton Club Notes**

On Saturday 12th June, the Club were the guests of Miss de Burlet at Petersfield. In spite of not too good weather, the visit was enjoyed by everyone there.

The next Club Meeting will be held at the Adults School, Sutton on 7th August. New members will be very welcome. Please telephone either Ted Dudley at Croydon 0596 or George Jenrick at Croydon 3066.

J. TAYLOR.

**Cardiff Club Notes**

The usual monthly meeting was held on Saturday, 3rd July, and everyone present expressed their appreciation of the wonderful day's outing we had to Worcester Races on June 19th. The weather was fine. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Durkin's daughter, Monica, and her husband, Douglas, for arranging everything for us at Worcester, and for the meal which was delightfully served and their hospitality at St. George's Tavern afterwards.

All members would like to wish the Chairman's daughter, Jane Evans, and her fiancé, Brian, all the very best of good wishes for their wedding in September, and for their future happiness.

Our next meeting will not be held until Saturday, October 2nd, when we hope all members will make an effort to be present.

DON STOTT,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

**Tail Piece to The Newcastle Reunion**

Our apologies to readers for the accidental omission of the following details on the Newcastle Reunion which appeared in the May issue of the *Review*.

After the speeches the company moved into the ballroom to be entertained by David Whitfield, who sang a number of stirring songs accompanied by Bert Gaunt, and David Macbeth, who acted as compere and led the community singing.

Altogether 200 people attended the Reunion.



## OVINGDEAN NOTES

## SPORTS WEEKEND

Would the second Sports Weekend be as well supported as the first, or was the first just a flash in the pan? Would the simply awful weather we had been having put a damper on everything or would we, from somewhere, get a few fine days? These and other questions were worrying us for some time before the Sports Weekend this year . . . they were resolved in the usual St. Dunstan's manner which should, over the years have taught us that it does not do to worry about things in the future, only get over the hurdles as you reach them, if you get our meaning!!

In actual fact we had 29 entrants this year, compared with 27 last. This figure included four trainees, which was perhaps rather lower than we had hoped. Some excellent results were achieved in the different events, and these are given in full below.

In addition to the events held last year, we were able to include a fishing trip for a small group who set out from Newhaven Cresta Marine on Sunday morning, returning later that afternoon in time to join the Car Rally competitors for tea at the conclusion of the weekend events . . . a slightly salty aroma heralding their arrival! After tea, the prizes for the Car Rally were presented, and our warm congratulations go to Joe Carney, of Dunstable, and his driver, Mr. Alderson, who completed the course without incurring a single penalty mark. Both modestly told us that this was beginner's luck as they were both making their first try! Next, the prizes for the other events were given—the Individual Trophy Winner being Fred Barratt of East Ham, with Jack Fulling of Ripon and Michael Tetley of St. Albans, equal second and only two points behind the winner. Finally, a discussion was held on the Weekend arrangements and it was also generally, decided to enter a St. Dunstan's team for some of the events at the British Sports' Association for the Disabled at Stoke Mandeville on July 3rd and 4th. The results of these events will be published in the next issue of the *Review*.

Congratulations to the competitors and the staff who organised the arrangements for the weekend. We were able to make an interesting colour film of the week-end which gives pictorial evidence of the enthusiasm of all those taking part. We hope very

much also that when we come to arrange similar events, Mr. A. Palmer, of the Brighton Amateur Athletic Association, will again be able to spare time to help. His assistance and guidance, together with that of Mr. Jarrold, was so very much appreciated by the "beginners" amongst the competitors who put up such a good show. Here's to the next time!

*Eavesdropping Again*

## WALK:

"No, I'm sorry, she only escorts Mr. Stafford."

"You would think they could at least count up to 20."

## FIELD EVENTS:

"Sack Race—him? He couldn't get in one!"

## SWIMMING:

"Paddy Humphrey? He went in for the plunge . . . but I haven't seen him since!"

## TEN PIN BOWLS:

Stewart: "Wouldn't it be easier if you bowled *me* at 'em?"

## FISHING:

"If he goes much further I reckon we'll be on the Normandy beaches again!"

## CAR RALLY:

Navigator, after car had broken down: "It would have been more interesting if I'd had a lady driver!"

## RESULTS

1. **RIFLE COMPETITION** No. of Competitors: 18  
1st, M. Tetley (71). 2nd, S. Spence (69). 3rd, M. Burns (67).  
*The above scores were out of a possible 100 with 10 shots.*  
*Last year's winning score was 67.*
2. **THREE MILE WALK** No. of Competitors: 13  
1st, M. Tetley (T.B). 2nd, F. Barratt (S.S). 3rd, R. Benson (T.B).
3. **FIELD SPORTS**
  - Medicine Ball Throw** 1st, J. Fulling (S.S), 41ft. 10in.  
2nd, W. Claydon (T.B), 39ft.  
*Last year's winner, 36ft.*
  - 70 Yards Sprint** Totally Blind—1st, J. Whitcombe (11 secs.).  
2nd, C. Williamson (11.5 secs.).  
*Last year's winner, 11.4 secs.*  
Semi-Sighted—1st, J. Fulling (9 secs.).  
2nd, F. Barratt (10.2 secs.).  
*Last year's winner, 9.6 secs.*
  - Putting the Weight** 1st, F. Barratt (S.S), 30ft. 1in.  
2nd, R. Mendham (S.S.), 30ft.
  - Sack Race** 1st, F. Barratt (S.S). 2nd, M. Tetley (T.B).
  - Discus** 1st, W. Claydon (T.B), 62ft. 3in.  
2nd, R. Mendham (S.S), 62ft.
  - Relay Walk** Won by No. 2 Team—Messrs. Tetley, Burns, Barratt, Fulling and Lynch.
  - Standing Long Jump** 1st, J. Fulling (S.S), 8ft. 2½in.  
2nd, F. Barratt (S.S), 8ft. 1in.  
*Last year's winner, 6ft. 11in.*
  - Field Bowls** Semi-Sighted—1st, J. Lynch: 1ft. from Marker.  
Totally Blind—1st, R. Benson: 7ft. 3in. from Marker.
4. **TEN PIN BOWLING**
  - Totally Blind—1st, R. Benson, 84.  
2nd, R. Goding, 40.
  - Semi-Sighted—1st, R. Davis, 93.  
2nd, R. Mendham, 76.
5. **SWIMMING**
  - One Length: 1st, C. Williamson and C. Stafford, 19.5 secs.  
*Last year's winner, 18.7 secs.*
  - Plunge: 1st, J. Wright (T.B). 2nd, A. Wortley (S.S).
  - Special Award was made to David Bell in the Double Handicap Section.
6. **FISHING**  
1st, R. Davis (S.S). 2nd, M. Tetley (T.B).
7. **CAR RALLY**  
1st, J. Carney: Penalty Points, NIL.  
Equal 2nd, A. Wortley and R. Barrett (Trainees): Penalty Points, 20.



## A YEAR IN CANADA

by W. W. Holmes

I have just returned from a year's trip to Canada visiting my family, being reunited with them for the first time in forty-one years. When I started I was a little dubious in taking the trip, for apart from travelling the three thousand, seven hundred odd miles alone, it was to be my first trip in a jet. I need not have had any worries on this score, for I received every kindness and care from the staff of the Air Company, and wanted for nothing on the trip. They conducted me through the customs and saw me clear of all other government officials.

On my arrival in Toronto, the temperature was still in the eighties, although it was 8.15 p.m., and this sort of weather continued for some three months.

It was during my stay in Welland that I was fortunate to meet casually a member of the Lions' Club, and he asked to me attend a meeting of its members in the following week as the guest speaker. I was asked to give a talk on my rehabilitation and training at St. Dunstan's. This was to be the first of many such talks as I travelled through a great deal of the Niagara Peninsular. I was also asked by the C.N.I.B. to visit Lindwell Hall at St. Catherine's where a great interest was taken in St. Dunstan's. Although in Canada the war-blinded and civilian blinded all come under the same organisation, they have tried to model it on St. Dunstan's.

I found it more difficult to get about by myself, as most of the houses have open lawns in front of them and so there was little to guide one, each being very much the same as the other. I had heard so much of the snowploughs that I really expected something wonderful when the winter came. I found it very different. The roads were cleared for the traffic all right, but the sidewalks were left and the gutters piled high with snow. Of course, at the slightest thaw, on stepping off the sidewalk one stepped into about nine inches of water. I certainly think that much more could be done on this score and the blind who live there year in and year out must find it most trying.

I cannot give enough praise to the Canadian Lions' Club for the work they do on behalf of the C.N.I.B. and the great interest they took in me and St. Dunstan's. Many of them told me that when next they visit England they hope to drop in at Övingdean, if it is possible, and meet some of my fellow St. Dunstaners.

## Our Younger Generation

by

A. R. A. Benson

Too often the older generation slander our young people by saying, they have no thought for others and are weak and spineless. This is an attitude to which I have never agreed and last weekend I was proved right.

The Youth of Orpington organised a 50 mile walk from Orpington to Hastings to raise funds for our Cytology Unit. Six of my 173 Squadron A.T.C. cadets decided to take part and I agreed to lead them as a team.

None of them had ever walked further than five miles, so the 50 miles walk for my 15 year old cadets was quite an undertaking. Two of them got 26 miles, one of these having to be ordered to stop because his feet were bleeding. Another got 40 miles whilst the remaining three went the full distance taking 15 hours.

They were rewarded with success and were declared joint winners of the organisation prize. The grit and determination of my cadets and the others taking part was greatly to be admired, they just plodded on determined to finish or get as far as possible.

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Our congratulations also to Sidney Tarry, O.B.E. on his re-appointment as Chairman of Wandsworth (formerly, Battersea and Wandsworth) War Pensions Committee, for the 5th successive period. This means that our St. Dunstaner has now served for 20 years as Chairman and even longer as a member of the Committee.

## ANGLER'S TALE

by Tom Daborn

*Never marry an Angler,  
I'll tell you the reason why,  
He always smells of fish gut,  
And his feet are never dry.*

*'Lo the Angler, He riseth early in the morning and upsetteth  
the whole household!*

*Mighty are his preparations—  
He goeth forth with a great hope in his heart;  
And when the day is done, he returneth—  
Smelling of strong drink—  
And the truth is not in him.*

These were two of many "quotations" written on a wall in a bar, owned by Paddy McGuire and his wife in Cahirciveen, a small town in Ireland, where my friend and I with our wives were fishing and touring. We had a wonderful time and we males had arranged to fish on the first "weather permitting day". That day arrived and as we turned down to the small quay the sun was shining and the strong wind had fallen to a light breeze. Imrie, my companion waved to our boatman, John Casey, as he gave the thumbs up sign from the boat he was preparing for our trip. We were soon on the way down the strait between Valentia Island and the Main Land, and heading out to sea. During the passage the gear was prepared to catch mackerel for bait, the gear consisting of six hooks each with a feather attached. The water being deep (190 feet) a heavier lead than usual was needed.

John Casey eased the boat into a mark near an island known as Puffin Island and we lowered our hooks into the deep water. At once we were into mackerel all between 1½ and 2 lbs. each and we had the bait we needed. My "feathers" were of my own making. Small strips of light coloured plastic material wrapped around the hooks, and the ends hanging loose and shaped like a small fish. I had gone near the bottom with my lead and a steady pull told me that this was not a small fish. Up at last a very nice cod of 8lbs. This was one of many, also Pollock. They took both mackerel strips and feather bait.

Imrie had a surprise catch. In a space of 10 minutes he had two haddock, one duly recorded as it was above specimen size, and the first caught on rod and line at Cahirciveen.

I then had a very heavy pull that turned into a very steady pull away from the boat. This steady pull felt like a skate. It turned out to be the largest fish of the day. It took almost a half hour to get it up from the deep water. It turned out to be a Tope of nearly 40 lbs., but it was firmly hooked near the tail! And had to be pulled in backwards.

Well, anyone can catch them the proper way! A memorable day and once more I call to mind the quotation on the wall of the Boatman's bar.

## TAXI!

St. Dunstan's London Club was well represented on the London taxi cab annual outing to Worthing on Tuesday, 20th June. With a glorious day for the run, it was most agreeable to smell the new mown hay in the Sussex country-side and our hosts did us well for lunch in the Town Hall, Worthing.

After sniffing in fresh sea air and a walk round the pier, it was time for tea and entertainments back at the Town Hall and

then home, with a stop at South Holmwood where the local population laid on lavish refreshments with free beer for the more thirsty members of our party and beautiful flowers for the ladies.

On behalf of St. Dunstaners, I should like to convey our thanks to Mr. Joel, the organiser, of the trip and to all the drivers who could not do enough to make us comfortable and keep us happy.

BOB FULLARD.



## FAMILY NEWS

## Grandfathers

## Congratulations to:—

A. Clover of Sudbury, Suffolk, on arrival of his third grandchild recently—the first grandson.

H. Simpson of Ilford,—his daughter gave birth to a girl on 7th June, 1965.

A. C. Wheeler of Rhondda, South Wales,—his daughter gave birth to a girl on 10th June, 1965.

W. E. Lee of Wirral, Cheshire, on the arrival of his fourth grandchild.

H. Petty of Leeds, on the arrival of his first grandchild, Steven David, on 22nd May, 1965.

## Great Grandfathers

## Many Congratulations:—

W. Baker of Caernarvon, North Wales, on the arrival of his great grand-daughter, Elizabeth Selina Parry, on 10th December, 1964.

A. W. Blaker on the arrival of his fourth great grandchild, Alison Margaret, on 30th April, 1965.

## Silver Wedding

Many congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. Bick of Leamington Spa, who celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary on 29th June, 1965.

## Ruby Wedding

We offer our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. H. Duxbury of Manchester, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 27th June, 1965.

We offer our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Orchard of Bexleyheath who celebrated their Ruby Wedding on 12th July, 1965.

## Marriages

Wendy Baker, daughter of D. Baker of Rhyl, North Wales, was married on 19th June, 1965, to Michael Barlow, in Manchester.

Doreen Dorothy, daughter of C. C. Godfrey, was married to John Dampier at St. Michael's Church, Tividale, Dudley, on 26th June, 1965.

## Deaths

We offer our sincere sympathy to Miss D. Phillippo, of Hove (Braille Instructress at Ovingdean), on the death of her Mother on 2nd July, 1965, after a serious illness.

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We have heard from Mr. W. Wrigley of Manchester that his son Allan, recently beat an opponent in a Bowling match at Droylsden Park Bowling Club by 21—0. When the Record Books were produced, it was found that it was 30 years since this had been achieved.

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The new Sister in charge of Wards 7 and 8 of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, is Daphne, daughter of A. W. Rutledge, of Belfast.

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Gail, daughter of our late St. Dunstan E. Barber of York, has been successful in an appointment as a Home Teacher at Northallerton, Yorkshire, and she begins her job on 1st August. She obtained this post in the face of a fair amount of competition.

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Sharon, daughter of R. Benson, who attends the Grandison College, Croydon, has passed her Grade II Ballet Examination in which she was highly commended.

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Marion, daughter of C. D. Parker of Grantham, recently won second prize in an art competition which was organised for the whole of Lincolnshire schoolchildren.

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Sylvia, daughter of G. E. Bulbrooke, Portadown, Co. Armagh, was presented recently with a cup for being the best Brownie in her Brownie Pack.

At the end of term, Sylvia was also second in her class at school.

## BRIDGE NOTES

The sixth match of the Individual Bridge Competition, London Section, was held on Saturday, 3rd July. The results are as follows:—

W. Bishop and F. Jackson, 51;  
H. Meleson and P. Nuyens, 48;  
R. Fullard and M. Delaney, 46;  
H. Kerr and R. Freer, 45;  
R. Bickley and Partner, 37;  
R. Stanners and F. Matthewman, 34;  
W. Scott and G. Brown, 31.

The results of the fifth match of the Individual Competition, Brighton Section, played on Saturday, 17th July, are as follows:—

F. Rhodes and D. Giffard, 37;  
M. Clements and C. Kelk, 35;  
S. Webster and A. Smith, 31;  
J. Whitcombe and B. Ingrey, 29;  
H. Gover and J. Roughley, 26;  
W. Burnett and Partner, 22.

Please note that the match fixture against the Great West Road arranged for 30th October has been changed to the previous Saturday—23rd October.

Any more amateurs for the Ovingdean Bridge Congress, so far only one has applied!

P. NUYENS.

## In Memory

## Ernest Boswell, 2nd Lincolnshire Regiment

It is with deep regret we have to record the death in hospital on 21st June, 1965, of Ernest Boswell of Gainsborough, Lincolnshire. He was aged 69 years.

He served in the 2nd Lincolnshire Regiment from 1912 to 1915. He was wounded in Ypres and came to St. Dunstan's in 1915. He trained in boot repairing, netting and rugs and carried on these occupations for some considerable time.

He had been in poor health latterly but until last year he enjoyed frequent visits to Ovingdean. To his wife and grown up family we send our deep sympathy on their sad loss.

## William Woodgate Burden, 1st Battalion, The Buffs

We have to record with deep regret the death on 22nd May, 1965, at Pearson House, where he was staying, of William Burden, of Saltdean. He was aged 72.

He served in the 1st Battalion, The Buffs. As Mr. Burden was not admitted to St. Dunstan's until 1951 when he was 58 years old he did not undertake occupational training, but did some hobby training on string bag work. In recent years his health gave rise to concern and a few days before his death his condition deteriorated.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his widow, daughter, son and daughter-in-law, and six grand-children.

## John William Gard, M.B.E., Royal Navy

We have to record with deep regret the death on 4th July, 1965, of John William Gard, at his home in Plymouth. He was 82 years of age.

He served in the Royal Navy from 1902 to 1917. In the Birthday Honours List of June, 1945, he received the M.B.E. for work carried out in the British Legion. He was Secretary of the Devon Branch. He was admitted to St. Dunstan's benefits in 1953. Owing to his age he did not undertake any training, but during his membership he visited Ovingdean, although in latter years he was prevented from going to Brighton owing to his own and his wife's ill-health.

To his widow and family we send our sincere sympathy.



**In Memory—(continued)****William James Gilroy, Royal Field Artillery**

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of William James Gilroy, of Margate, on 6th July, 1965. He was 74 years of age.

He served in the Royal Artillery from 1911 to 1917, and was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1961. In view of his age he did not undertake any training. His greatest interest was music, and in his earlier life had been a member of an orchestra, but in later years he and his wife had lived a very quiet life being frequently visited by members of the family. During the last year or so his health has gradually deteriorated and he died in hospital.

To his widow and family we send our deepest sympathy.

**Herbert Ibbotson, Cheshire Regiment**

We have to record with deep regret the death at his home on 15th June, 1965, of Herbert Ibbotson of Hull, Yorkshire, at the age of 79. He served in the Cheshire Regiment from 1916 to 1919 and was a victim of a mustard gas attack in June, 1918.

He came to St. Dunstan's in 1950. On account of his age, he did not undertake any training. He had been in very poor health latterly, but until last year he very much enjoyed frequent holidays at Ovingdean.

To his widow and members of the family we send an expression of very sincere sympathy.

**James Bryan O'Brian, Merchant Navy**

It is with deep regret we have to record the death on 26th April of James Bryan O'Brian of Bootle, Lancs. He was aged 86 years. He was in the Merchant Navy from 1910 to 1919 and came to St. Dunstan's in the same year.

He trained in boot repairing and netting and he also kept a small amount of poultry.

He had been in poor health lately and to his daughter, Mrs. Cheetham, with whom he lived, and other members of the family we send our sincere sympathy on their sad loss.

**Arthur James Overill, East Surrey Regiment**

With very deep regret we have to record the death on 14th June, 1965, of Arthur James Overill, at the age of 83 years.

He served in the East Surrey Regiment from 1915 to 1919. As he was already in the grocery business when he came to St. Dunstan's in 1930 he did not go into training, but carried on with the shop. He continued in this way until 1934 when he had to retire owing to his wife's ill-health. Mrs. Overill died in 1957 and, in 1958, he took up residence at our Home but a few months later he re-married. However, after a short time he returned to live at Ovingdean and when he became ill he was transferred to Pearson House.

We send an expression of sincere sympathy to his widow and family.

**John Roden, Royal Air Force**

We have to record with deep regret the death of John Roden, of Shermanbury, on 2nd June, 1965, at the age of 68 years.

He served in the Royal Air Force from 1913 until 1923, but was not admitted to St. Dunstan's benefits until 1956. Owing to his late admission he did not undertake any training other than hobby handicraft work.

For the first part of his membership he lived at Blackpool but moved to Sussex a few years ago, but unfortunately his health began to deteriorate and during the first part of this year he had two serious operations and it was after the second one when he was convalescing that he had a relapse.

To his widow and family we send our sympathy on their sad loss.

**John Triggs, Royal Field Artillery**

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of John Triggs, of Ashford, Middlesex, on 19th June, 1965. He was 73 years of age.

He served in the Royal Field Artillery from 1914 until 1917 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1919. He trained in boot repairing and netting but continued mainly with netting until about 1938 when he changed to mat making. He carried out this work until recently when his health began to deteriorate.

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

**Eric Walker, Royal Engineers**

With very deep regret we record the sudden death at his home on Friday, 18th June, of Eric Walker of Bamford, Derbyshire. He was 56 years of age.

He served in the Royal Engineers from 1940 to 1943 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1946. He trained in netting and basket making and carried on both these occupations right up to his death.

He was a bachelor, and to his sister, Mrs. P. Field, with whom he lived and all members of the family, we send an expression of deepest sympathy.

**Nuffield Talking Book Library for the Blind****Additional Tape Titles****Non-Fiction**

<i>Cat. No.</i>		<i>Playing Time Hours approx.</i>
832	DE VALOIS, NINETTE—COME DANCE WITH ME (1957) Read by Nicolette Bernard. After dancing with Diaghilev's Russian Ballet, the author joined Lilian Baylis' Old Vic Company and in 1931 helped to found the famous Salders Wells Ballet.	10
831	GOLLANCZ, VICTOR—JOURNEY TOWARDS MUSIC (1964) Read by Alvar Lidell. A music-lover describes his thoughts and emotions when listening to music, particularly the operas of Verdi, Mozart, Rossini and Puccini.	11
826	MONTGOMERY—THE MEMOIRS OF FIELD-MARSHAL MONTGOMERY (1958) Read by Michael de Morgan. Boyhood, early career and marriage; the campaigns of the last war, and his work and views of the post-war years.	27½
834	SAMPSON, ANTHONY—ANATOMY OF BRITAIN (1962) Read by David Brown. Who runs the country and how—a study of various institutions from Government and Palace to Press and Television.	32
825	TERRAINE, JOHN—MONS (1960) Read by Anthony Parker. This famous retreat fought by the B.E.F. disrupted German plans for quick conquest of France. The accounts of survivors recreate the drama of the actual fighting.	9½
830	VAN DER POST, LAURENS—JOURNEY INTO RUSSIA (1964) Read by Anthony Parker. Prompted by a desire to understand the Russian people, the author travels through this fascinating land, and gives a thoughtful account of his varied experiences.	18
827	WEDGWOOD, C. V.—THE TRIAL OF CHARLES I (1964) Read by Andrew Gemmell. In ten weeks Cromwell's men defeated the parliamentary opposition, executed the King and proclaimed a republic. Never in our history have great events moved so swiftly.	8½
829	WILSON, JOHN—TRAVELLING BLIND (1963) Read by Corbett Woodall. Journeys to Africa and the West Indies, undertaken on behalf of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, of which the blind author is Director.	8
838	A KEMPIS, THOMAS—THE IMITATION OF CHRIST, (1441) Read by Stephen Jack. A devotional work which takes the teaching of Christ as the soul's rule of thought and action.	8
845	ALLEN, WALTER—TRADITION AND DREAM, (1964) Read by Eric Gillett. A critical appreciation of English and American fiction, from Joyce and Lawrence to Amis and Murdoch.	18½
842	BAILEY, TREVOR—CHAMPIONSHIP CRICKET, (1961) Read by Michael Aspel. Written by a cricketer, this tells of the rise and fall of many county cricket teams including Hampshire, Middlesex and Surrey.	6
855	CAREW, TIM—THE VANISHED ARMY, (1964) Read by David Geary. The exploits of the British Regular Army at Mons, the Marne, Aisne and Ypres, drawn from the recollections of men and officers who were there.	9
851	MAIDALANY, FRED—THE RED ROCKS OF EDDYSTONE, (1959) Read by Corbett Woodall. The building of four successive lighthouses on a tiny foothold of the dangerous Eddystone reef form an exciting chapter in man's battle with the sea.	8
843	MANVELL, ROGER and FRAENKEL, HEINRICH—THE JULY PLOT, (1964) Read by Andrew Gemmell. In 1944 brave men of the German Resistance planned to kill Hitler. Unfortunately he survived the explosion and the plotters forfeited their own lives.	9
840	PAIN, NESTA—THE KING AND BECKET, (1964) Read by Duncan Carse. How the quarrel between Henry II, championing the rights of kingship, and Becket, insistent on the Church's prerogatives, ended in the Archbishop's murder in Canterbury Cathedral.	8
795	PRICE, NANCY—INTO AN HOUR GLASS, (1953) Read by the author. An actress tells her own story. Stage and screen personalities share her pages with friends, favourite dogs and horses.	10½
857	QUENNEL, PETER—SHAKESPEARE, (1963) Read by Eric Gillett. His life, background and artistic development, with numerous quotations from his poems and plays, and comparisons with Marlowe and Ben Jonson.	14½
836	RAYMOND, ERNEST—IN THE STEPS OF ST. FRANCIS, (1938) Read by Eric Gillett. The author's aim is to make "as vivid and memorable as possible the impact of Francis of Assisi upon this modern age."	13½



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<i>Cat. No.</i>		<i>Playing Time Hours approx.</i>
847	WEST, D. J.—HOMOSEXUALITY, (1955) Read by Alvar Liddell. A sympathetic approach to this problem, referring throughout to the experiences of two male homosexuals.	8
862	GLANVILLE, BRIAN—(EDITOR) THE FOOTBALLER'S COMPANION (1962) Read by Michael de Morgan. A collection of the best writing on football; stories of great matches, Cup Ties, International Games and well-known players.	24
864	SCHENK, ERICH—MOZART AND HIS TIMES (Translated by Richard and Clara Winston, 1960) Read by Duncan Carse. The author "presents Mozart's life not only for the benefit of musicians and music-lovers but for the general reader interested in cultural history".	19½
<b>Fiction</b>		
853	COX, LEWIS—THE PASSIONATE SPRING (1963) Read by Gretel Davis. Lynne, eighteen and very attractive, works in a large London store. She falls in love with the young owner, but his mother has other plans for him.	6½
839	CRONIN, A. J.—HATTERS' CASTLE, (1931) Read by Franklin Engleman. A dramatic story of a family in the lowlands of Scotland, whose lives are dominated by an arrogant father.	25
854	DOSTOEVSKY, FYDOR—THE HOUSE OF THE DEAD, (1861) Read by Corbett Woodall. This story of prisoners in Siberia was written from personal experience and shows the resistance of the human spirit to brutal hardship.	13
844	FIELDING, HENRY—TOM JONES, (1749) Read by John Richmond. This great work established the form of the English novel. Its 18th Century characters are drawn with candid realism and vigorous wit.	39
850	JENKINS, GEOFFREY—THE RIVER OF DIAMONDS, (1964) Read by Robert Gladwell. A daring quest for undersea diamonds in which the searchers are pitted against the forces of nature and the cunning of a dangerous man.	10½
835	LYALL, GAVIN—THE MOST DANGEROUS GAME, (1964) Read by Robert Gladwell. Tense, action-packed story of a British charter pilot in Lapland playing a lone hand with agents and smugglers.	7½
799	SILLITOE, ALAN—SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY MORNING, (1958) Read by John Dunn. Uninhibited story of factory workers in Nottingham, who relieve the boredom of work with weekends of sex, laughter, drink and fighting.	8
841	THIRKELL, ANGELA—HIGH RISING, (1949) Read by Eric Gillett. The story centres round a plot to rid a village of a designing spinster, who is determined to marry her employer.	7½
846	SWIFT, JONATHAN—GULLIVER'S TRAVELS, (1726) Read by John Richmond. A powerful satire on mankind, morals and social habits, written in the form of travels in wonderland.	11½
848	TROLLOPE, ANTHONY—THE LAST CHRONICLE OF BARSET, (1866) Read by Eric Gillett. The last of the "Barset" novels, in which the reader meets again Mrs. Proudie, Lily Dale, and other characters from the earlier books. <i>Sequel to 492.</i>	32½
856	WILDE, OSCAR—THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY, (1891) Read by David Brown. A fable of a young man who remains beautiful through middle age while his portrait acquires the evil face of his vicious life.	10
852	WOLPERT, STANLEY—NINE HOURS TO RAMA, (1962) Read by Peter Snow. Tells in fiction form of the Indian and Pakistani clashes which led to the assassination of Ghandi.	12
865	COLSON, JOHN—THE GOOSE AND I (1963) (On same tape with GOOSE UP THE CREEK, 1964). Read by Michael Aspel. The 'Goose' is a cabin cruiser bought as a bargain and four young physiotherapists meet trouble, fun, and boat-crazy people on their summer holiday	7
866	DREW, MARGARET BOYCE—AND THEREBY HANGS A TAIL (1963) (Sequel to Cat. No. 816). Read by Judith Whale. Continues the amusing adventures of the champion poodles and the dog-breeders.	8½
858	GOUDGE, ELIZABETH—THE HEART OF THE FAMILY (1953) (Sequel to Cat. Nos. 20 & 52). Read by Arthur Bush. Lucilla Eliot has retired with her daughter to Lavender Cottage, whilst grandson David lives at 'Damerosehay' with Sally and great-granddaughter Meg.	12



Alan Wortley dives during the swimming event at Brighton College Pool.



The Judges did not have to call for this photo before disqualifying Bob Young in the Sack Race!





The impressive line up at the start of the Braille Car Rally.



Mickey Burns throws the discus.